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GENERAL STUDIES

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Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

INDEX TABLE			INSTRUCTION	
Q. No.	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained	<p>1. Please do furnish Name, Email, Roll No and Mobile in the answer sheet.</p> <p>2. There are TWENTY questions printed in ENGLISH, all questions are compulsory.</p> <p>3. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.</p> <p>4. 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.</p> <p>5. Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum Answer Booklet must be clearly Struck off.</p> <p><i>Any specific messages for ForumIAS Mentors/Evaluators with respect to your copy? Write it here.</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



Q.1) The Anti-Defection law is against the principles of representative democracy and needs to be reformed. Evaluate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

The Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India talks about the Anti-Defection Law. The law deals with the issue of disqualification of members of Parliament or State Legislature on certain grounds.

There are cases in which the law acts against the representative democracy:-

1) A legislator has to follow the instruction of the whip of his party.

This may not allow the legislator to put forward the

needs and interests of his constituency.

ii) There is concentration of power in certain hands which gives rise to nepotism and favouritism.

iii) Legislators are more concerned about their loyalties to the authority than their works.

iv) Moreover the speaker of the lower house has the power to decide on the disqualification of the member.

The SC has said that the speaker should use this discretion in exceptional circumstances like the threat of fall of party in power. The EC should also be consulted.

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Q.2) Do you agree that democracy and development do not go hand in hand? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Democracy is a political system where the ultimate power lies in the hands of people. It is of 2 types - direct and indirect democracy.

Whereas development refers to the progress made in social and economic spheres.

In a democracy, it happens that the people raise their voices when they fear that the development process would cause harm to them. They protest against the acquisition of land, forest areas, etc. for setting up industries.

This delays the projects and affects development of the country.

For ex. → (i) In Singur (West Bengal), the Nano plant set up by the Tatas had to be removed and then later shifted to Gujarat.

(ii) In PONGS POSCO case, the mining of steel plant has to be stopped.

But, if the stakeholders (i.e. public, government, company) are involved appropriately, and through proper deliberation and discussion, projects can take place. This will bring development.

For ex. → (i) The plan for Bullet Train project

(ii) The installation of several hydro-electric power projects.

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Q.3) Political theatre, similar to "surgical strikes" are more important and effective response to Pakistan asymmetrical warfare. Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

There is mutual distrust between India and Pakistan. Pakistan always prefers to disturb India through low intensity conflicts through terrorism, planned attack on Indian establishment, etc.

India also retaliates in the form of surgical strikes on Pakistan. But in order to have a long-lasting solution, the issues need to be resolved politically.

Pakistan is known to the world for its terror-related activities. India should take advantage of this and involve other players in its support against Pakistan.

For example →

(a) U.S. President has stopped the fund given to Pakistan for counter-terrorist activities.

(b) FATF (Financial Action Task Force) has also pressurised Pakistan to curb terror activities.

This way India can raise political awareness among countries about the illicit activities of Pakistan.

India should emphasize on passing of its resolution on terrorism in the United Nations.

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Q.4) Local self-governance in India is suffering from "AID CURSE". Examine.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

To bring grassroot-level democracy in India, the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments were enacted. The amendments provided for ^{local} self-governing institutions.

However these institutions suffer from financial shortages :

- 1) No fixed sources of income have been authorised to generate funds for these institutions by the Constitution.
- 2) The State government has been given the discretionary power to allocate the sources of revenue to these institutions.
- 3) Misappropriation of funds meant for local-self governance 'in other

areas.

- 4) These local bodies have been given responsibilities without revenue. This paralyses the local administration.

However, the State Finance Commission is constituted by the state government in order to view the financial situation of these bodies and to consolidate their financial situation.

This provision must be used appropriately by the state to ensure the financial strengthening of the local bodies.

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Q.5) Explain the concept of charter city. How it can help in tackling the problem of over-urbanization. Also highlight the challenges associated with it. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

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Q.6) Discuss with examples of how open data can improve transparency and accountability in governance? (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Open data will keep the data related to public services in the public domain. For ex. → Expenditure and allotment on a certain scheme, the minutes of a public meeting, etc.

Open data will be accessible to public. It will reveal how the decisions have been taken by the bureaucracy. This will increase transparency in the system.

For ex. → The expenditure on several stages of a project will be updated on a continuous basis on the official website of the department.

By knowing what are the decisions taken and the basis for these decisions, public can decide the validity of the act of the bureaucracy. This way the accountability of public servants will be increased.

For ex. → The disclosure of minutes of meeting, etc.

Through transparency and accountability, the error, if any, present in the process of public delivery of process can be rectified. This is the key of good governance.

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Q.7) India's stand towards Afghan Peace process has no takers among the Quad Grouping.

Elaborate.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

India's stand towards Afghan Peace process is that the process should be Afghan led, Afghan owned and Afghan controlled.

- (i) The Quad grouping consists of India, USA, Japan and Australia. USA wants to take revenge from the Taliban for 9/11 attack by eliminating the Taliban terrorism. But its Operation Enduring Freedom has resulted in a stalemate in Afghanistan. Now it is also seeking the Taliban on the negotiating table for the peace process.

USA has also helped Taliban in establishing its office in Qatar.

(ii) Japan and Australia are not the players in Afghanistan. They are maintaining distance from the peace process.

Till now, several negotiations have taken place like the Tashkent Declaration (2018), Moscow Format (2018) and the Abu Dhabi Summit (2018).

None of these negotiations have been led by the Afghan government. However countries like USA, Russia, China, Iran, etc. are actively involved and promoting the participation of both Taliban & the Afghan government. India also complied by sending its 2 non-official diplomats to Moscow Format.

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Q.8) Strength of a democracy can be judged, not by the strength of the government, but by the strength of the opposition. Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

The strength of an opposition is an important aspect of a democracy :

- 1) It will highlight the flaws and errors in the policies and the acts enacted by the government.
- 2) It will force the government to adhere to the basic principles of the Constitution.
- 3) It will hold the government accountable for its acts of commission and omission.
- 4) It will act as an alternative arrangement of a government if the

- government in power falls.
- 5) The opposition will lead to a better discussion and deliberation on the topics in legislatures.
- 6) The opposition may also provide an alternative or other ways of governance to the government.
- 7) Lastly, the opposition will maintain the spirit of democracy by curtailing the rule of an authoritarian regime.

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Q.9) For maintaining social stability and public tranquility, governance has to go beyond the daily dose of crisis management and administration has to rise above merely a "holding the fort". Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

In the new era of modernity, the challenges are new and unique. But the requirement is that the government has to provide public services in an innovative way.

For this, several steps can be taken :

- 1) Including all the stakeholders in the decision making process to arrive at innovative solutions.
- 2) Increasing awareness among the people so that they can become strong enough to tackle challenges. This will ease the load of administration.
Ex. e-KYC; e-filing of income tax, etc.

3) People should be made an equal partner in the process of development and governance.

This will make people realise their worth and responsibility.

Ex. Zero Budget Farming

4) Proper skills should be provided by the government to the public.

5) Proper allocation of resources and monitoring should be provided to the government.

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