

**(Exam Paper) UPSC IAS Mains 2010: Public  
Administration  
Paper- II**

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**Section A**

**Attempt the following in not more than 200 words each: 3 × 20 = 60**

1. (a) "The rule of kings depends primarily on written orders...." Why did Kautilya favour Codification of Laws?

(b) Is it correct to state that "One of the major reasons for the failure of many ....public sector undertakings was due to departures from the original concept of autonomy"?

(c) Does the emergence of an Empowered group of Ministers at the central level impair the doctrine of cabinet responsibility?

2. (a) It is said that the British made a significant contribution towards modernizing the Indian Administrative System on a 'rational-legal' basis. Justify the assessment with reference to the period from 1830 to 1865. 30

**(b) Comment on the following statements: 30**

(i) "The more developed an administrative system become the greater the likelihood that it would have developmental affects."

(ii) "The thrust of development administration failed to energise the Indian bureaucracy."

3. (a) With reference to India, discuss the assertion that administrative reforms are multi-dimensional and need to be substantiated by reforms in other related areas of state action. 30

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(b) The prevalence of multiple channels for transfer of resources from the Centre to the State is stated to have compounded the problems of federal fiscal arrangements. Discuss. 30

4. (a) "In an era of hung parliaments the power of the President expands, more so when the incumbent decides to be assertive." Comment on the statement with reference to the situation in India during the last two decades. 30

(b) "...Judges and Courts have creatively reinterpreted their statutory authority and expanded their own power and enhanced their standing vis-à-vis the legislature and executive." Critically examine this assessment. 30

### Section B

**5. Comment on any THREE of the following in not more than 200 words each:  $3 \times 20 = 60$**

(a) "Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has undergone several changes since its inception in 1980s."

(b) "Civil service neutrality is a fiction. How any thinking person can be neutral?"

(c) States with a record of good governance, it is argued by spokespersons of some national Commission's award.

**6. (a) Explain the context and perspectives of the following statements: 30**

(i) The Planning Commission is "an armchair adviser".

(ii) The Planning Commission should reinvent itself as a systems reforms commission in the backdrop of changed global and domestic scenarios.

(b) The Second Administrative Reforms Commission, in its 10th Report, observes that "the common perception is that the incentive structure in government is too weak and inadequate to motivate better performance." Elucidate. 30

**7. Comment on each of the following in not more than 200 words each:**

(a) "Non-Governmental Organisations play a catalytic role in enabling communities to define their own priorities...."

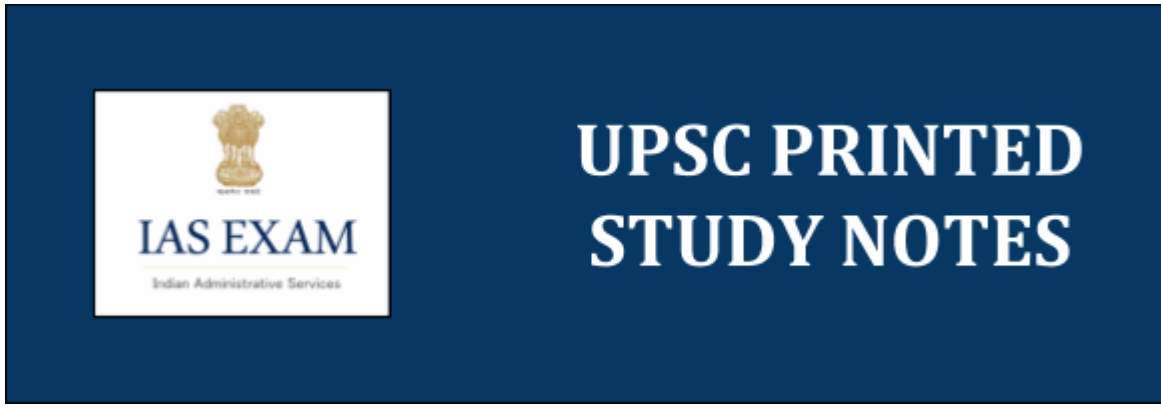
(b) The optimism expressed by the proponents of the Financial Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003, in ensuring fiscal discipline appears to be unwarranted.

(c) "The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNURM) is one of the biggest reforms-linked development programmes taken up by the Government."

**8. (a) It is argued that the Bhopal gas disaster and the response pattern to it reflect multiple vulnerabilities relating to systems of corporate social responsibility, governance at local, state and central levels, and legal safeguards and liabilities.**

Comment on this assessment. 30

(b) With the creation of new regulatory agencies in the wake of liberalization, overlapping jurisdictions and conflicts became the new trend. Is there need for the creation of a super-regulator or unified regulator? 30



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