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General Studies Practice Test 1

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TEST CODE

SC-GS-U05-Sample

EXAM DATE

23 August 2026

EXAMINATION

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DURATION

90 Minutes

SUBJECT

General Studies

TOTAL QUESTIONS

10

TOPIC

Current Affairs of June 2026

MAXIMUM MARKS

50

Instructions

1. Ten compulsory questions of 5 marks each. Total 50 marks. Time 90 minutes.
2. Strict examination conditions: no books, no notes, handwritten answers of about 200 words per part.
3. Marking guide for evaluators: 2 marks for directly addressing the directive word with a clear structure, 2 marks for specific facts and examples, 1 mark for a balanced conclusion.

Questions

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Q.1 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

The scientific study of human skeletal remains from Rakhigarhi can answer questions that the undeciphered Harappan script cannot. Discuss the significance of the Rakhigarhi study for our understanding of the Harappan Civilization.

Q.2 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

What is El Nino? Examine its likely impact on the Indian monsoon and the Indian economy in 2026.

Q.3 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Surha Tal has been declared India's 100th Ramsar Site. Discuss the ecological significance of wetlands and India's position under the Ramsar Convention.

Q.4 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Discuss the key decisions of the Reserve Bank of India Monetary Policy Committee meeting of June 2026. Why has the central bank adopted a cautious outlook on growth and inflation?

Q.5 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

India has revised the base year of the Wholesale Price Index to 2022-23 and introduced a Producer Price Index framework. Examine the significance of this transition for the measurement of inflation in India.

Q.6 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Nearly 25 crore Indians have escaped multidimensional poverty in the last decade. Discuss the factors responsible for this achievement.

Q.7 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Describe the main features of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. How has Direct Benefit Transfer changed the delivery of farm support in India?

Q.8 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Census 2027 is being described as a landmark in India's statistical history. Discuss its key features and its significance for democracy and development.

Q.9 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Despite three decades of constitutional status, Panchayati Raj Institutions continue to face the 3F deficit of Functions, Funds and Functionaries. Comment in the light of the recent twelve year review of rural governance reforms.

Q.10 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

The India and Bangladesh relationship is passing through a phase of trust deficit. Examine the major irritants and suggest a way forward.



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