

UPSC Prelims

Sample Question Paper - 2025

Country: IN | Duration: 2h/paper | Max Marks: 200 | Language: English

Negative Marking: Yes (-1/3) | Total Questions: 100 | QuizVerse AI Tutor

General Instructions:

1. This paper contains 100 questions across 1 section(s): General Studies.
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3. Negative marking: Yes (-1/3).
4. Read each question carefully before answering.

Section 1: General Studies (100 Questions)

Q1. The Human Development Index (HDI) includes:

- (A) Only GDP
- (B) Population density
- (C) Life expectancy, education, income
- (D) Only literacy

Q2. The National Human Rights Commission was established in:

- (A) 1985
- (B) 1993
- (C) 2000
- (D) 1990

Q3. The first Indian to win Nobel Prize was:

- (A) C.V. Raman
- (B) Mother Teresa
- (C) Amartya Sen
- (D) Rabindranath Tagore

Q4. The concept of Welfare State is in:

- (A) Fundamental Rights
- (B) Directive Principles
- (C) Preamble
- (D) Schedule

Q5. The Red Fort was built by:

- (A) Humayun
- (B) Akbar
- (C) Shah Jahan
- (D) Aurangzeb

Q6. Fiscal deficit is:

- (A) Total expenditure - Total receipts excluding borrowings
- (B) None
- (C) Revenue - Expenditure
- (D) Exports - Imports

Q7. Which Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with languages?

- (A) Tenth
- (B) Ninth
- (C) Seventh
- (D) Eighth

Q8. Which amendment is called Mini Constitution?

- (A) 86th
- (B) 73rd
- (C) 42nd
- (D) 44th

Q9. The Preamble of India describes it as a:

- (A) Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic
- (B) Federal Republic
- (C) Unitary State
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Q10. The literacy rate of India (Census 2011) is approximately:

- (A) 65%
- (B) 90%
- (C) 82%
- (D) 74%

Q11. The concept of judicial review in India is derived from:

- (A) British system
- (B) French system
- (C) USA Constitution
- (D) German system

Q12. Soil erosion is primarily caused by:

- (A) Afforestation
- (B) Organic farming
- (C) Irrigation
- (D) Deforestation

Q13. The Battle of Plassey was fought in:

- (A) 1757
- (B) 1764
- (C) 1857
- (D) 1600

Q14. The Green Revolution primarily increased production of:

- (A) Wheat and rice
- (B) Fruits
- (C) Oilseeds
- (D) Pulses

Q15. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted in:

- (A) 2020
- (B) 2010
- (C) 2000
- (D) 2015

Q16. The largest freshwater lake in India is:

- (A) Wular Lake
- (B) Chilika Lake
- (C) Dal Lake
- (D) Loktak Lake

Q17. The National Green Tribunal was established in:

- (A) 2015
- (B) 2010
- (C) 2000
- (D) 2005

Q18. Which article of the Indian Constitution deals with Right to Equality?

- (A) Article 14
- (B) Article 21
- (C) Article 32
- (D) Article 19

Q19. The concept of Welfare State is in:

- (A) Schedule
- (B) Preamble
- (C) Fundamental Rights
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Q20. The Finance Commission is constituted under Article:

- (A) 300
- (B) 270
- (C) 280
- (D) 290

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- (A) Only Lok Sabha
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- (A) Afghanistan
- (B) Iran
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- (A) Gross Domestic Product
- (B) Government Domestic Policy
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Q31. The Constitution of India was adopted on:

- (A) 26 November 1949
- (B) 15 August 1947
- (C) 26 January 1950
- (D) 2 October 1950

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- (D) 5

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- (C) Arctic ice
- (D) Indian monsoon only

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- (B) Kosi
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Q66. The headquarter of International Court of Justice is in:

- (A) The Hague
- (B) New York
- (C) Vienna
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- (C) Trade
- (D) Maritime law

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Answer Key

Q1: (C)	Q2: (B)	Q3: (D)	Q4: (B)	Q5: (C)
Q6: (A)	Q7: (D)	Q8: (C)	Q9: (A)	Q10: (D)
Q11: (C)	Q12: (D)	Q13: (A)	Q14: (A)	Q15: (D)
Q16: (A)	Q17: (B)	Q18: (A)	Q19: (D)	Q20: (C)
Q21: (B)	Q22: (C)	Q23: (C)	Q24: (C)	Q25: (A)
Q26: (A)	Q27: (A)	Q28: (B)	Q29: (B)	Q30: (A)
Q31: (A)	Q32: (A)	Q33: (C)	Q34: (B)	Q35: (D)
Q36: (C)	Q37: (A)	Q38: (C)	Q39: (C)	Q40: (D)
Q41: (D)	Q42: (B)	Q43: (A)	Q44: (B)	Q45: (A)
Q46: (D)	Q47: (B)	Q48: (A)	Q49: (B)	Q50: (A)
Q51: (D)	Q52: (B)	Q53: (D)	Q54: (A)	Q55: (B)
Q56: (A)	Q57: (A)	Q58: (D)	Q59: (B)	Q60: (A)
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Q66: (A)	Q67: (B)	Q68: (D)	Q69: (C)	Q70: (D)
Q71: (C)	Q72: (C)	Q73: (D)	Q74: (B)	Q75: (B)
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Q91: (A)	Q92: (A)	Q93: (A)	Q94: (D)	Q95: (C)
Q96: (B)	Q97: (D)	Q98: (D)	Q99: (C)	Q100: (A)