

(Exam Paper) UPSC IAS Mains 2009: Public Administration

Paper- II

Section A

1. Attempt any three of the following in not more than 200 words each : 3 × 20 = 60

- (a) "Bureaucracy developed by the British stifled the village self-rule." Comment.
- (b) Comment on the view that despite different contexts, administrative maxims of Kautilya's Arthashastra bear considerable similarity with features of Weber's ideal bureaucratic model.
- (c) "The weakest aspect of Indian administration is the grievance redressal machinery." Discuss.
- (d) "There is no basic contradiction between Civil Service neutrality and Civil Service activism." Comment.

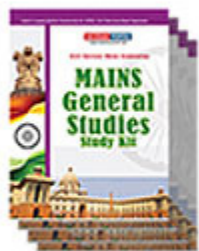
2. (a) "Law and order problems of the twentyfirst century cannot be tackled through legislations and structures of the nineteenth century." Give sugges-tions for transforming the law and order machinery at the State level. 30

(b) "The recommendations of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission on reforming the Civil Service are radical yet implementable." Do you agree ? 30

3. (a) Briefly discuss the main recommendations of any two of the following: 30

- (i) Paul Appleby (1953 and 1956)
- (ii) Santhanam Committee
- (iii) Hota Committee

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(iv) Sixth Pay Commission

(b) Examine the role of the Finance Ministry of the Union Government in designing and implementing monetary and fiscal policies. 30

4. (a) Discuss the relationship between governance and development in any one Indian State, giving illustrations. 30

(b) Do State Services suffer in comparison with the All-India and Central Services? Suggest measures for enhancing the role, competence and impact of State Services. 30

Section B

5. Comment on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each :20×3=60

(a) "India has failed to devise a long-term strategy for drought management."

(b) "A fixed tenure in Civil Service postings can increase productivity, accountability, and probity in Government."

(c) "Sound municipal governance requires a cadre of specialized municipal services executives equal in status to State Services."

(d) "Administrative talent of a Minister determined his 'success.'"

6. (a) "The respective roles of the Cabinet Secretary of the Government of India and of the Chief Secretary of a State are similar in certain respects, and dissimilar in other." Explain. 30

(b) Do you agree with the view that Citizens' Charters in India have not succeeded in their objective of making the administrative system citizen-centric? Analyze and give your suggestions in this regard. 30

7. (a) "The National Human Rights Commission has done a commendable job in developing a sense of responsibility among organizations towards the protection of human rights." Comment on this assessment. 30

(b) In your view, which have been the five most important administrative reforms implemented after Independence? What has been their impact? 30

8. (a) "Values of Indian administration must be rooted in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution." Discuss. 30

(b) "Many of the programmes of development being implemented at the State and the Local level have been initiated or financed by the Union Government. This has transformed the nature of Indian federalism." Critically examine this assessment. 30



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