

UPSC 2018

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.

Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, **THREE** are to be attempted choosing at least **ONE** question 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 medium other than the authorized one.

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

Attempts of questions shall be counted in chronological 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

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each : 10x5 = 50

- 1. (a)** "A government next-door is the government that matters most for the people." Discuss the statement with special reference to the values of local government. 10
- 1.(b)** The philosophy of the Westminster model is at odds with the political culture of India." Critically analyse. 10
- 1.(c)** "The attached offices and subordinate offices are integral to the functioning of the Cabinet Secretariat." Discuss. 10
- 1.(d)** It is apprehended that lateral entry will lead to politicisation of bureaucracy. Do you agree? Justify 10
- 1.(e)** "Contracting out tasks without effective accountability mechanisms can be counter-productive for effective service delivery." Comment. 10
- 2.(a)** "The market-driven profitability concerns have shaken the foundation of the public sector undertakings." Do you agree? Give reasons. 20
- 2.(b)** It is argued that the NITI Aayog has broken the edifice of planning into fragments. Comment. 20
- 2.(c)** "Autonomy of civil society is crucial for responsive and effective administration." Examine the statement 10
- 3. (a)** Critically examine the criteria adopted by the 15th Finance Commission for allocation of resources to States. What have been the major issues of contention since the 10th Finance Commission? 20
- 3. (b)** "In the coalition era with elusive majority of a single party in the State Legislature, the role of the Governor becomes even more challenging." Discuss. 20
- 3. (c)** "Development management advocates self-sustaining customer-friendly institutions at the district level." Comment. 10

- 4.(a) Climate change issues pose new challenges for district administration to be proactive." Elaborate 20
- 4.(b) "Judicial overreach to a large extent is a consequence of ineffective executive." Examine. 20
- 4.(c) "In the transition from the State-led economy to the market economy, India should rely more on 'indicative planning'." Do you agree? Explain your position. 10

SECTION-B

5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each : 10x5 = 50

- 5.(a) "The 'enablers' and 'facilitators' are yet to replace the inspectors' and "controllers' in the civil service in India. Do you agree? Justify. 10
- 5.(b) "Financial inclusion needs legal backing but it also requires increasing awareness for it to become a reality." Discuss. 10
- 5.(c) "Gender budgeting requires rethinking beyond allocations to become a powerful tool of gender mainstreaming." Discuss. 10
- 5.(d) "Social audit has lent a critical edge to the implementation of programmes such as MGNREGA." Comment 10
- 5.(e) "The AFSPA debate reveals that the Indian paramilitary forces are caught between the imperatives of national security and protection of human rights." Discuss. 10
- 6.(a) "Competency mapping is important for effective allocation of responsibilities to administrators." Do you think that a generalist administrator can handle all issues as effectively as a specialist Discuss. 20
- 6.(b) "The recommendations of various commissions on administrative reforms have not made a radical departure from the Paul Appleby Report." Do you agree ? Give reasons. 20
- 6.(c) "Performance management requires identification of indicators and measures to ensure that goals are achieved efficiently." Discuss. 10
- 7.(a) "Rural development programmes have failed to effectively address the problems of small and marginal farmers." Analyse and give suggestions. 20
- 7.(b) "In the Network Era the TRAI has the challenging task of protecting the Net Neutrality from digital aggression." Comment. 20
- 7.(c) "Neighbourhood management provides an appropriate global strategy of dealing with social exclusion in the urban development scenario." Comment. 10
- 8.(a) "Effective public grievance redressal requires administrative commitment. But process reengineering can help prevent some grievances." Discuss. 20
- 8.(b) "Institutional change is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for reducing criminalisation of politics." Examine. 20
- 8.(c) "The disempowerment and depoliticisation of urban local government has happened in multiple ways." Comment. 10

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