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UPSC (MAINS) EXAM 2017 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PAPER - II

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions: 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 from each section.

The number of marks carried by a question /part is indicated against it.

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written, in a medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

SECTION A

Q.1 Attempt all of the following in about 150 words each : 10x5=50

- "Constitutionalism is the foundation of the administrative edifice in India." Discuss.
- "The status and functioning of the Cabinet Secretariat face a stiff challenge from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)." Argue both in favour and against the contention.
- "Effectiveness of local self-government institutions is hampered due to the lack of capacity building of the elected representatives." Elaborate.
- "Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in India face tough competition from the private enterprises and Multi-National Corporations (MNCs)." Explain.
- Do you think that 'AH India Judicial Service (AIJS)¹ would contribute to timely delivery of justice to the citizens? Argue your case.

- Q.2 (a) "The market reforms have not infringed the basic structure of the Constitution of India, but have largely compromised the realisation of the ideals of social and economic justice." Comment. 20
- (b) "The idea of lateral entry into the Civil Services would energise Indian administration," What are its possible advantages and limitations? 20
- (c) "Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) is an innovative project of the Union Government," Discuss its features and modalities. 10

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- Q.3 (a) "The position of the Council of Ministers in a State is reduced to that of a body of secretaries in the presence of a domineering Chief Minister." Critically analyse with examples. 20
- (b) "Indianisation of Public Services is a slow but steady process." Explain. 20
- (c) "Digitalisation of land records is a necessary but not sufficient precondition for ensuring transparent district administration." Explain. 10
- Q.4 (a) "Bureaucracy has to make a balance between the need for environmental sustainability and developmental imperatives." Discuss. 20
- (b) "The Chief Secretary is often termed as the alter ego of the Chief Minister." Discuss, with examples, the dynamics of their relationships in State administration. 20
- (c) "District Planning Committee (DPC) has been the weakest structure in the local self-government mechanism in India." Analyse with examples. 10

SECTION B

Q.5 Attempt all of the following in about 150 words each: 10x5=50

- (a) "The institution of Gram Sabha has very little connection with the Gandhian spirit of direct democracy." Critically examine.
- (b) "There is a need for greater inclusion of technocrats in bureaucracy to ensure effective governance in India." Do you agree? Elucidate.
- (c) "Civil Servants should avoid airing grievances in the media." In this context, discuss the grievance redressal mechanism available to the Civil Servants in India.
- (d) Do you think that the Public Service Guarantee Acts passed by various State Governments are an extension of the Citizen Charters? Give reasons.
- (e) "The Office of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) is expected to strengthen public financial management in India." Discuss its mandate.
- Q.6 (a) "The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration encourage good governance initiatives." Discuss some such initiatives by the Civil Servants in this context. 20
- (b) "Implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) has led to a paradigm shift in the Centre-State relations, both financially and politically." Analyse with examples. 20
- (c) "The Right to Information (RTI) has started its journey but is far from its destination." Comment. 10
- Q.7 (a) "Disaster preparedness and management has become an important component of district administration in India." Discuss with suitable illustrations. 20
- (b) In view of the contemporary internal scenario should law and order be made a part of the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India? Justify your opinion. 20
- (c) "The image of Indian Police can be improved if its structure and orientations are transformed radically." Do you agree? Elaborate. 10



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- Q.8 (a) Discuss, with suitable examples, the emerging challenges faced by the Regulatory Commissions as the arbitrating agents between the State and the market forces. 20
- (b) “The ‘policy of non-action’ regarding the institutional mechanisms and legal provisions to eradicate corruption is a feature of Indian administration.” Critically examine. 20
- (c) “The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) makes a strong case for the principle of subsidiarity.” Elaborate. 10



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