

GENERAL STUDIES PRELIMS ANSWER KEY 2012

SET NO – B

*Dear Student, we rate the GS Prelims Paper (I) as an **average (easy) paper**. Here questions were mostly direct and conventional. However many OPTIONS were little confusing which needed careful thinking. Based on the feedback from many students we expect the GS Paper- (I) Cut-Off around **45-50 correct questions** effectively after deduction. Though all care has been taken while making this Answer Key, you should cross-check to calculate your final score.*

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QUES NO.	RELATES TO	CORRECT ANSWER	LOCATED IN CRACK IAS NOTES AT		
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1	Under which of the following circumstances may capital gains arise?	b	IV	Economy	50
2	Which of the following measures would result in an increase in the money supply in the economy?	c	IV	Economy	78
3	Which of the following would include Foreign Direct Investment in India?	d	IV	Economy	143
4	Consider the following statements: The price of any currency in international market is decided by the.	b	VII, IV	Current, Economy	62, 232
5	The basic aim of Lead Bank Scheme is that	c	IV	Economy	280
6*	Which of the above was/were introduced into India by the English?	d	II, III	Medieval, Modern	21B, 14
7	With reference to the guilds (Shreni) of ancient India that played a very important role in the country's economy, which of the following statements is/are correct?	c	II	Ancient History	34A-35A
8	The distribution of powers between the Centre and the States in the Indian Constitution is based on the scheme provided in the	c	I	Polity	5
9	Despite having large reserves of coal, why does India import millions of tonnes of coal?	b	-	-	-
10	A person stood alone in a desert on a dark night and wanted to reach his village which was situated 5 km east of the point where he was standing.	c	VI, III	Geog. Theory, Climate Change	3A, 5
11	Recently, there has been a concern over the short supply of a group of elements called rare earth metals'. Why?	c	VI	Science	187,188
12	Which of the above are declared Tiger Reserves?	b	V	Biodiversity	22A, 32A, 40A, 51A
13	Consider the following statements: The duration of the monsoon decreases from southern India to northern India.	c	V	Indian Geog.	68

14	Which one of the following is the characteristic climate of the Tropical Savannah Region?	d	II	World Geog.	78
15	In which one among the following categories of protected areas in India are local people not allowed to collect and use the biomass?	b	V	Indian Geog.	60
16*	Consider the following kinds of organisms: Bat, Bee, Bird	b	VIII	India Year Book	23
17	Which one of the following groups of animals belongs to the category of endangered species?	a	V	Biodiversity	87A, 88A, 42A
18*	Consider the following statements if there were no phenomenon of capillarity	b	VI	Science	178
19	The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment describes the following major categories of ecosystem services-provisioning, supporting, regulating, preserving and cultural.	c	-	-	-
20	What is the difference between the antelopes Oryx and Chiru?	a	-	-	-
21	Which of the following can be threats to the biodiversity of a geographical area?	a	V	Biodiversity	53A
22	Consider the following: Black-necked crane, Cheetah, Flying squirrel, Snow leopard	d	-	-	-
23	In the context of global climate change, which of the above helps/help in carbon sequestration/storage in the soil?	c	-	-	-
24	What would happen if phytoplankton of an ocean is completely destroyed for some reason?	a	VI, III	Science, Climate Change	179,198 12
25	Vultures which used to be very common in Indian countryside some years ago are rarely seen nowadays. This is attributed to	b	VII	Current Affairs	17
26	In the areas covered under the Panchayat (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, what is the role/power of gram Sabha?	d	I	Polity	234
27	In the Parliament of India, the purpose of an adjournment motion is	a	I	Polity	62
28*	How does National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) help in protecting the Indian agriculture?	c	VII	Current Affairs	108
29	The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 was enacted in consonance with which of the following provisions of the Constitution of India?	a	I	Polity	20,155
30	If National Water Mission is properly and completely implemented, how will it impact the country?	a	VII	Current Affairs	156
31	Consider the following provisions under the Directive Principles of State Policy as enshrined in the Constitution of India:	b	I	DPSP	27
32	Consider the following statements: Union Territories are not represented in the Rajya Sabha.	d	I	Polity	60,79,122
33	With reference to consumers' rights/privileges under the provisions of law in India, which of the following statements is/are correct?	b	-	-	-
34	Regarding the office of the Lok Sabha Speaker, consider the following statements:	b	I	Polity	77
35	Which of the following are include in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?	c	I	Polity	106

36	Some species of which of the above kinds of organisms are employed as biopesticides?	c	VI	Science	131
37	Biomass gasification is considered to be one of the sustainable solutions to the power crisis in India.	c	-	-	-
38	What is the role of ultraviolet (UV) radiation in the water purification systems?	a	VI	Science	108
39	Graphene is frequently in news recently. What is its importance?	c	VI	Science	205
40	Lead, ingested or inhaled, is a health hazard. After the addition of lead to petrol has been banned, what still are the sources of lead poisoning?	b	-	-	-
41	With reference to stem cells, frequently in the news, which of the following statements is/are correct?	b	VI	Science	115,104
42	Chlorofluorocarbons, known as ozone-depleting substances, are used	c	III	Climate Change	66
43	A team of scientists at Brookhaven National Laboratory including those from India created the heaviest anti-matter (anti-helium nucleus).	b	-	-	-
44	Which of the following is/are cited by the scientists as evidence/evidences for the continued expansion of universe?	b	VI	Geog, Theory	3A, 5A
45	Electrically charged particles form space travelling at speeds of several hundred km/sec can severely harm living beings if they reach the surface of the Earth.	c	-	-	-
46	With reference to the scientific progress of ancient India, which of the statements given below are correct?	b	II	Ancient India	38A, 39A
47	With reference to the history of ancient India, which of the following was/ere common to both Buddhism and Jainism?	d	II	Ancient History	16A, 20A
48	Which of the following can be said to be essentially the parts of Inclusive Governance?	c	IV	Economy	23
49	The Nagara, the Dravida and the Vesara are the	c	II	Ancient History	39A
50	The Congress ministries resigned in the seven provinces in 1939, because	d	III	Modern India	86, 126
51	With reference to National Rural Health Mission, which of the following are the jobs of 'ASHA', a trained community health worker?	c	-	-	-
52	Which of the following is/are the principal feature(s) of the Government of India Act, 1919?	c	I	Polity	3, 4
53	During Indian freedom struggle, the National Social Conference was formed. What was the reason for its formation?	b	III	Modern India	105
54	Which of the following parties were established by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar?	b	-	-	-
55	Which of the following special powers have been conferred on the Rajya Sabha by the Constitution of India?	b	I	Polity	80
56	How does the National Rural Livelihood Mission seek to improve livelihood options of rural poor?	b	VII	Current	164

57	The Multi-dimensional Poverty Index developed by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative with UNDP support covers which of the following?	a	VII	Current	200
58	Which of the following is/are among the noticeable features of the recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission?	c	VIII	Year Book	74
59	What is/are the recent policy initiative(s) of Government of India to promote the growth of manufacturing sector?	a	VIII	Current Affairs	59
60	Which of the following are the methods of Parliamentary control over public finance in India?	a	I	Polity	65, 66, 67
61	Mahatma Gandhi undertook fast unto death in 1932, mainly because	c	III	Modern India	80
62	With reference to Ryotwari Settlement	b	III	Modern India	14
63	Consider the following specific stages of demographic transition associated with economic development.	c	V	India Geog	172
64	In India, in the overall Index of Industrial Production, the Indices of Eight Core Industries have a combined weight of 37.90%.	c	-	-	-
65	Which of the following provisions of the Constitution of India have a bearing on Education?	c	I	Polity	27,156,274
66	Government of India, encourages the cultivation of sea buckthorn. What is the importance of this plant?	c	-	-	-
67	Which of the following is the chief characteristic of mixed farming?	c	II	World Geog	96
68	A particular State in India has the following characteristics.	a	V	Indian Geog	44
69	Which of the above is/are used as pulse, fodder and green manure?	d	-	-	-
70	Which of the above factors influence the ocean currents?	b	-	-	-
71	With reference to the wetlands of India, consider the following statements	c	-	-	-
72	Which of the above is/are predominantly rainfed crop/crops?	d	V	Indian Geog	96
73	When you travel in Himalayas, you will see the following	d	V, VI	India Geog, Geog Theory	3, 16A
74	Normally, the temperature decreases with the increase in height from the Earth's surface, because.	a	VI	Geo Theory	18A
75*	The acidification of oceans is increasing. Why is this phenomenon a cause of concern?	a	III	Climate Change	32
76	In India, other than ensuring that public funds are used efficiently and for intended purpose, what is the importance of the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)?	c	VII, I	Current, Polity	167, 93,95
77	The endeavour of 'Janani Suraksha Yojana' Programme is	a	VIII	Year Book	98
78	The Prime Minister of India, at the time of his/her appointment	a	I	Polity	56

79	With reference of the Delimitation Commission, consider the following statements:	c	-	-	-
80	The employees of which of the above can have the 'Social Security' coverage under Employees' State Insurance Scheme?	d	-	-	-
81	According to the Constitution of India, it is the duty of the President of India to cause to be laid before the parliament which of the following?	c	I	Polity	48
82	A deadlock between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha calls for a joint sitting of the Parliament during the passage of	a	I	Polity	80
83	How do District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) help in the reduction of rural poverty in India?	d	-	-	-
84	Which of the following is/are among the Fundamental Duties of citizens laid down in the Indian Constitution?	c	I	Polity	31
85	What is the provision to safeguard the autonomy of the Supreme Court of India?	a	I	Polity	105,106
86*	To meet its rapidly growing energy demand, some opine that India should pursue research and development on thorium as the future fuel of nuclear energy.	d	II VIII	World Geog Year Book	140, 137
87	The increasing amount of carbon dioxide in the air is slowly raising the temperature of the atmosphere, because it absorbs	d	III	Climate Change	13
88	Which one of the following sets of elements was primarily responsible for the origin of life on the Earth?	b	-	-	-
89	What are the reasons for the people's resistance to the introduction of Bt brinjal in India?	b	VII	Current	109
90	Other than resistance to pests, what are the prospects for which genetically engineered plants have been created?	c	-	-	-
91	The most effective contribution made by Dadabhai Naoroji to the cause of Indian National Movement was that he	a	III	Modern India	13
92	With reference to Dhrupad, one of the major traditions of India that has been kept alive for centuries, which of the following statements are correct?	b	-	-	-
93	How do you distinguish between Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam dances?	d	-	-	-
94	With reference to the religious history of medieval India, the Sufimystics were known to pursue which of the following practices?	c	-	-	-
95	The Rowlatt Act aimed at	b	III	Modern India	69
96	The Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress(1929) is very important in history, because	a	III	Modern India	77
97	Lord Buddha's image is sometimes shown with the hand gesture called 'Bhumisparsha Mudra'. It symbolizes	b	-	-	-

98	The religion of early Vedic Aryans was primarily of	c	II	Ancient History	10A
99	Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Brahmo Samaj?	d	III	Modern India	98
100*	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) acts as a bankers' bank. This would imply which of the following?	d	IV	Economy	84
TOTAL QUESTIONS FROM CRACKIAS's NOTES					74
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