

SHERLOCKING SIMULATOR · FULL-LENGTH TEST

General Studies — Paper I

SET B

Time Allowed : Three Hours | Maximum Marks : 250

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. There are **TWENTY** questions in all. **All questions are compulsory.**
2. The number of marks carried by a question is indicated against it. Questions 1–10 carry 10 marks each (answer in about 150 words); Questions 11–20 carry 15 marks each (answer in about 250 words).
3. Answers must be written in the medium authorized, which must be stated clearly in the space provided above. No marks will be given for answers written in an unauthorized medium.
4. Word limit, wherever specified, should be adhered to.
5. Any page or portion of the page left blank in this booklet must be clearly struck off.

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QUESTIONS 1–10 · 10 MARKS EACH

- Q1.** Bring out the features of Maratha fort architecture and the siting of hill forts that made them instruments of guerrilla warfare. 10
- Q2.** Discuss the contribution of women reformers such as Savitribai Phule, Pandita Ramabai and Tarabai Shinde to the nineteenth-century social reform agenda. 10
- Q3.** Why did decolonisation largely freeze the borders inherited from colonial empires instead of redrawing them? Trace the long-term consequences. 10
- Q4.** Does the shift to clean energy end India's energy import dependence, or merely relocate it from crude oil to critical minerals and solar modules? Assess. 10
- Q5.** In recent Himalayan and coastal disasters, is the toll decided more by where settlements and infrastructure are sited than by the natural event itself? Analyse. 10
- Q6.** What are ocean-atmosphere teleconnections such as El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)? Explain how they steer the Indian monsoon, droughts and the marine fish catch. 10
- Q7.** Distinguish the causes of landslide susceptibility in the Himalaya from those in the Western Ghats. 10
- Q8.** What does it mean for a country to 'grow old before it grows rich'? Examine whether India risks this as its demographic dividend window narrows. 10
- Q9.** Why do many of India's affluent and educated districts record the worst child sex ratios? Analyse this paradox. 10
- Q10.** Compare the older indenture-era Indian diaspora with the recent skilled migrant, and explain why the former is often more culturally rooted. 10

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QUESTIONS 11–20 · 15 MARKS EACH

- Q11.** Trace the evolution of revolutionary nationalism in India from individual heroic action to organised socialist and mass-based politics. 15
- Q12.** 'The Vesara temple style of the Chalukyas and Hoysalas is a distinct architectural idiom, not merely a blend of the northern Nagara and southern Dravida styles.' Elucidate. 15
- Q13.** Bring out the roles of persuasion and coercion in the integration of the princely states, and the hard cases that remained unresolved. 15
- Q14.** Why does India's marine fishery wealth fail to enrich the coastal fishers who harvest it? Account for it. 15
- Q15.** Why have footloose information technology and services industries broken the classical raw-material logic of industrial location, and how have they redrawn India's economic map? Explain. 15
- Q16.** What accounts for the concentration of India's biodiversity in hotspots such as the Himalaya, the Western Ghats and Indo-Burma, and why does this concentration make them especially vulnerable? Account for it. 15
- Q17.** Do you think tribal displacement in India persists mainly because the design of forest and land entitlements is outrun by resource extraction and weak rehabilitation? Comment. 15
- Q18.** Counting caste can harden the very community boundaries it sets out only to record. Analyse this in the light of the colonial census experience and the coming caste enumeration. 15
- Q19.** Do population-based formulas for delimitation and fiscal devolution penalise southern states for their success in controlling population? Critically examine. 15
- Q20.** Do you think the sharp fall in India's Multidimensional Poverty Index overstates real economic security, leaving the near-poor only one shock away from slipping back? Comment. 15

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