



(Exam Paper) UPSC IAS Mains 2001: Public Administration

Paper- II

Section A

1. Comment on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:

- (a) "The machinery of government designed in Kautilya's Arthashastra does not exactly resemble our modern-day polity, but it does contain some principles which could be said to be the part of today's science of public administration."
- (b) "The use of the word 'Socialist' in the Indian Constitution has become redundant in the context of the liberalization of economy."
- (c) "The Prime Minister stands out as the most powerful authority even today."
- (d) "The District Collector admirably survived the historical change of role from an alien regime to a national one."

2.

"It is axiomatic that a country's public administration system, including its bureaucracy, must fit into and respond to its overall political system." In the light of this statement discuss the mutual relations between the civil servants and the ministers since Independence.

3.

- (a) "State Directorates are administrative and implementation units assisting the Departments functioning from the Secretariat." Explain.

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(b) "Despite the serious commitment on the part of the government, the benefits of the rural development programmes do not seem to reach the intended targets and they fail to serve fully the purpose for which they were intended." Elucidate.

4.

"Despite liberalization, privatization and globalization of economy, the public sector has its own relevance for India." Discuss the functions and role of public sector in the new economic scenario and the changes that they need to bring about in them.

Section B

5. Comment on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each :

(a) "The need and significance of all-India services has been well recognized in political as well as administrative circles."

(b) "It is the audit of propriety that distinguishes the audit of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) from the audit made by any professional auditor."

(c) "Although District Planning Committee and Metropolitan Planning Committees have been provided, those remain mostly on paper."

(d) "Administrative Reforms in India are not necessarily the result of the recommendations of any specific committees or commissions."

6.

"Control over public expenditure is an essential feature of accountable and responsible financial administration." In the light of this statement discuss various methods of control over public expenditure which are exercised by the Indian Parliament.

7.

(a) "The policy of the government is reflected by various items of the budget." Explain by distinguishing between a commercial budget and a government budget.

(b) "Indian administration is yet to fully appreciate and adopt the benefits of 'the information technology.'" Elucidate.

8.

"The Central Social Welfare Board has become an anomalous institution." In light of this statement, examine the functions and role of the Central Social Welfare Board and suggest measures for making it an effective institution.



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