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**PRELIMS BATCH ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - 2025**

**TEST BOOKLET GENERAL STUDIES**

**PAPER-1**

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Time Allowed: One Hours

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1. With reference to ancient Indian literature, which one of the following is NOT correctly matched?

- (a) Ashtadhyayi – Panini
- (b) Charaka-Samhita – Medicine
- (c) Silappadikaram – Jain text
- (d) Mudrarakshasa – Vishakhadatta

2. Arrange the following organization in the chronological manner

- i. Seva dal
- ii. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangha
- iii. Communist Party of India
- iv. Shiromani Akali dal
- v.

- (a) i- ii- iii - iv
- (b) iv- i- ii - iii
- (c) ii - iv - i - iii
- (d) iii - ii - iv - i

3. With reference to the early nationalist organisations in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Poona Sarvajanik Sabha was founded with the explicit goal of promoting swadeshi industries.

2. The Madras Mahajana Sabha preceded the Indian National Congress in demanding representation of Indians in legislative councils.

3. The Bombay Presidency Association was formed primarily by European elites of the city.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 & 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 & 3

4. With reference to the emergency,

- i. National emergency (article 352) must be approved by parliament within 2 months of its proclamation by president.
- ii. Financial emergency (article 360) results in passage of all state budgets by Parliament
- iii. State emergency (Article 356) is proclaimed only after Governor's recommendation to the President.
- iv. National emergency proclamation criteria was altered by 44<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment in 1978.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above

5. "Shola forests" are typically found in:

- (a) Western Ghats above 1 500 m
- (b) Eastern Himalaya below 500 m
- (c) Deccan lava plateau
- (d) Terai belt of Uttar Pradesh

6. With regards to 'monsoon', consider following statements,

- i. Early onset of monsoon in 2025 is because of low-pressure area developed over the Arabian Sea and melting of Himalayan ice caps.
- ii. The normal date of onset of the Southwest Monsoon over Kerala is 1 June.
- iii. A strong upper-tropospheric Tropical Easterly Jet develops over the peninsula during onset.
- iv. An El Niño event is often linked to below-normal all-India monsoon rainfall.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above

7. Consider the following statements regarding environmental legislation,

- i. The Forest Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2023 exempts security-related infrastructure within 100 km of international borders from FC clearance.
- ii. The Environment Protection Act, 1986 empowers the central government to set noise-pollution standards.
- iii. The Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022 introduced a schedule exclusively for CITES-listed species.

- iv. State governments, not MoEFCC, notify Eco-Sensitive Zones around protected areas.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above

8. Zmiinyi Island is in news related to which country / region?

- (a) Türkiye
- (b) Ukraine
- (c) China – South China Sea
- (d) South Pacific Ocean

9. The draft Digital Competition Bill, 2024 introduces the concept of Systemically Significant Digital Enterprises (SSDEs) based primarily on which two criteria?

- (a) Market share & paid-up capital
- (b) Financial turnover & user base
- (c) Investment size & cross-border data flows
- (d) Advertising revenue & cloud dominance

10. Which of the following statements is/are true regarding monetary policy.

- i. Expansionary monetary policy results in selling of bonds in open market operation (OMO)
- ii. Contractionary monetary policy involves increase in Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR).

- (a) 1 only

- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both
- (d) None of the above

11. Consider the following statements related to India's Balance of Payment (BoP),

- i. Increase in imports
- ii. Increase in remittances
- iii. Increase in External Commercial Borrowing (ECB)
- iv. Increase in Foreign Institutional Investment (FII)

How many of the above factors are responsible for improving India's Balance of Payment (BoP)?

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 4 only
- (d) None of the above

12. Consider the following statement regarding climate finance mechanisms,

- i. The Sovereign Green Bond (SGrB) Framework is benchmarked to the ICMA Green Bond Principles, and proceeds are fully ring-fenced for eligible green projects.
- ii. ESG investing mechanisms helps individual to invest in climate friendly companies.
- iii. Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) establishes the Indian Carbon Market, aligning with India's climate goals.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only

- (c) 3 only
- (d) None of the above

13. If, GST collections grow 18 % year-on-year while nominal GDP grows 10 %.

- 1. The implied buoyancy  $> 1$  indicates improved compliance and formalisation.
- 2. If buoyancy stays  $> 1$  for several years, the tax-to-GDP ratio must rise even without rate hikes.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both
- (d) None of the above

14. Which of the following schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with powers of Municipalities?

- (a) 11<sup>th</sup> Schedule
- (b) 12<sup>th</sup> Schedule
- (c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule
- (d) 7<sup>th</sup> Schedule

15. Which of the following best explains the difference between the approaches of the Non-Cooperation Movement (NCM) & the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM)?

- (a) NCM emphasised constructive work while CDM rejected it.
- (b) CDM explicitly sought complete independence, whereas NCM did not.
- (c) NCM boycotted foreign cloth; CDM

did not.

(d) CDM was confined to the salt issue, while NCM spanned all economic grievances.

16. Arrange the following peasant uprisings in chronological order:

1. Moplah Rebellion
2. Pabna Agrarian League
3. Tebhaga Movement
4. Kuka Revolt

Select the correct sequence:

- (a) 2-4-1-3
- (b) 4-2-1-3
- (c) 2-1-4-3
- (d) 4-1-2-3

17. Consider the following statements regarding 'basic structure doctrine':

- i. It was first articulated in Kesavananda Bharati Case (1973).
- ii. It specifically stated that, parliament cannot amend any fundamental right.
- iii. Only one constitutional amendment has ever been struck down exclusively for violating basic structure.
- iv. Rule of law and judicial review are among the elements recognised as 'basic structure'.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above

18. **Assertion (A):** Speaker of the Lok Sabha continues to hold office even after the House is dissolved.

**Reason (R):** The Speaker remains in charge until the first sitting of the new Lok Sabha when a successor is elected.

Choose:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is **not** the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true, R is false.
- (d) A is false, R is true.

19. Arrange the following Supreme-Court cases in the order in which they were decided, starting with the earliest:

1. **Golaknath v. State of Punjab**
2. **Minerva Mills v. Union of India**
3. **Shankari Prasad v. Union of India**
4. **I.R. Coelho v. State of Tamil Nadu**

Code:

- (a) 3-1-2-4
- (b) 1-3-2-4
- (c) 3-2-1-4
- (d) 1-3-4-2

20. Consider the following pairs of **Union territories and High Court jurisdiction:**

UT	High Court Jurisdiction
a. Puducherry	1. Madras High Court
b. Lakshadweep	2. Kerala High Court

c. Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	3. Bombay High Court
d. Andaman & Nicobar	4. Madras High Court

How many of the above pair/s is/ are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above

21. The Directive Principles require the State to “**endeavour to secure just and humane conditions of work and maternity relief.**”

The intended constitutional implication is that:

- (a) Maternity benefits must be provided only to women in government service.
- (b) Parliament may pass laws compelling employers to offer paid maternity leave.
- (c) The right is directly enforceable by writ petitions.
- (d) States cannot legislate in this area because labour is a Central subject.

22. The **Ninth Schedule** of Anti-defection law was added to the Constitution by the:

- (a) First Amendment
- (b) Ninth Amendment
- (c) Seventh Amendment
- (d) Twenty-Fourth Amendment

23. Which of the following conventions/treaties deal **directly** with trans-boundary movement of hazardous substances?

- 1. Basel Convention
- 2. Rotterdam Convention
- 3. Stockholm Convention
- 4. Bamako Convention

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 3 and 4 only

24. The draft **Green Hydrogen Mission** targets 5 MMT (million metric tonnes) annual production of green hydrogen by 2030, alongside ₹17,490 crore of production incentives.

The most direct constitutional implication is that:

- (a) States must reserve renewable-energy corridors exclusively for hydrogen projects.
- (b) Parliament may legislate under the Union List on energy security to create a national hydrogen regulator.
- (c) Private producers are obligated to supply hydrogen to DISCOMs at regulated tariffs.
- (d) Hydrogen will be classified as a “minor mineral” under State jurisdiction.

25. Which of the following is **NOT** one of the nine criteria used by the Ramsar Convention to identify Wetlands of International Importance?

- (a) Supports plant/animal species at a critical life-cycle stage

(b) Regularly supports **20,000 or more water-birds**

(c) Contains rare examples of wetland types within the biogeographic region

(d) Possesses high groundwater-recharge potential for nearby urban areas

26. **Assertion (A):** The western coast of India receives heavier monsoon rainfall than the Coromandel coast.

**Reason (R):** The Western Ghats run roughly parallel to the Arabian-Sea branch of the southwest monsoon and force orographic uplift.

Choose:

(a) Both A & R are true and R explains A.

(b) Both A & R are true but R does **not** explain A.

(c) A is true, R is false.

(d) A is false, R is true.

27. In April 2025 the weighted-average call-money rate persistently prints above the RBI's repo rate while core liquidity remains in deficit mode. The most plausible interpretation is that:

(a) The RBI has increased the Cash Reserve Ratio but not the repo rate.

(b) Market participants expect an imminent rate cut.

(c) Systemic liquidity shortage is pushing overnight rates to the top of the policy corridor.

(d) The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate has been hiked beyond the repo rate.

28. With reference to fluvial landforms:

i. A braided river channel typically forms where sediment load exceeds transport capacity.

ii. An incised meander indicates dominance of vertical erosion over lateral erosion.

iii. Piedmont alluvial fans occur where a confined mountain stream emerges onto a plain.

iv. Yazoo tributaries flow parallel to the main river inside the levee zone.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 3 only

(d) All of the above

29. **Assertion (A):** The African Union became a permanent member of the G-20 at the New Delhi Summit in 2023.

**Reason (R):** G-20 membership requires an economy to exceed 2 trillion USD nominal GDP.

(a) Both A & R are true and R explains A  
(b) Both A & R are true but R does **not** explain A

(c) A is true, R is false

(d) A is false, R is true

30. **Which of the following is a non-fossil source of energy?**

(a) Coal

(b) Natural gas

(c) Nuclear power

(d) Petroleum

31. Put these events in the order they occurred, earliest first:

1. Foundation of **Vijayanagar** at Hampi
2. Battle of **Tarain** (Prithviraj vs. Muhammad Ghori)
3. Rule of **Harshavardhana** begins
4. Establishment of **Delhi Sultanate** by Qutb-ud-din Aibak

Code:

- (a) 3-2-4-1
- (b) 2-3-4-1
- (c) 3-2-1-4
- (d) 2-1-3-4

32. Consider the following with reference to the **FRBM Act, 2003** (as amended):

- i. The Act prescribes an explicit debt-to-GDP ceiling for the Union Government.
- ii. Escape-clause provisions allow RBI to give dividend to government of India to reduce deficits.

Which of the statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

33. India's coastal plains are broad in the east but narrow in the west mainly because:

- (a) Eastern rivers have extensive deltas that prograde seaward.
- (b) Sea-floor spreading is faster in the Bay of Bengal than the Arabian Sea.
- (c) The Eastern Ghats are higher and closer to the coastline.

(d) The western continental shelf is subsiding faster than the eastern shelf.

34. **A microwave oven heats food primarily because microwaves:**

- (a) Ionise the surface molecules of food
- (b) Make water dipoles in the food rotate, producing heat (dielectric heating)
- (c) Increase the ambient air temperature inside the cavity
- (d) Focus infrared radiation onto the food

35. **In many air purifiers, a particulate-matter sensor placed near the air-outlet uses which working principle?**

- (a) Infra-red light scattered by suspended particles crossing a laser beam
- (b) Variation of air density measured by a micro-barometer
- (c) Electrochemical oxidation signal proportional to particle mass
- (d) Change in electrical conductivity of a heated platinum wire

36. Which of the following Indian states share a boundary with **Bangladesh**?

1. Assam
2. Tripura
3. Meghalaya
4. Manipur

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

37. Consider the following statements regarding revolt of 1857,

- i. The greased-cartridge grievance began with the new Enfield rifle.
- ii. Bahadur Shah II was proclaimed the symbolic emperor by rebel sepoys at Delhi.
- iii. The rebellion received active French military support in Awadh.
- iv. Rani Lakshmbai died fighting at Gwalior in June 1858.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above

38. Consider the following statements about **temperature inversions**:

- i. They often lead to poor air-quality episodes in winter over northern India.
- ii. On clear nights in deserts, inversions are rare because the ground retains long-wave radiation.

Which statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

39. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic feature of **Nagara-style temple architecture**?

- (a) Shikhara with a curvilinear outline

(b) Garbhagriha surrounded by an ambulatory path (pradakshina-patha)

(c) Gopuram-style giant gateway towers

(d) Use of a raised platform called jagati

40. Which of the province of Pakistan does NOT border India

- (a) Sindh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Gilgit-Baltistan
- (d) Baluchistan

41. With reference to Subhas Chandra Bose, consider the following statements:

1. He was thrice elected President of the Indian National Congress.
2. He advocated the 'Principle of Trustee-ship' as the basis of post-independence economic policy.
3. The Singapore Conference of July 1943 formally appointed him Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 1 & 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 & 3

42. Which of the following countries does **NOT** border the Mediterranean Sea?

- (a) Slovenia
- (b) Albania
- (c) Syria
- (d) Latvia

43. **Lithium-ion batteries (Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2019) work mainly through the:**

- (a) Redox reaction of metallic lithium with water
- (b) Intercalation and de-intercalation of lithium ions into layered host electrodes
- (c) Electrolysis of lithium carbonate to form lithium metal
- (d) Flow of electrons in an external circuit balanced by proton exchange inside the cell

44. Following statement are either True (T) or False (F) |

- i. The Tropic of Cancer passes through eight Indian states.
- ii. Mount Elbrus in the Caucasus is the highest peak of Europe.
- iii. Lake Baikal is the world's deepest freshwater lake.

Options:

- (a) T T F
- (b) F T T
- (c) T F T
- (d) T T T

45. The "**Neighborhood First**" policy is most clearly reflected in which of the following projects?

- (a) Chabahar Port development in Iran
- (b) Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project in Myanmar
- (c) Vientiane–Kunming high-speed rail financing
- (d) Hambantota Port lease agreement in Sri Lanka (by China)

46. **Assertion (A):** Mega-cities often exhibit an "urban heat island" effect.

**Reason (R):** High-albedo roofing materials and abundant urban vegetation raise daytime temperatures in city cores.

Choose:

- (a) Both A & R are true and R explains A.
- (b) Both A & R are true but R does **not** explain A.
- (c) A is true, R is false.
- (d) A is false, R is true.

47. **A fiscal deficit occurs when:**

- (a) Government revenue equals government expenditure
- (b) Government revenue exceeds government expenditure
- (c) Government expenditure exceeds government revenue
- (d) State governments borrow from the World Bank

48. The phrase "Drain of Wealth" as a systematic critique rather than occasional grievance was first rigorously conceptualised in India by:

- (a) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (b) Romesh Chunder Dutt
- (c) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- (d) Mahadev Govind Ranade

49. Which of the following is responsible to measuring the inflation (CPI)?

- (a) National Statistical office (NSO)
- (b) Consumer Protection
- (c) Department of Economic Affairs
- (d) Finance Ministry

50. Consider the following statements regarding 'cabinet mission plan'

- i. It proposed a weak Union controlling defence, foreign affairs and communications.
- ii. Provinces were grouped into three sections—A, B and C—for framing provincial constitutions.
- iii. The Plan envisaged that any province could subsequently opt out of the Union after ten years.
- iv. Both the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League accepted the Plan without reservations.

How many of the above statement/s is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) All of the above