GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
*READ THE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY AND WRITE THE QUESTION NUMBERS CORRECTLY.
* ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY.
* MARKS ARE INDICATED AGAINST EACH QUESTION

SECTION – A

I MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS: - (1X8=8M)

1. Vasco-Da-Gama discovered the sea route to India in ________
   [a] 1598  [b] 1498  [c] 1489

2. A heavy gun which was used by infantry soldiers

3. The battle of Plassey was fought in the year
   [a] 1751  [b] 1761  [c] 1757

4. The total strength of Rajya Sabha is
   [a] 545  [b] 245  [c] 554

5. Which one of the following method is the most appropriate to check soil erosion on steep slope?
   [a] shelter belts  [b] mulching  [c] terrace farming

6. It take hundreds of years to make just one centimetre of ________
   [a] rock  [b] soil  [c] fossil

7. Uranium found in Ladakh is an example of ________ resources
   [a] ubiquitors  [b] actual  [c] potential

8. While in session, the parliament begins with a ________
   [a] speaker’s speech  [b] bell  [c] question hour

II FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH SUITABLE WORDS: - (1X8=8M)

9. The claim to Paramountcy of company was initiated under ________

10. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is known as the father of ________

11. India uses the largest proportion of its area as ________
12. Tundra vegetation of cold polar regions comprise of _______ & ________
13. The first Maratha war ended in 1782 with treaty of _______________
14. The life supporting system in the Biosphere is known as ______________
15. A dripping tap wastes _________ litres of water in a year.
16. _________ led an anti - British resistance movement in Kitoor, Karnataka

III NAME THE FOLLOWING (1x8=8M)

17. A trial by the House of Lords in England for charges of misconduct.
18. Full form of CITES.
19. The science of fixing dates of historical events in the order of occurrence.
20. This refers to a goal or a principle in its most excellent or perfect form.
21. Those who are specialized in the art of beautiful writing.
22. The exclusive right over any idea or invention.
23. Another name for the Parliament of India.
24. Who is known as the “Tiger of Mysore”?  

SECTION – B

IV ANSWER THE FOLLOWING BRIEFLY : (ANY TEN) (3x10=30M)

25. [a] How can we contribute in conserving the natural vegetation and wild life?
   
   [b] Define Rain water harvesting.

26. [a] Name any two steps the government has taken to conserve plants and animals.
   
   [b] Write any two reasons for land degradation today.

27. [a] Name the factors responsible for soil formation.
   
   [b] Define Weathering.

28. [a] Differentiate between Renewable and Non-renewable Resources.
   
   [b] Define Sustainable Development.
29. What do you mean by 'Doctrine of Lapse'? Name the kingdoms which were annexed under it.

30. [a] What criteria do we choose for a set of dates as important?

   [b] Define census.

31. Explain the system of "Subsidiary alliance".

32. What were the sources of British Indian History?

33. [a] What is the role of opposition party in democracy?

   [b] What do you mean by Approval?

34. Distinguish between the State and the Government.

35. [a] How do the people play an important role in democracy?

   [b] What is meant by Coalition Government?

36. What are the functions of Rajya Sabha?

SECTION –C

ANSWER IN DETAIL (ANY NINE) (4X9=36M)

37. [a] How did James Mill view India?

   [b] Define Colonisation.

38. Explain the fundamental rights in the Indian constitution. [any 4]

39 [a] What attracted the European companies to India?

   [b] How did the assumption of Diwani benefit the East India Company?

40. What were the causes of the Battle of Plassey?

41. What were the administrative changes introduced by the British in the Indian presidencies?

42. Explain any four methods of soil conversation.
43. [a] Why is the land considered an important resource?

   [b] Write any 2 reasons for the forest fire.

44. [a] Mention the different ways by which the natural resources are classified.

   [b] Classify the resources on the basis of their sources of origin.

45. [a] What is land slide?

   [b] Explain any three methods to mitigate land slide and the destruction associated with it.

46. [a] What are the functions of the Parliament?

   [b] Who is the Vice President of India?

47. How are the members of Lok Sabha elected?

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