

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, whereas answers to Question Nos. **11** to **20** should be in 250 words.

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. Define, according to your lights, the etymology of the words 'Asam' and 'Asamiya'. (Answer in 150 words) 10
2. "Assam is a living ethnological museum with its diversity of ethnic communities and their cultural patterns." Illustrate the statement. (Answer in 150 words) 10
3. "Assamese farmers are organic by default." Elaborate the statement. (Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Discuss the importance and scope of agro-based industries in Assam. (Answer in 150 words) 10
5. Give an outline of the 'Jibondinga Scheme' of the Government of Assam. (Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Evaluate the long-term effects of the reforms of Kalicharan Brahma on the Bodo society. (Answer in 150 words) 10
7. Draw a pen-picture of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika as a cultural icon of the twentieth century Assam. (Answer in 150 words) 10
8. Write a brief account of the literary achievement of any *one* of the following authors : (Answer in 150 words) 10
 - (a) Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya
 - (b) Indira Goswami (Mamoni Raisom Goswami)
 - (c) Nilmani Phookan
9. Discuss the steps taken by the Government of Assam in the realm of gender equality in recent years. (Answer in 150 words) 10
10. Give a brief account of the traditions of folk and classical dances of Assam. (Answer in 150 words) 10

11. Give a thumbnail sketch of the early history of Kamarupa with special reference to the Varman dynasty. (Answer in 250 words) 15
12. Write a brief essay on the *Asamiya Buranji* literature of Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
13. Discuss the landmarks of the freedom struggle in Assam from 1921 to 1947. (Answer in 250 words) 15
14. Illustrate how physiography of a region affects economic activities with reference to the physiographic units of Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
15. "Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)." Comment on the progress made in Assam in this regard. (Answer in 250 words) 15
16. Discuss the salient features of the renewed 'Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment Scheme'. (Answer in 250 words) 15
17. Critically discuss the constitution and functioning of the Assam State Human Rights Commission. (Answer in 250 words) 15
18. Suggest measures to make tourism a key driver of economic growth in Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
19. Discuss the genesis and working practices of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India. (Answer in 250 words) 15
20. Discuss the importance of tea industry in the economy of Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
