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## GENERAL STUDIES

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Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

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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) Rajya Sabha is not as powerful as Lok Sabha, but powerful enough in comparison to state legislative councils. Examine.** (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Indian Constitution has adopted Bicameralism at Union level, i.e. lower house & upper house.

## Power of Rajya Sabha vs Lok Sabha

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| ① cannot bring <u>money bill</u> , nor recommend amendments  | <u>Money bill</u> ✓   |
| ② <u>Finance Bill</u> : Powers are limited, cannot introduce | Full power over Finance bills   |
| ③ <u>Executives</u> need not enjoy confidence of the house   | Executives are collectively responsible to Lok Sabha<br>→ <u>No confidence motion</u> , <u>censure motion</u> |

The Rajya Sabha has unique powers, eg introduction of All India Service (Article 312), legislate on State law (Article 249), Permanent body with fixed terms.

## Rajya Sabha vs State Legislative Council

① Mandated by Constitution Creation of Parliament

② Equal powers with Lok Sabha on normal ordinary bills

③ Revisionary house represents States at Union level

④ Open elections to all sections

⑤ existence is constitutional

② Unequal powers w.r.t ordinary bill. cannot introduce or propose amendment, only delay

③ Delaying house, sub-federal level representation

④ Profession representation during election.

⑤ existence depends on Union Parliament and State legislative assembly

Thus, the Rajya Sabha and State councils are unequal for different purposes.

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Q.2) Discuss the effectiveness of Representative of people's Acts for the smooth conduct of elections and in creating a meaningful democracy.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Elections are festival of democracy, and Representation of Peoples Act enables the smooth functioning of the election

Conduct of election

- ① Empowers the election commission of India to conduct the elections
- ② Contains a list of offences, which are punishable by law, and grounds for disqualification
- ③ prevents criminalisation of politics, use of money & muscle power
- ④ Section 123(3) prevents use of religion

⑤ Thus, the elections have been a product of

Constitution + ECI + RPA + citizen = Democracy

There have been problems, such as

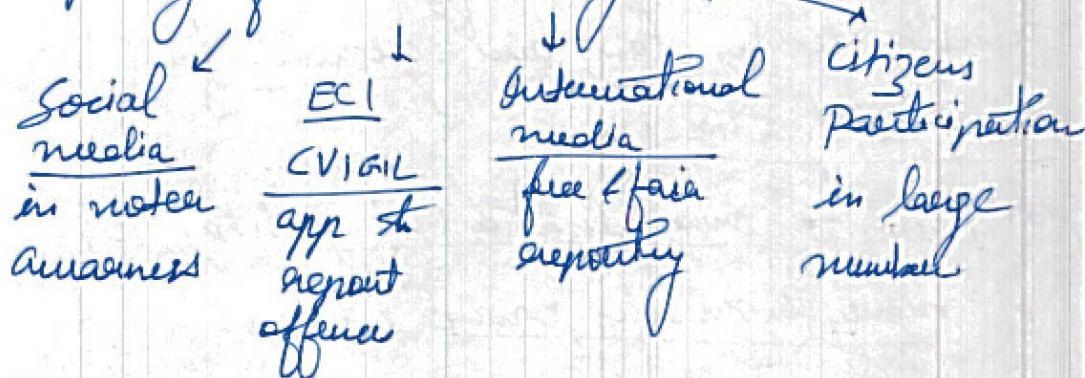
- ① Increased election spending
- ② Fake news & dis-information campaigns
- ③ Violence & use of muscle power.

yet the election have been mostly smooth

## Democracy

① Free & fair elections → legitimacy of the Represented

② Deepening of the democracy.



The RPA is one of the crucial aspect of Indian Democracy, but not the only one.

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Q.3) Do you think whether the remnants of various colonial laws have undermined the true meaning of Freedom of speech and expression under Article 19 of Indian constitution? Justify. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Many colonial legislation have continued even after independence, as found in CrPc, and department rules.

eg. 124A, 144, 377 of CrPc

Yes, they have undermined Article 19, guarantees freedom of speech & expression, along with other rights.

Section 124A of CrPc, i.e. Sedition law, makes dissent a criminal offence. It reduces the individual's liberty to criticise the state, and ensure representation, & accountability.

Despite the Kesavanth Singh judgment, the Police misuse the law, and arrest individual without charging the charge sheet.

Similarly, 144 of CrPc enables martial law, which prevents peaceful assembly.

and disrupts the functioning of the government.

Section 377, criminalises sexual preferences 'against the order of nature', reducing the agency of the individual.

Some post-colonial legislation also reduce freedom, eg Section 66A of the information technology Act. Which was struck down by SC in Shreya Singhal judgement, but continue to be misused.

## Way forward

- ① Balance freedom & Security of the State
- ② Repeal the law, in line with the judicial cases
- ③ Incorporate all stake-holders
- ④ Protect the vulnerable groups from colonial laws like LGBT

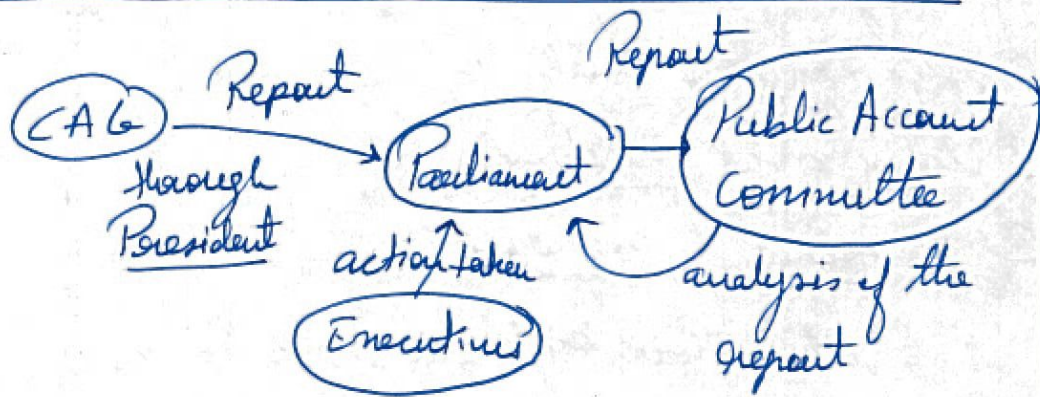
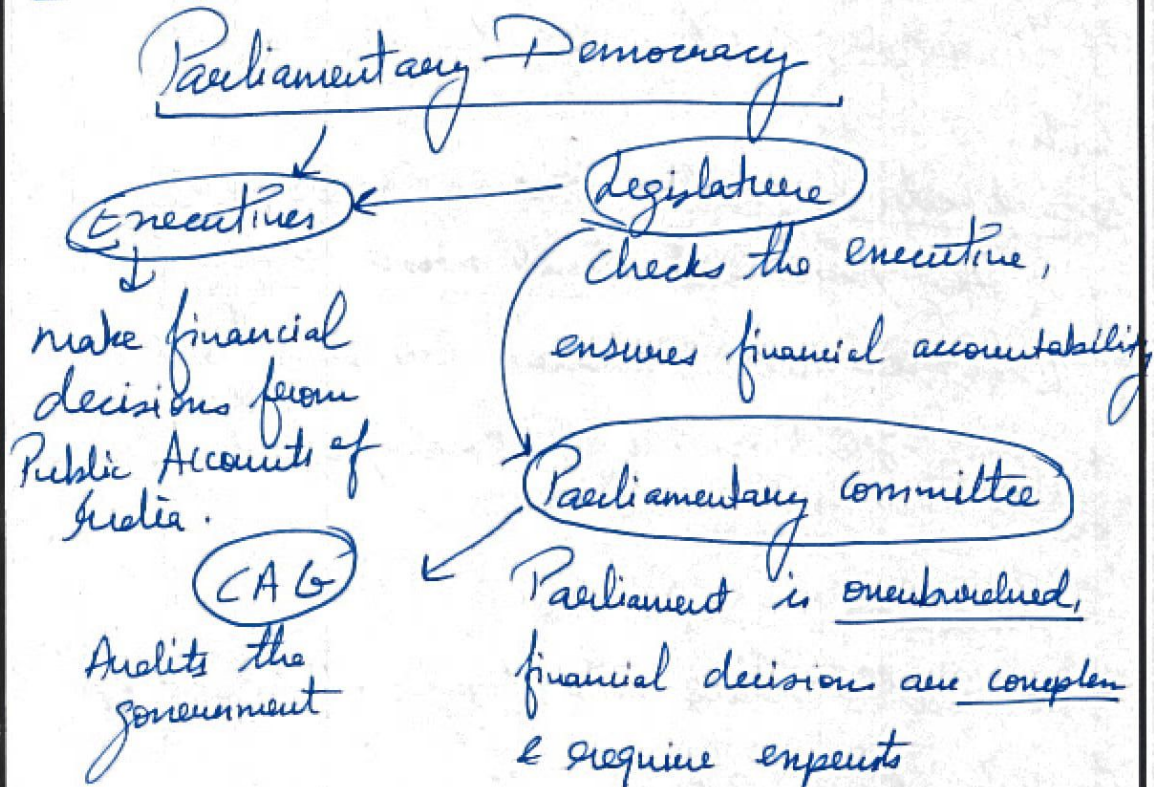
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Q.4) Discuss the role of parliamentary committees in ensuring financial accountability of the executive. (10 Marks, 150 Words)



The Public account committee & Estimates committee help ensure financial accountability

① Government has to reply to the report of the CAG, & PAC on the actions it took

② Estimates committee ensure "economic", i.e. the parliament doesn't waste money

③ Other committees ensure excessive money is not spent on travel, housing, food expenses etc

## Limitation

① Committee have the benefit of hindsight

② Delayed by 2 years, tenure is of 1 year

③ Post-modern analysis

④ closed door meetings

⑤ No technical members

Thus their role needs to be enhanced to control the finance of the country

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Q.5) Any democracy needs a thriving and coherent opposition. How can the role of the opposition be made more effective for the better functioning of democracy?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

“Parliament belongs to the opposition”  
— Ambedkar.

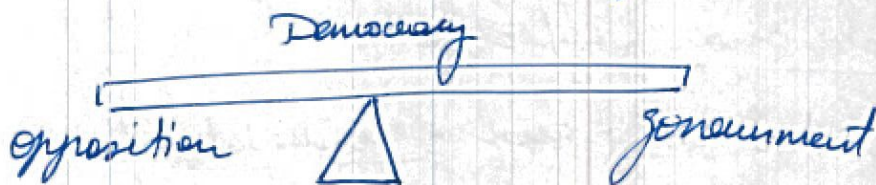
Ambedkar believed, the opposition keeps the government in check, ensures transparency and responsibility & healthy debates.

Role more effective.

- ① Dedicated staff and secretariate for opposition
- ② Training & sensitisation for opposition
- ③ International collaboration with other opposition parties
- ④ Democratic values to be promoted in the Parliament
- ⑤ Amendments proposed by the opposition to be considered by the government
- ⑥ “Shadow” cabinet model of Britain, can be replicated

- ① Dedicated floor time to opposition
- ② Regular meetings of opposition leaders & government ministers.
- ③ Common aim & consensus to be developed  
No disruption.

## Deepening of Democracy



An efficient opposition is a must to keep the government in check, and move towards the common aim of Sab ka Saath, Sab ka Vikas, Sab ka Vishwas.

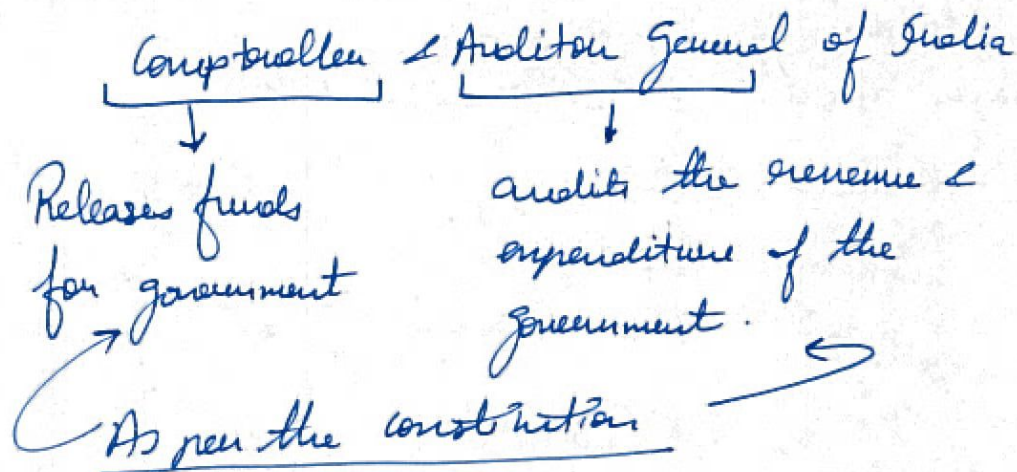
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Q.6) Discuss the constitutionally enshrined role of CAG. What are the safeguards provided in the constitution for the effective functioning of CAG?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)



However in practice, the Finance Ministry controls the Public Account of India, and releases funds for the government expenditure.

Safeguards for effective functioning.

- ① CAG has a constitutional recognition
- ② salary of CAG is charged on PAI
- ③ security of tenure
- ④ Difficult to remove
- ⑤ Service condition cannot be diminished while she's in office.

The CAG plays a vital role in keeping the government financially accountable as seen in the Coal Scam, 2G Scam.

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Q.7) PIL is being misused in many ways, for serving private interest in the grab of public interest. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Public Interest Litigation was introduced by the Judiciary to do complete justice under article 141 & 142.

It dilutes the principle of locus standi i.e. being physically present in court. It allows public spirited individuals to ensure justice for all, even if they are not directly affected.

## Misused

- ① Foreign sponsored NGOs prevent development by filing PILs, especially in environment
- ② Private interests are disguised as public interest.
- ③ PIL on settled issues increase the burden of Judiciary
- ④ Scope for Judicial activism and over-reach.

Not Misused

- ① Provide Justice to the marginalised sections
- ② Issues such as primary, sexual harassment, 3<sup>rd</sup> gender rights etc are best dealt with PIL.
- ③ Increased popularity of Judiciary
- ④ Essential for Social Justice for all

Way forward

- ① Citizens are empowered by PIL, should not misuse PIL
- ② Value system strengthening
- ③ Verification mechanism for PIL by Police or judicial staff

PIL has been a revolution in the justice delivery system and created a compassionate Society.

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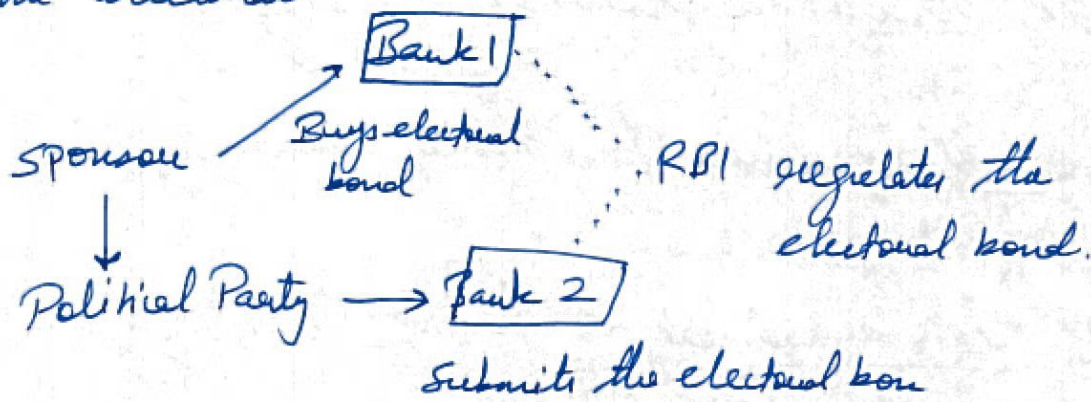




Q.8) What are electoral bonds? Discuss their effectiveness in bringing transparency in electoral funding. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Electoral funding & criminalisation of politics has been the major issue of Indian elections and democracy.

Electoral bonds are a mechanism to digitalise electoral funding and empower the electorate.



The electoral bonds are a non-interest bearing bonds, which ensure anonymity of the donor.

## Effectiveness

- ① Government claims will make a "less cash" economy
- ② Reduce corruption, & use of black money

③ Promote digital India & transparency

However, the efficiency is in question

① The Bonds are anonymous, which protect the identity of the donor.

② Reduce transparency + opaque

③ Amendment in Companies Act removes the limit on political funding

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Shell companies for money laundering & funding

④ FCRA amendment → foreign funding in domestic election

The electoral bonds are an attempt to reform electoral funding, but need to re-evaluate it to bring balance.

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Q.9) Critically analyse the role of Lokpal in bringing about transformational change in anti-corruption architecture in Indian polity. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Lokpal is the national ombudsman, to prevent corruptions, oversee investigations of CBI & promote citizen's confidence in administration.

## Positive Role

- ① Change in attitude, to bring reforms
- ② Result of a popular mass movement - India against corruption
- ③ Open body, covers all public servants including the PM & other legislators
- ④ Authority over CBI, soi motu cognisance, power to investigate
- ⑤ could investigate members of Lok Pal as well, self-regulation.
- ⑥ International ~~ex~~ examples of Nordic countries shows effectiveness

## Limited role

- ① Does not deal with moral corruption, with no monetary gain
- ② Band-aid approach, rather than structural
- ③ Top-down approach.
- ④ Need to reform the value system of every citizen

Lok Pal is a crucial reform, but we need comprehensive legal reforms to ensure corruption is reduced. Malimath committee recommendations should be implemented, loopholes in law should be reformed, quick justice delivery.

It is said India is a land of unrealised potential, and corruption is the biggest hurdle in achieving the goal of sustainable development.

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