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1			1. Please do furnish Name, Email, Roll No and Mobile in the answer sheet.	
2			2. There are TWENTY questions printed in ENGLISH, all questions are compulsory.	
3			3. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.	
4			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.	
5			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.	
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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)

Anti defection law was introduced via 52nd constitutional amendment and modified via 91st amendment.

It primarily aims to address frequent defections and bring about stability in government. However it is also argued to be against democracy

CRITICISM OF ADL

- ① Curbs freedom of speech of MP/MLAs
- ② forces representatives to toe party line
- ③ law making quality deteriorates due to little debate by ruling party members
- ④ Tools such as question hour, zero hour are not effectively used ~~to~~ by

ruling party MP/MLAs
 (5) Not been able to fully address defections as seen in Goa, Telangana, Karnataka

REFORMS NEEDED

- To clarify the position of speaker on cases of 'voluntary giving up party membership'
- ADL can be applied only in certain crucial cases (eg no confidence motion) and not ordinary bills (NCRWC removal)
- To uphold impartiality of speaker suitable amendments can be brought to enable his resignation from party

Thus the need of the hour is to reform ADL to help realize its intended objective while at same time allowing MP/MLAs to fully express themselves

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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 the political system which allows people to be governed by themselves or their representatives.

Development is the socio economic improvement of the populace.

DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT AT LOGGERHEAD

- In certain cases following democratic ways causes delays thus hampering development (eg litigation due to LARR 2013)
- Consensus formation can be difficult in cases of ~~large~~ dramatic measures (Eg GST)
- Democracy allows public to voice concern via pressure groups, which may hamper developmental works (eg in

Kundakulam protest)

DEMOCRACY AIDING DEVELOPMENT

- Democracy allows decision making which is acceptable to all
- Helps facilitate grassroot demand
- Makes developmental process more transparent (eg social audit, RTI)
- Allows rectifications in cases of error
- Allows marginalized to express their concerns (eg FRA, PESA allow tribal to give consent)

CONCLUSION

Thus democracy is an enabler in more effective and equitable process of development

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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)

Pakistan has been carrying out an asymmetrical warfare against India by using cross border terrorism

India decided to retaliate by conducting surgical strikes as well as Balakot air strikes.

Effectiveness of Surgical Strikes

- Helped create deterrence
- Display of precise cross border ops
- Strong signal of non tolerance of terror

USE OF POLITICAL THEATRE

India has been aggressively been pursuing political pressure on Pakistan. This is evident from:

- Advocating against terrorism on platforms such as UN, ASEAN, BRICS, SCO etc

- High level diplomatic visits to countries to build pressure
- Persuading FATF to place Pakistan on black list
- Moving to ICT on issue of Kulbhushin Tadhari

Effectiveness of these moves

- ① Shows Indian virtue of non violence and tolerance
- ② Enhances credibility at global level.
- ③ Helps win moral victory over Pakistan

Thus the need of hour is to continue to use political channels to complement hard military power to uphold national interest

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

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

The local self government ^{which} ~~has~~ is given constitutional backing via 73~~rd~~ and 74th amendment still suffer from "AID CURSE" as pointed out by Economic Survey 2017-18

FACTS :

- Rural local bodies generate only 5% of their revenue
- Urban local bodies generate 44% of revenue but still it forms <1% of GDP (Brazil at 8%)
- Only 7% total funds devolved are untied.

IMPACT OF AID CURSE

- Poor delivery of basic services such as sanitation, waste disposal etc

- Local bodies reduced to mere implementing agencies
- Weakens the social contract
- Erodes their capacity to generate taxes (eg Surrey pointed out how property tax not adequately collected)
- leads to strengthening of bureaucrats, hold over elected functionaries

WAX FORWARD

- Increasing their capacity to collect taxes, especially property tax
- Involves local bodies in GST devolution
- Timely constitution of state finance commission and implementing its recommendation (like Kerala)

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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 is the data which is publicly accessible. Recently Economic Survey 2019 pitched for open data to improve its utility in policy making.

IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY

- Allow public to access the data
- Help check misuse of funds
eg PFMS
- Open data can be used by researchers/start ups to generate new insights **eg:** A research paper in 2014 highlighted how muslims have lower IMR than Hindus despite being poorer due to lesser open defecation (cultural reasons) using NFHS-3 data

Improves Accountability

Judicial Accountability

Judiciary has started putting roster online as well as minutes of collegium thus decreasing unpredictability

Legislative accountability

The MLA/MP have to file their criminal records/assets. Help public make informed choice

Administrative accountability

Apps such as Crım Samvad, Meri Sadak, UMANG help highlight how much money spent and what are outcomes thus increase accountability

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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)

Afghan Peace process aims to reach an amicable solution by allowing US to withdraw troops while aiming at reconciliation between Afghan government and Taliban.

INDIA'S STAND

- India wants an 'Afghan led and Afghan owned' peace process
- It wants to ensure that Afghan land not used as hub for terror activities
- India wants active participation of all stakeholders, especially the Afghan government playing key role.

NO TAKERS

- US looks for a quick expeditious exit thus willing to compromise with Taliban
- US actions erode the legitimacy of Afghan government
- The involvement of Pakistan in peace process supported by US and China is against Indian interest
- India's ambition of using Afghanistan to connect to central Asia also facing setback
- The Quad grouping also sidelined India during their negotiation process

Thus India needs to vigorously advocate its aim of having an Afghan led and owned process to help achieve goal of stability in the region and achieve its foreign policy object

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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)

Democracy is the political system which allows full and fair expression of dissent which makes the role of opposition vital

OPPOSITION IN DEMOCRACY

- Allows plurality of views
- Help hold government of the day accountable by Question hour, 200 hour etc
- Prevents arbitrary excesses committed by the executive
- Helps in improving the law making process eg by ~~use~~ utilizing standing committees
- Helps train leaders who may lead the government in future
- Highlight grievances of marginalized

OPPOSITION ROLE PLAYED IN INDIA

- Helped uphold democratic principles during emergency period
- Helped preserve interest of states in Rajya Sabha
- Accorded place in appointment of vital institutional heads such as CBI director, CVC, Lokpal etc

Thus opposition is the true gauge to determine how well a democracy is functioning.

In a diverse country like India opposition is vital to allow all sections of populace to be heard.

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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)

A fundamental duty of governing is to maintain social stability however Indian administration is often marked by fire fighting approach which needs a profound shift

DAILY CRISIS MANAGEMENT

1) Instances of mob lynching dealt on ad hoc basis

2) Disasters such as urban flooding still taken on case basis

3) Poverty still being tackled in silos



NEED TO GO BEYOND

1) Need to bring comprehensive anti lynching law and bring attitudinal change

2) Need to undertake structural measures such as city planning, sewer cleaning, floodplain mgmt etc.

3) Need to develop comprehensive approach towards building capability

4.) Naxalism being treated as law and order issue

5.) Focus on output rather than outcomes (eg no of toilets built, total enrolment ratio)

4.) Need to address socio-economic causes (eg FRA, tribal displacement, employment)

5.) Need to focus on outcomes i.e learning outcomes, toilets usage, LPG refill

Thus the need of the hour is to bring about a transformative shift in approach to help realize the vision of SMART governance

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