

GENERAL STUDIES PRELIMS PAPER-I**ANSWER KEY 2013****SET NO – A**

Dear Student, we rate the GS Prelims Paper (I) as an **average (easy) paper**. Here questions were mostly direct and conventional with direct options to answers. It seems that UPSC has re-visited its 20-year old pattern of papers. 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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Q. NO.	RELATES TO	CORRECT ANSWER	LOCATED IN CRACK IAS NOTES AT		
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1	What will follow if a Money Bill is substantially amended by the Rajya Sabha?	a	I	Polity	58
2	Which one of the following statements is correct? (a) In India, the same person cannot be appointed as Governor for two or more States at the same time	c	I	Polity	74, 75, 104
3	Which-one of the following pairs is correctly matched? Geographical Feature Region	b	II	World geography	24, 50, 100
4	With reference to the history of Indian rock-cut architecture, consider the following statements:	b	-	-	-
5	Recombinant DNA technology (Genetic Engineering) allows genes to be transferred	c	VI	Science & technology	95
6	The Chinese traveller Yuan Chwang (Hiuen Tsang) who visited India recorded the general conditions and culture of India at that time.	b	-	-	-

7	Consider the following: 1. Star tortoise	b	V	Biodiversity	214, 216
8	Which of the following can be found as pollutants in the drinking water in some parts of India?	c	VI	Environment ecology	246, 248
9	With reference to Indian History, the Members of the Constituent Assembly from the Provinces were	c	I	Polity	5
10	Consider the following animals: 1. Sea cow	b	-	-	-
11	Consider the following statements: 1. An amendment to the Constitution of India can be initiated by an introduction of a bill in the Lok Sabha only.	d	I	Polity	62, 73
12	Consider the following statements: Attorney General of India can	d	I	Polity	63, 64
13	. With reference to the usefulness of the by-products of sugar industry, which of the following statements is/are correct?	d	II	World geography	130
14	Variations-in the length of daytime and nighttime from season to season are due to	d	III	Climate change	146, 163
15*	The Narmada river flows to the west, while most other large peninsular rivers flow to the east. Why?	a	V	Indian geography	11
16	On the planet earth, most of the freshwater exists as ice caps and glaciers. Out of the remaining freshwater, the largest proportion	c	-	-	-
17	Consider the following pairs: 1. Nokrek Biosphere Reserve : Garo Hills	a	V	Indian geography	23, 213
18	Consider the following: 1. Electromagnetic radiation	d	III	Climate change	146
19	Which of the following bodies does not/do not find mention in the Constitution?	d	I	Polity	93, 132, 133
20	The demand for the Tebhaga Peasant Movement in Bengal was for	a	III	Modern history	109
21	The Parliament can make any law for whole or any part of India for	d	I	Polity	89

	implementing international treaties				
22	In the grasslands, trees do not replace the grasses as a part of an ecological succession because of	c	VI	Environment ecology	225
23	Which one of the following is the correct sequence of ecosystems in the order of decreasing productivity	d	V	Indian geography, Biodiversity	43, 193
24	Contour bunding is a method of soil conservation used in	a	V	Indian geography	92
25	The Government enacted the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act in 1996. Which one of the following is not identified as its objective?	c	I	Polity	229
26	Under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006,	d	-	-	-
27	Improper handling and storage of cereal grains and oilseeds result in the production of toxins known as aflatoxins which are not generally destroyed by normal cooking process.	c	VI	Science	44, 11
28	'Economic Justice' as one of the objectives of the Indian Constitution has been provided in	b	I	Polity	10, 25
29	Due to improper/indiscriminate disposal of old and used computers or their parts, which of the following are released into the environment as e-waste?	b	VII	Current affairs	149
30	Acid rain is caused by the pollution of environment by	d	VI	Science	159
31	With reference to food chains in ecosystems, consider the following statements:	a	VI	Environment ecology	248, 252
32	Consider the following pairs: National Park River flowing through the Park	d	V	Biodiversity	61, 213, 238
33	Consider the following organisms: 1. Agaricus 2. Nostoc 3. Spirogyra	b	VI	Science	10, 11, 12

34	Which of the following adds/adds nitrogen to the soil?	c	V, VI, III	Indian geography, Science, Climate change	81 & 82, 82, 159
35	In which of the following States is lion-tailed macaque found in its natural habitat?	a	V	Biodiversity	224, 234, 259
36	Some Buddhist rock-cut caves are called Chaityas, while the others are called Viharas. What is the difference between the two?	b	II	History	224
37	Which one of the following describes best the concept of Nirvana in Buddhism?	c	II	History	210
38	According to the Constitution of India, which of the following are fundamental for the governance of the country?	c	I	Polity	25
39	The people of India agitated against the arrival of Simon Commission because:	c	III	Modern history	75
40	Quit India Movement was launched in response to	b	III	Modern history	86, 87
41	The balance of payments of a country is a systematic record of	a	IV	Indian economy	124
42*	The Reserve Bank of India regulates the commercial banks in matters of	d	IV	Indian economy	72, 73
43	An increase in the Bank Rate generally indicates that the	d	IV	Indian economy	72
44	In India, deficit financing is used for raising resources for	a	IV	Indian economy	240
45	Which of the following characterizes/characterize the people of Indus Civilization?	b	II	Ancient India	199, 201
46	Which of the following diseases can be transmitted from one person to another through tattooing?	b	VIII	India year book	104
47	Which of the following statements is/are applicable to Jain doctrine?	d	II	Ancient India	208, 209
48	Which one of the following terms describes not only the physical space occupied by organism, but also its	c	V	Biodiversity	242

	functional role in the community of organisms?				
49	Photochemical smog is a resultant of the reaction among	a	III	Climate change	159
50	Consider the following minerals: 1. Calcium 2. Iron 3. Sodium	c	VI	Science	82
51	Consider the following statements: The Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts	c	I	Polity	64, 137
52	Consider the following Bhakti Saints: 1. Dadu Dayal	b	II	History	268
53	With reference to the food chains in ecosystems, which of the following kinds of organism is/are known as decomposer organism/organisms?	b	VI, VI	Environment ecology, Science	243, 6
54	The most important fishing grounds of the world are found in the regions where	c	II	World geography	109, 111
55	Which of the following is/ are unique characteristic/ characteristics of equatorial forests?	d	II	World geography	69, 82
56	Which of the following constitute Capital Account?	b	IV	Indian economy	60, 124
57	Consider the following historical places: 1. Ajanta Caves	b	-	-	-
58	With reference to the history of philosophical thought in India, consider the following statements regarding Sankhya school:	c	-	-	-
59	In the context of India, which of the following principles is/are implied institutionally in the parliamentary government?	a	I	Polity	31, 32
60	The annual range of temperature in the interior of the continents is high as compared to coastal areas. What is/are the reason/reasons?	a	-	-	-
61	Which of the following is/are the characteristic/characteristics of Indian	b	V	Indian geography	107,

	coal?		II	World geography	118
62	Which of the following statements regarding laterite soils of India are correct?	c	V	Indian geography	38
63	Consider the following statements: 1. Natural gas occurs in the Gondwana beds.	b	V	Indian geography	103, 19
64	Consider the following crops: 1. Cotton 2. Groundnut	c	V	Indian geography	74
65	"Climate is extreme, rainfall is scanty and the people used to be nomadic herders."	d	II	World geography	79, 86
66*	Consider the following statements: 1. Inflation benefits the debtors. 2. Inflation benefits the bond-holders.	a	IV	Indian economy	36, 243
67	Disguised unemployment generally means	c	IV	Indian economy	34
68	Consider the following statements: 1. The Council of Ministers in the Centre shall be collectively responsible to the Parliament.	b	I	Polity	48, 50
69	Consider the following statements: 1. National Development Council is an organ of the Planning Commission.	b	I	Polity	133, 90, 141
70	Consider the following statements: 1. The Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha are not the members of that House.	b	I	Polity	37, 47, 72
71	With reference to National Legal Services Authority, consider the following statements:	c	I	Polity	108
72*	During a thunderstorm, the thunder in the skies is produced by the	c	VI	Geography theory	211, 212
73*	Consider the following pairs: Tribe State	a	V	Indian geography	214
74	Consider the following liquid assets: 1. Demand deposits with the banks	d	IV	Indian economy	86
75	In the context of Indian economy, 'Open Market Operations' refers to	c	IV	Indian economy	67, 68

76	Priority Sector Lending by banks in India constitutes the lending to (a) agriculture	d	IV	Indian economy	78
77	Which one among the following industries is the maximum consumer of water in India?	b	-	-	-
78	To obtain full benefits of demographic dividend, what should India do?	a	IX	Economic survey	78
79	In the context of cultural history of India, a pose in dance and dramatics called Tribhanga'....	a	-	-	-
80	Annie Besant was	c	III	Modern history	101, 140
81	The Ilbert Bill controversy was related to	c	III	Modern history	52
82	A rise in general level of prices may be caused by	d	IV	Indian economy	38
83	Which one of the following groups of items is included in India's foreign-exchange reserves?	b	IV	Indian economy	124
84	Which one of the following is likely to be the most inflationary, in its effect?	d	IV	Indian economy	246, 240, 38
85	Supply of money remaining the same when there is an increase in demand for money, there will be	b	IV	Indian economy	251
86	Fruits stored in a cold chamber exhibit longer storage life because	c	-	-	-
87	Consider the following fauna of India: 1. Gharial	c	V VIII	Indian geography, India year book	214, 3
88	Ball bearings are used in bicycles, cars etc. because	c	-	-	-
89	Consider the following phenomena: 1. Size of the sun at dusk	c	-	-	-
90	Rainbow is produced when sunlight falls on drops of rain.	a	VI	Science	65
91	Many transplanted seedlings do not grow because	c	-	-	-
92	Economic growth in country X will necessarily have to occur if	c	IV IX	Indian economy, Economic survey	246, 93

93	Which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. Viruses lack enzymes necessary for the generation of energy.	a	-	-	-
94*	Which of the following leaf modifications occurs/occur in desert areas to inhibit water loss?	d	V	Indian geography	47-49
95	The known forces of nature can be divided into four classes, viz., gravity, electromagnetism....	a	-	-	-
96	The efforts to detect the existence of Higgs boson particle have become frequent news in the recent past....	a	VII	Current affairs	37
97*	Mycorrhizal biotechnology has been used in rehabilitating degraded sites because mycorrhiza enables the plants to	d	VI	Science	11
98	Who among the following constitute the National Development Council?	b	I	Polity	133
99	The national income of a country for a given period is equal to the	a	IV	Indian economy	45
100*	Which of the following grants/grant direct credit assistance to rural households?	d	IV	Indian economy	87
TOTAL QUESTIONS FROM CRACKIAS's NOTES					84
QUESTIONS REQUIRE ASSISTANCE (Marked with *)					8
Questions marked with * are those which either require some more information to complete the answer or require application of mind					