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General Studies Practice Test 2

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TEST CODE

SC-GS-U09-Sample

EXAM DATE

20 September 2026

EXAMINATION

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DURATION

90 Minutes

SUBJECT

General Studies

TOTAL QUESTIONS

10

TOPIC

Current Affairs of July 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 inscription of Sarnath on the UNESCO World Heritage List recognises both an archaeological treasure and a diplomatic asset. Discuss.

Q.2 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Floods in India are increasingly a man made disaster rather than a purely natural one. Critically examine with reference to recent flood events.

Q.3 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Twelve years and seven drafts later, the Western Ghats Eco-Sensitive Area remains unnotified. Examine the reasons and the cost of this delay.

Q.4 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Discuss the contribution of Professor P. C. Mahalanobis to India's statistical system and the significance of the 2026 National Statistics Day theme.

Q.5 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

The Index of Core Industries has been shifted to a 2022-23 base year. Examine the changes made and explain why periodic base year revision is necessary.

Q.6 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Nine years after its introduction, assess the impact of the Goods and Services Tax on India's economy and on cooperative federalism.

Q.7 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

The Viksit Bharat G RAM G Act, 2025 replaces MGNREGA. Discuss its key features and examine whether it strengthens or weakens the rural safety net.

Q.8 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

India has achieved near universal registration of births and deaths. Discuss the significance of the Civil Registration System and the challenges that remain.

Q.9 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Discuss the constitutional and statutory basis of the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls and its significance for electoral democracy.

Q.10 Descriptive +5 Word Limit: 200

Examine the reasons behind India's demand for renegotiating the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960.



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