

Public Administration Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS and printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Questions no. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, any 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) | "A government next-door is the government that matters most for the people." Discuss the statement with special reference to the values of local government. | 10 |
| 1(b) | "The philosophy of the Westminster model is at odds with the political culture of India." Critically analyse. | 10 |
| 1(c) | "The attached offices and subordinate offices are integral to the functioning of the Cabinet Secretariat." Discuss. | 10 |
| 1(d) | It is apprehended that lateral entry will lead to politicisation of bureaucracy. Do you agree? Justify. | 10 |
| 1(e) | "Contracting out tasks without effective accountability mechanisms can be counter-productive for effective service delivery." Comment. | 10 |
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| 2(a) | "The market-driven profitability concerns have shaken the foundation of the public sector undertakings." Do you agree? Give reasons. | 20 |
| 2(b) | It is argued that the NITI Aayog has broken the edifice of planning into fragments. Comment. | 20 |
| 2(c) | "Autonomy of civil society is crucial for responsive and effective administration." Examine the statement. | 10 |
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| 3(a) | Critically examine the criteria adopted by the 15th Finance Commission for allocation of resources to States. What have been the major issues of contention since the 10th Finance Commission? | 20 |

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| 3(b) | "In the coalition era with elusive majority of a single party in the State Legislature, the role of the Governor becomes even more challenging." Discuss. | 20 |
| 3(c) | "Development management advocates self-sustaining customer-friendly institutions at the district level." Comment. | 10 |
| 4(a) | "Climate change issues pose new challenges for district administration to be proactive." Elaborate. | 20 |
| 4(b) | "Judicial overreach to a large extent is a consequence of ineffective executive." Examine. | 20 |
| 4(c) | "In the transition from the State-led economy to the market economy, India should rely more on 'indicative planning'." Do you agree? Explain your position. | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | "The 'enablers' and 'facilitators' are yet to replace the 'inspectors' and 'controllers' in the civil service in India." Do you agree? Justify. | 10 |
| 5(b) | "Financial inclusion needs legal backing but it also requires increasing awareness for it to become a reality." Discuss. | 10 |
| 5(c) | "Gender budgeting requires rethinking beyond allocations to become a powerful tool of gender mainstreaming." Discuss. | 10 |
| 5(d) | "Social audit has lent a critical edge to the implementation of programmes such as MGNREGA." Comment. | 10 |
| 5(e) | "The AFSPA debate reveals that the Indian paramilitary forces are caught between the imperatives of national security and protection of human rights." Discuss. | 10 |
| 6(a) | "Competency mapping is important for effective allocation of responsibilities to administrators." Do you think that a generalist administrator can handle all issues as effectively as a specialist? Discuss. | 20 |
| 6(b) | "The recommendations of various commissions on administrative reforms have not made a radical departure from the Paul Appleby Report." Do you agree? Give reasons. | 20 |
| 6(c) | "Performance management requires identification of indicators and measures to ensure that goals are achieved efficiently." Discuss. | 10 |

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| 7(a) | "Rural development programmes have failed to effectively address the problems of small and marginal farmers." Analyse and give suggestions. | 20 |
| 7(b) | "In the Network Era the TRAI has the challenging task of protecting the Net Neutrality from digital aggression." Comment. | 20 |
| 7(c) | "Neighbourhood management provides an appropriate glocal strategy of dealing with social exclusion in the urban development scenario." Comment. | 10 |
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| 8(a) | "Effective public grievance redressal requires administrative commitment. But process reengineering can help prevent some grievances." Discuss. | 20 |
| 8(b) | "Institutional change is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for reducing criminalisation of politics." Examine. | 20 |
| 8(c) | "The disempowerment and depoliticisation of urban local government has happened in multiple ways." Comment. | 10 |
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