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Optional Subject-

General Studies Paper 1 & Paper 2

GENERAL STUDIES

General studies papers I and paper II will cover the following areas of knowledge:-

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER- I

- (1) Modern History of India and Indian culture.
- (2) Current events of national and international importance.
- (3) Statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams.

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER- II

- (1) Indian Polity:
- (2) Indian economy and Geography of India; and
- (3) The role and impact of science and technology in the development of India.

In paper-I, Modern History of India and Indian Culture will cover the broad history of the country (with special reference to Bihar) from about the middle of nineteenth century. The modern history of Bihar will include questions on the introduction and expansion of western education (including technical education). It will also have questions on Bihar's role in the freedom struggle of India. Questions will relate to the Santhal Uprising, 1857 in Bihar, Birsa movement, Champaran Satyagrah and the Quit India Movement 1942. A knowledge of the chief features of Mauryan and Pal art and Patna Qulam painting will be expected from the examinees. It would also include questions on Gandhi, Tagore and Nehru. The part relating to statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams will include exercises to test the candidate's ability to draw common sense conclusions from information presented in statistical, graphical or diagrammatical form and to point out deficiencies, limitations or inconsistencies therein.

In Paper II, the part relating to Indian Polity, will include questions on the political system in India including Bihar. In the part pertaining to the Indian Economy and Geography of India, questions will be put on planning in India and the physical, economic and social geography of India and Bihar. In the third part relating to the role and impact of science and technology in the development of India, questions will be asked to test the candidate's awareness of the role and impact of science and technology in India and Bihar. Emphasis will be on applied aspects.