

(Exam Paper) UPSC IAS Mains 2004: Public Administration

Paper- II

Section A

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

- (a) "The main features of British governmental and administrative system continue to influence the present Administrative System."
- (b) "The National Human Rights Commission is unable to play its role effectively due to various hindrances."
- (c) "Presidents of India prior to the passage of 42nd and 44th amendment could afford to be more assertive."
- (d) "The highly significant and elevated position of Chief Secretary is significantly undermined in practice to-day."

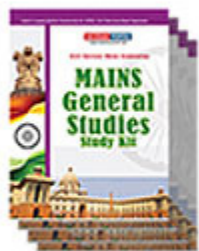
2. "The position of Governors towards exercising their discretion and powers has considerably changed after 1967." Discuss.

3.

- (a) "The district officer as a chief agent and representative of state serves as a channel of communication between the Government and the residents of the district." Explain.
- (b) "In the context of liberalisation the role of Public Sector and its welfarist approach is being drastically changed." Elucidate.

4. "The special development programmes taken up for poverty alleviation with a hope that benefits of these programmes may reach to the people living below poverty line - have utterly failed to achieve its objectives." Comment.

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Section B

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

- (a) The Estimates Committee is a continuous economy committee’.”
- (b) “Values, more than techniques are the eventual determinants of the actions of the administrators.”
- (c) “National Development Council was established to co-ordinate between Union government, the Planning Commission and the State governments.”
- (d) “Criminalisation of politics has been responsible for the problems related to law and order in our nation.”

6. “Welfare of the people has been a constitutional and legal obligation of the state, wherein both the Centre and State Governments are required to discharge the obligation within available resources.” Does this stand true in the context of globalization ?

7.

- (a) “In spite of valuable suggestions through Administrative Reforms, still we have not been able to come up to the expectations of the people.” Discuss.
- (b) “Effective implementation of plan projects has been the weakest link in the chain of the entire planning programme.” Elucidate.

8. “One of the greatest weakness inherent in a Federal polity is the possibility of conflict of loyalty and responsibility on the part of public servants as between Central and State Governments.” - Elaborate and comment.



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