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Total Marks Obtained (of 250)		

- This is a self administered test. Kindly print this question paper preferably on **A4 size** good quality paper and write answers as per the instructions given below.
- Once completed, kindly scan the answer sheet and send it as single PDF document at:
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- There are TWENTY questions. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.
- Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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Evaluation Indicators*

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* A-Very Good, B-Good, C-Average, D: Below Average

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Each question carries equal (12.5) marks and maximum limit for each answer is 200 words.

1. Critically examine the implications of globalization on India's balance of payments and currency exchange rates.
2. *"The future of energy sector rests on four pillars viz. Energy Access, Energy Efficiency, Energy Sustainability and Energy Security."* Critically discuss in the light of current government policies towards the sector.
3. What do you understand by "Data Science" and "Big Data"? Discuss while analyzing their potential in changing the way politics and governance is conducted.
4. Explain the cashless transaction mechanisms by (1) Bharat QR Code (2) UPI based banking applications.
5. *"In recent years, the emerging economies in east are increasing their geo-economic footprints, while the previous proponents of globalization in west seem to be stepping back."* Do you agree with this observation? Discuss while analyzing the implications of such trends on North-South relationship and India.
6. What are the major issues around land rights in areas governed by Fifth and Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution? Discuss with suitable examples.
7. Do you agree with the view that the public transport planning in India remains to be gender insensitive? With suitable examples, discuss initiatives undertaken by public transportation authorities in various parts of India keeping gender equity in focus.
8. What are the major aspects of the so called Quality Infrastructure Investment (QII) promoted by Japan? While analyzing the QII collaboration between India and Japan, discuss how it can help the infrastructure policy making in the country.
9. The growing focus on climate change policy in India is not matched by an equivalent level of attention to environment related institutional structure. Critically examine the key features and issues around Institutional framework for Climate Change Policy in India.
10. What do you understand by "Climate Budgeting"? What are its advantages and status in India? Discuss.
11. Discuss the key aspects of current debate on reconstituting / restructuring India's higher defence organization.
12. Discuss the objectives and functioning of the MGNREGA's geo-tag platform 'Bhuvan'? To what extent, it has potential to establish transparency in the MGNREGA implementation? Opine.
13. While elucidating the objectives and achievements of the policy of disinvestment in India, critically examine why year after year, the government fails to achieve the disinvestment targets.
14. Elucidate the functioning of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). Do you agree that NIIF has been an innovative move for channelizing the big-ticket private funding? Discuss analyzing its potential towards with its reviving private capital inflows into infrastructure in the country.
15. With respect to the infrastructure investment in India, the regulatory uncertainty and unpredictability are considered to be major issues. Discuss

aims, objectives of the proposed "*Regulatory Reforms Bill*" while analyzing its potential to curb these anomalies.

16. Discuss the various opportunities available to the Self Help Groups (SHGs) for overall financial empowerment and inclusion of the women in India with particular emphasis on efforts and achievements of three Self-Help Groups in your /any state of India.
17. Elucidate the meaning of Ecological Sensitive Area (ESA) and Eco-sensitive Zones (ESZs) while bringing out the objectives of their demarcation.
18. Elucidate the geography of "areas of dispute" between India and China. Despite the fact that these areas are much larger than Pak-Occupied Kashmir (PoK), least attention is paid to them in Indian media. Discuss the reasons.
19. What do you understand by Aadhar seeding? Discuss its various methods and benefits, particularly in improvement of India's Public Distribution System.
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