

GENERAL STUDIES

Paper—V

Full Marks : 250

Time : 3 hours

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions

There are **TWENTY** questions printed in ENGLISH.

All questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Answers to Question Nos. **1** to **10** should be in 150 words each, whereas answers to Question Nos. **11** to **20** should be in 250 words each.

Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

1. Discuss the role, function and composition of the State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA). (Answer in 150 words) 10
2. What do you mean by ex situ and in situ conservation? Give examples. Which conservation initiative is more important according to you? Justify. (Answer in 150 words) 10
3. Which parameters contribute towards determining Water Quality Index (WQI)? What could be the reason for poor WQI in some rivers in Assam? (Answer in 150 words) 10
4. What is urban sprawl and what factors promote urban sprawl? What are environmental and socio-economic impacts of urban sprawl? Discuss citing an example of a city near you. (Answer in 150 words) 10
5. On 13th December, 2022, the Assamese 'Gamocha' received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag from the GI Registry. Examine the significance of the GI Tag for the Assamese 'Gamocha'. (Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Do you agree with the view that fate of Assam economy is determined by its rural sector? Justify your answer. (Answer in 150 words) 10
7. "The story of Assam agriculture is a story of untapped potential." Elucidate. (Answer in 150 words) 10
8. In line with Bharat Mala of the Government of India, the Assam Government has taken up a project called Assam Mala. Discuss the role and outcome of the project in the development scenario of the State. (Answer in 150 words) 10
9. Who was King Prithu? Explain the significance of his reign in the early medieval period of Assam history. (Answer in 150 words) 10
10. A paradigm shift in public administration in Assam is on the anvil with the district positioned as the fulcrum of administration. Unlike the conventional way of functioning, what would be the changed role of the Deputy Commissioner in the new system? (Answer in 150 words) 10
11. Discuss the link between Assam Budget (2023-24) and 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. (Answer in 250 words) 15
12. What are the economic benefits of biodiversity? How can biodiversity conservation promote economic activities in a locality? (Answer in 250 words) 15
13. What is Mission Life? How, through this mission, is it planned to address the climate change impacts? Briefly describe about four life actions you may take up to reduce your carbon footprint. (Answer in 250 words) 15

14. What are 'Panchamrit Strategies' declared by India to climate change? What strategy our State should adopt to contribute towards achieving our country's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel based energy capacity by 2030? (Answer in 250 words) 15
15. What do you mean by vulnerability and resilience? Assam is among the top climate change vulnerable States in India. What could be the factors for high vulnerabilities in Assam? What measures are required to be taken up to build climate resilience to minimize climate change vulnerabilities? (Answer in 250 words) 15
16. Discuss the outcome of the G-20 sessions in Assam as an opportunity to showcase the tourism and cultural heritage of Assam and also to highlight the trade and investment potential before the international community. (Answer in 250 words) 15
17. The Disaster Management Act, 2005 envisages a paradigm shift from a response and relief centric approach to a proactive and comprehensive approach covering all aspects of prevention, mitigation and preparedness in disaster management. In this regard, do you think Assam has been able to shift its focus as envisaged in the Act? Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15
18. Discuss the role of Maniram Dewan as an administrator, entrepreneur and patriot in the 19th century Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
19. How will the Sittwe Port at Myanmar built with grant assistance from India as part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) contribute to the multilateral economic ties between India, its North-East in particular, and its South-East Asian neighbours? (Answer in 250 words) 15
20. "Naamghar is a community centre for holistic human capacity development." What steps should be taken to strengthen its role to resolve the socio-economic issues in present-day Assam? Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15
