

**GENERAL STUDIES PAPER-2**

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 300

**Instructions:**

- The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
- Answer **eight** questions, selecting **three** each from Section-I and Section-II and two from Section-III.
- Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
- Parts of the same question must be answered together and must not be interpose between answers to other questions.

**SECTION-I**

**खण्ड-I**

1. What do you understand by 'doctrine of basic structure'? Analyse its importance for Indian constitution and bring out the issues attached to it.
2. Discuss the powers and actual position of the Governor in Bihar politics. Is it true that at times he may have more rights compared to the president?
3. The directive principles of state policy (DPSP) under the Indian Constitution has great value as it provides for social and economic democracy. In light of the above statement, discuss the importance and limitations of DPSP.
4. What is Judicial Activism? Do you agree that it plays a key role in keeping a check on the powers of the Parliament? examine critically.

**SECTION-II**

**खण्ड-II**

5. Planning has played important role in the economic development of India. Do you think it is still important in economic decision making in the country?
6. What is poverty? Examine the reason behind the poverty in Indian society. What are the steps taken by the Indian and Bihar government to remove poverty?
7. Describe the main features of Bihar economy? Discussing the factors responsible for slow economic growth of Bihar, bring out the steps taken by Bihar government to boost the economic growth.
8. What is Inclusive growth? While discussing the key elements of Inclusive Growth in India, highlight the challenges associated with it. Also suggest measures to be taken to address these challenges.

**SECTION-III**

**खण्ड-III**

9. Critically examine the nuclear power as a source of energy to replace the coal for India's core energy demand.
10. COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented devastation worldwide. However, technological advancements are being availed readily to win over the crisis. Give an account of how technology was sought to aid management of the pandemic.
11. What is biotechnology? Do you think that biotechnology can play important role in improving the quality of lives in the 21st century? Also bring out the initiatives taken by the government in this direction.
12. What do you mean by quantum Technology? Describe the major areas of application of quantum technology with examples. What are the efforts made by India promote quantum technology?