

# **CIVILSERVICESGURUKL**

**PLOT NO.07, JAGBANI BUILDING, SEC-25D, CHANDIGARH**

**HCS MAINS 2023**

## **General Studies**

**Time:** 3 hours

**Maximum Marks:** 200

### **Question paper specific instructions**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
3. Question number 1 to 20 is of 10 marks each.
4. Word limit for each question is 200.
5. Questions are printed in English & Hindi languages. In case of any ambiguity in translation of any question, English version shall be treated as final.

**Question 1.** Analyze the main reasons for the outbreak of the revolt of 1857.

**Question 2.** Bring out the contributions of the following personalities in the context of swadeshi movement during the freedom struggle:

- A. Bhartendu Harishchandra
- B. Dadabhai Naoroji
- C. Lala Lajpat Rai
- D. Bal Gangadhar Tilak

**Question 3.** Discuss the foundational values underpinning the Indian constitution.

**Question 4.** Distinguish between 'coming together' and 'holding together' under which category would you categorize Indian federalism and why?

**Question 5.** Highlight the major changes brought about by National Education Policy, 2020 in the education system of India.

**Question 6.** Discuss the important reasons for the eruption of communal clashes in Manipur.

**Question 7.** Explain with suitable examples the role of road transport in agricultural development in India.

**Question 8.** Discuss the causes of perennial floods in certain parts of India. Suggest suitable remedies to minimize the losses arising out of these floods.

**Question 9.** How has India's Act East Policy' transformed its relationship with the East Asian countries? Illustrate your answer.

**Question 10.** "India's membership of QUAD has qualitatively altered the security scenario in Indo-Pacific." Comment.

**Question 11.** How has India's nuclear policy evolved from being seen as a threat to the world peace to a guarantee of peace, particularly in South Asia? Discuss.

**Question 12.** "Good and Service Tax (GST) is a game-changer in the indirect tax regime of India" Comment.

**Question 13.** List the major functions of the NITI Aayog and discuss the major alterations brought in the planning process of India.

**Question 14.** Discuss the major activities organized by India as chair of the G-20.

**Question 15.** Critically analyze the bases of India's claim for permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council.

**Question 16.** Discuss the major stakes of India in the Russia-Ukraine war.

**Question 17.** Do you think India will meet 50 percent of its energy needs from renewable energy by 2030? Justify your answer.

**Question 18.** What is the basic principle behind vaccine development? How do vaccines work?

**Question 19.** The heights of 30 broad bean plants were measured, correct to the nearest cm, 6 weeks after planting. The frequency distribution is given below.

(A) Construct a cumulative frequency curve for the data.

(B) Estimate from the curve:

i. The number of plants that were less than 10 cm tall;

ii. The value  $x$ , if 10 % of the plants were of height  $x$  cm or more.

**Question 20.** How would you illustrate diagrammatically the following kinds of numerical data? Give brief reasons for your choice.

(A) Average yield per acre of rice in India for each of the last 10 years.

(B) The harvest prices of the main crops in the year 2020.

- (C) The number of deaths in road accidents in a city for each month of the last two years.
- (D) The proportion of time spends in a college on each of the subjects taught.
- (E) Number of children per family in a large town.

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