

HCS Mains 2018 General Studies Paper

1. i) Discuss the efforts and prospects of river waterways in India for tourism & transport. (200 words)

ii) What are objectives of Chandrayaan 2? (100 words)

iii) **Write briefly in any four of following:** (40 words each)

a) Tejas express

b) Life expectancy in India

c) Varanasi as cultural city

d) Cultural pluralism in India

e) IT cities in India

f) Golden quadrangle

2. i) Analyze the main features and merits of 'Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation bill 2019' passed by the Indian Parliament.

ii) Explain the role of Aayushman Bharat scheme for smooth treatment of poor households.

iii) **Write briefly in any four of following:**

a) Deen Dayal Gram Jyoti Yojana

b) USA & Iran conflict

c) Housing for all in India

d) Financial inclusion

e) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

3. i) Based on the demographic dividend & HDI data for some states in the following table, what major inference can be derived?

Indicator	Bihar	Haryana	Kerala	Punjab	UP
Sex ratio 2011	918	879	1084	895	912
Sex ratio at birth 2014-16	908	832	950	803	882
HDI ranking 2007-08	21	9	1	5	18

ii) Analyze the Muslim women (Protection and rights on marriage) act 2019.

iii) **Write briefly about the following:**

- a) Terrorism & Pakistan
- b) Social media
- c) Global warming
- d) Organic farming

4.i) Throw light on Sustainable Development Goals set by UN.

ii) Discuss the strategy of growing thrust on non-conventional energy in India.

5.i) Why is Chandragupta respected as ruler in India?

ii) How is level of ease of doing business in India improving in recent years?

iii) **Write briefly in any four of following:**

- a) Maharana Partap
- b) Subhash Chandra Bose
- c) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
- d) Aurangzeb
- e) Kabir

6.i) While discussing about Indian Diaspora in different countries, underline their role in India's development.

ii) **Write briefly on the following:**

a) Chhadi Mubarak

b) Durga Pooja

c) Barawafat

d) Easter

e) Buddha Purnima

iii) **Write the uses of following software:**

a) R

b) Kundali

iv) **Write major features of any four of the following in brief:**

a) ISRO

b) River Ganga

c) Harappan civilization

d) Sufi movement

e) Lata Mangeshkar

7.i) While discussing shortcomings of higher education in India, elaborate upon opportunities for its growth.

ii) **Write briefly on any three of the following:**

a) NITI Aayog

b) National Medical Commission

c) Women education

d) Mid-day meal scheme

e) Distance education

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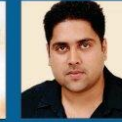
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