

Public Administration Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

SECTION A

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| 1 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | "Constitutionalism is the foundation of the administrative edifice in India." Discuss. | 10 |
| 1(b) | "The status and functioning of the Cabinet Secretariat face a stiff challenge from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)." Argue both in favour and against the contention. | 10 |
| 1(c) | "Effectiveness of local self-government institutions is hampered due to the lack of capacity building of the elected representatives." Elaborate. | 10 |
| 1(d) | "Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in India face tough competition from the private enterprises and Multi-National Corporations (MNCs)." Explain. | 10 |
| 1(e) | Do you think that 'All India Judicial Service (AIJS)' would contribute to timely delivery of justice to the citizens? Argue your case. | 10 |
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| 2(a) | "The market reforms have not infringed the basic structure of the Constitution of India, but have largely compromised the realisation of the ideals of social and economic justice." Comment. | 20 |
| 2(b) | "The idea of lateral entry into the Civil Services would energise Indian administration." What are its possible advantages and limitations? | 20 |
| 2(c) | "Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) is an innovative project of the Union Government." Discuss its features and modalities. | 10 |
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| 3(a) | "The position of the Council of Ministers in a State is reduced to that of a body of secretaries in the presence of a domineering Chief Minister." Critically analyse with examples. | 20 |
| 3(b) | "Indianisation of Public Services is a slow but steady process." Explain. | 20 |
| 3(c) | "Digitalisation of land records is a necessary but not sufficient precondition for ensuring transparent district administration." Explain. | 10 |
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| 4(a) | "Bureaucracy has to make a balance between the need for environmental sustainability and developmental imperatives." Discuss. | 20 |
| 4(b) | "The Chief Secretary is often termed as the alter ego of the Chief Minister." Discuss, with examples, the dynamics of their relationships in State administration. | 20 |
| 4(c) | "District Planning Committee (DPC) has been the weakest structure in the local self-government mechanism in India." Analyse with examples. | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
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| 5(a) | "The institution of Gram Sabha has very little connection with the Gandhian spirit of direct democracy." Critically examine. | 10 |
| 5(b) | "There is a need for greater inclusion of technocrats in bureaucracy to ensure effective governance in India." Do you agree? Elucidate. | 10 |
| 5(c) | "Civil Servants should avoid airing grievances in the media." In this context, discuss the grievance redressal mechanism available to the Civil Servants in India. | 10 |
| 5(d) | Do you think that the Public Service Guarantee Acts passed by various State Governments are an extension of the Citizen Charters? Give reasons. | 10 |
| 5(e) | "The Office of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) is expected to strengthen public financial management in India." Discuss its mandate. | 10 |
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| 6(a) | "The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration encourage good governance initiatives." Discuss some such initiatives by the Civil Servants in this context. | 20 |
| 6(b) | "Implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) has led to a paradigm shift in the Centre-State relations, both financially and politically." Analyse with examples. | 20 |
| 6(c) | "The Right to Information (RTI) has started its journey but is far from its destination." Comment. | 10 |

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| 7(a) | "Disaster preparedness and management has become an important component of district administration in India." Discuss with suitable illustrations. | 20 |
| 7(b) | In view of the contemporary internal scenario should 'law and order' be made a part of the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India? Justify your opinion. | 20 |
| 7(c) | "The image of Indian Police can be improved if its structure and orientations are transformed radically." Do you agree? Elaborate. | 10 |
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| 8(a) | Discuss, with suitable examples, the emerging challenges faced by the Regulatory Commissions as the arbitrating agents between the State and the market forces. | 20 |
| 8(b) | "The 'policy of non-action' regarding the institutional mechanisms and legal provisions to eradicate corruption is a feature of Indian administration." Critically examine. | 20 |
| 8(c) | "The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) makes a strong case for the principle of subsidiarity." Elaborate. | 10 |
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