

PSCSCC MAIN EXAMINATION, 2015
GENERAL STUDIES (PAPER-II)

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:

- There are fifteen (15) Questions.
- There are ten (10) Questions of fifteen (15) marks each. There are five (05) Questions with two (02) sub-parts each and each sub-part is of ten (10) marks.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Word limit for each question is mentioned with the question. Candidates are strongly advised to adhere to the specified word limit.
- Answers must be written in the medium authorised in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer book. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the one authorised.
- Each question along with its parts and sub-parts is required to be attempted only in the space specifically allotted to it in the answer book as indicated below:-

Q.1	Pages 1 – 2	Q.6	Pages 11 – 12	Q.11	Pages 21 – 22
Q.2	Pages 3 – 4	Q.7	Pages 13 – 14	Q.12	Pages 23 – 24
Q.3	Pages 5 – 6	Q.8	Pages 15 – 16	Q.13	Pages 25 – 26
Q.4	Pages 7 – 8	Q.9	Pages 17 – 18	Q.14	Pages 27 – 28
Q.5	Pages 9 – 10	Q.10	Pages 19 – 20	Q.15	Pages 29 – 30

- The space corresponding to any unanswered questions will be marked with a cross.

- Q.1 What is the nature and scope of Secularism under Indian Constitution? How do you think Indian Secularism has strengthened or weakened our nation state? Elucidate with examples. (200 words)
- Q.2 Quasi Federalism in India is becoming increasingly unitary. Debate Indian federal structure in the context of competitive federalism. (200 words)
- Q.3 "Preamble is the key to open the minds of the makers of the Constitution." Discuss, to what extent the spirit of Preamble prevails in practice. (200 words)
- Q.4 It is the duty of the majority to instill confidence in the minority. Conversely, the minorities must also look beyond narrow sectarian interests and work for the larger goal of a real Secular Society in India. Evaluate it in the light of the spirit of the Indian Constitution and the Indian Experience. (200 words)
- Q.5 Write short notes on the following:
 - a) "Freedom of Speech and Expression is sacrosanct". Comment : (100 words)
 - b) "Article 19 of the Indian Constitution seeks to maintain a balance between individual freedom and social control." Discuss. (100 words)
- Q.6 Write short notes on the following:
 - a) How in your view the pressure groups in India make our democracy vibrant and inclusive? (100 words)
 - b) Comment on the nature and scope of Article 368 as the provision for constitutional amendment. (100 words)
- Q.7 Discuss the contradictions in India's Foreign Policy towards Pakistan and Nepal. (200 words)
- Q.8 "In the changing global power configurations, India is shouldering greater global responsibilities." In the light of this statement, examine Mr. Narendra Modi's foreign policy engineering. (200 words)

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- Q.9 Discuss the role of non-state actors in International Relations. Discuss their impact on foreign policy formulation. (200 words)
- Q.10 World Trade Organisation (WTO) is considered as an organisation of Capitalist countries. How did it act as a catalyst to defeat Communism in global economic system? (200 words)
- Q.11 a) What are the recent shifts and trends in defence procurement policy of India? (100 words)
- b) Evaluate the role of Indian Diaspora in projecting India's soft power. (100 words)
- Q.12 a) Discuss the impact of Indo-US treaties on Indo-China relations. (100 words)
- b) Discuss the likely effect of India's "Act East Policy" on India's North-East. (100 words)
- Q.13 "Accountability and transparency are the two basic elements of good governance." Discuss in the light of the role of Institution of Comptroller and Auditor General of India. (200 words)
- Q.14 Discuss the factors necessitating the passage of 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act. Analyze its actual impact. (200 words)
- Q.15 a) Critically examine the concept and role of Civil Services neutrality in view of the change of guard at Centre and State level. (100 words)
- b) The washing out of parliamentary sessions recently has raised a question mark on the functioning of Parliament. Comment. (100 words)
