

Paper – II

**General Studies I - 250 Marks**

***(Indian History, Heritage, Culture and Society and Geography of the India and World)***

- i. Indian culture shall cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- ii. Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.
- iii. The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country.
- iv. Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.
- v. Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- vi. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.
- vii. Effects of Globalization on Indian society.
- viii. Social empowerment, Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism.
- ix. Salient Features of India's and World's Physical Geography.
- x. Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).
- xi. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location- changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.