General Instructions:
1. Read the questions carefully.
2. Write the question number correctly.
3. Attach the map to the answer sheet.

I. Choose the correct answer for the following: (1 x 23 = 23)

1. The oldest mountain range in India is the __________.
   (a) Himalayas        (b) Aravali hills        (c) Western Ghats

2. Ashoka was the son of __________.
   (a) Kanishka          (b) Chandragupta        (c) Bindusara

3. The __________ has many Gram Panchayats under it.
   (a) Zila Parishad     (b) Janpad Panchayat    (c) District Panchayat

4. Sundari tree is found in __________ forest.
   (a) Evergreen         (b) Deciduous          (c) Mangrove

5. The capital of the Pandyas was __________.
   (a) Madurai           (b) Puhar              (c) Taxila

6. The representative elected by each ward is __________.
   (a) Sarpanch          (b) Panch              (c) Secretary

7. The secretary of the Gram Panchayat is also the secretary of the __________.
   (a) Panchayat Samiti  (b) District Panchayat  (c) Gram Sabha

8. The older form of Buddhism was known as __________ Buddhism.
   (a) Mahayana          (b) Hinayana           (c) Theravada

9. In which season Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh receive rainfall?
   (a) Rainy             (b) Autumn             (c) Spring

10. The rulers who were known as lords of the dakshinapatha
    (a) Satavahanas       (b) Cholas             (c) Cheras
11. Name the Greek ruler who sent Megasthenes to the court of Chandragupta.
   (a) Alexander          (b) Seleucus Nicator          (c) Solomon Nicator

12. Gir forest in Gujarat is the home of
   (a) Elephants          (b) Asiatic lions          (c) Rhinoceroses

13. Nearly two-fifth of all rural families are
   (a) agricultural labourers (b) landless labourers (c) industrial labourers

14. The present name of Kalinga is
   (a) Patna               (b) Ujjain               (c) Orissa

15. When was the Mauryan Empire founded?
   (a) 2300 years ago      (b) 2400 years ago      (c) 2000 years ago

16. The people of Chizami village belongs to
   (a) Ghonds              (b) Chamanas             (c) Chakhesang

17) The western ghats are also known as
   (a) Sahyadris           (b) Vindhyas             (c) Satpuras

18. The people who attained enlightenment were called as
   (a) Buddhhasattvas      (b) Bodhisattvas        (c) Dhammasattvas

19. The highest level of Panchayat in the Panchayat Raj system in India.
   (a) Janpad Panchayat    (b) Gram Panchayat       (c) Zila Panchayat

20. Name a west flowing river.
    (a) Narmada             (b) Krishna             (c) Kaveri

21. Name the script used in Ashoka’s inscriptions
    (a) Prakrit             (b) Brahmii              (c) Devangiri

22. Techniques of making silk was first invented in
    (a) Japan               (b) Iran                (c) China

23. A non-farm activity.
    (a) farming             (b) weaving             (c) harvesting
II. Answer the following questions briefly:  

1. Who was Ashoka? Why did he give up wars?  
2. Name the three parallel ranges of the Himalayas. Describe one characteristic of each.  
3. Explain the term “terrace farming”  
4. Briefly describe the functions of the Gram Panchayat.  
5. What is an empire? How are they different from Kingdoms?  
   Or  
   Why did the kings want to control the silk route?  
   Define (a) Silk Route (b) Pilgrims  
6. Give three examples of regional differences in the climate of India.  
7. What are the problems faced by the villagers in rural areas? (Any three)  
8. Distinguish between western coastal plains and eastern coastal plains.  
   Or  
   Why is Lakshadweep known as a coral island? Which two rivers form the world’s largest delta?  
9. Name the 3 Chinese travellers. What was the purpose of their visit?  
10. How can we contribute in conserving wild life in India? Name the special programme celebrated to involve more people in making our earth green.  

III. Answer the following questions in detail:  

11. What are the difference between evergreen forest and deciduous forest?  
12. What was Ashoka’s dhamma? What measures did he take to spread the message of dhamma?  
13. What do you mean by the term “Caught in Debt”?  
14. Describe about the Nalanda University.  
   Or  
   Explain the term Muvendar. Who was Kanishka?  
15. Write a note on the society and people of Mauryan empire.  
16. How are forests useful to us?  
17. Briefly describe the major seasons of India.  
   Or  
   Give the locational setting of India. Which is the standard meridian of India?  
18. Write a short note on the Kushanas.
19. Locate and mark the following places on the map of India.
   1) Bhutan
   2) Eastern Coastal Plain
   3) Island located on the Arabian Sea
   4) The country separated from India by the Palk Strait
   5) Great Himalayas

Best of Luck