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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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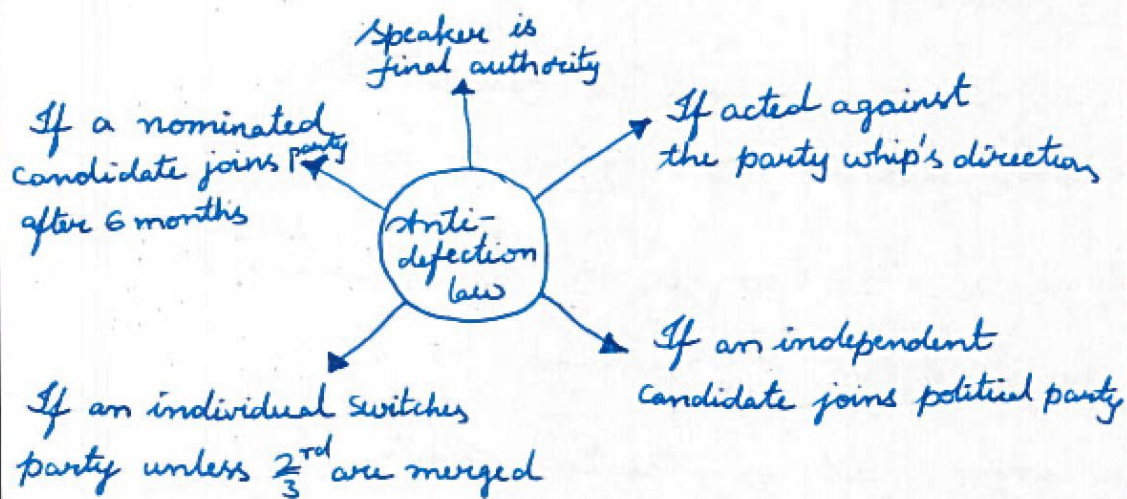


Q.1) The Anti-Defection law is against the principles of representative democracy and needs to be reformed. Evaluate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

A:

Schedule X of the constitution provides for disqualification of candidates in case of defection.

Features of law



Against principle of representation

- ① It acts as tyranny on the candidates
- ② Violation of Art 19, freedom of speech
- ③ Would lead to suppression of dissent.

- ④ Inner party democracy is affected
- ⑤ Lack of constructive debate
- ⑥ Regional aspirations of some MPs & MLAs not addressed.
Eg:- Against citizenship amendment bill

Way Forward

- ① NCRWC recommends to remove these provisions except for confidence motion
- ② Speaker's discretion has to be transferred to the President or Governor.
- ③ Key issues need constructive debate, hence individual candidates' opinion is important.

Anti-defection law with these amendments can effectively control the defections as per 2nd ARC recommendations.

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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)

A)

Democracy refers to the Government 'of the people, by the people, for the people (A. Lincoln). Development is a multi-dimensional qualitative growth of a Nation.

Democracy as impediment to development

- ① Some times democracy may result in populist measures.
- ② Short term benefits at the cost of long term
- ③ Dissent from various sections - impediment to effective decision making
- ④ Drastic changes like technology adoption may be more difficult in democracy

Democracy enhancing Development

- ① Development requires qualitative enhancement of standard of living.

- ② Democracy can actually act as feedback for better utilization of demographic dividend
- ③ It can make fruits of development reach the last mile
- ④ Development in terms of HDI is possible only through social, political, economic empowerment of poor & vulnerable sections.
- ⑤ Democracy brings in effective Government interventions through transparency & accountability
 - Eg:- a) Social audit by MKSS in Rajasthan
 - b) RTI enhances public service delivery
 - c) Parliamentary committees act as watch dog of public policies & development

Hence, democracy & development can go hand-in-hand if policy is designed effectively.

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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)

Ans)

Recent Pulwama attack has forced India to deal with Pakistan more strictly in a multi-dimensional way.

Military response

- ① Surgical strikes post Uri attacks and Pulwama attack showed India's capabilities.
- ② A warning signal to Pakistan's pseudo-war.
- ③ India's enhancement of its defence capabilities with airforce, Navy, military is also a good response.

Political theatre

- ① Isolation of Pakistan by avoiding SAARC delegations.
- ② Focusing of BIMSTEC to emerge as regional leader.

- ③ Diplomatic talks with Pakistan like Kartarpur corridor. At the same time exposing Pakistan's true nature.
- ④ International pressure through systems like FATF for terror support.
- ⑤ Pushing for naming of LeT terrorists as international terrorist as in the case of Masood Azhar.
- ⑥ China's relations with Pakistan can be balanced by India eg:- Wuhan summit.
- ⑦ Pressure through major powers like USA & Israel eg:- USA's warning to Pakistan.

Thus, political theatre is a long term deterrent for Pakistan's proxy war.

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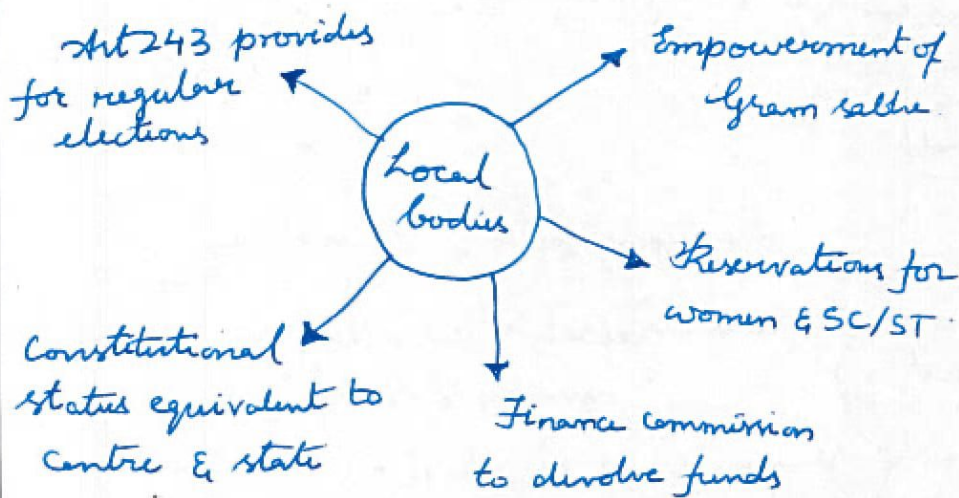
Q.4) Local self-governance in India is suffering from "AID CURSE". Examine.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

A)

Local self-Governance in India got constitutional status through 72nd & 73rd constitutional amendments.

Features



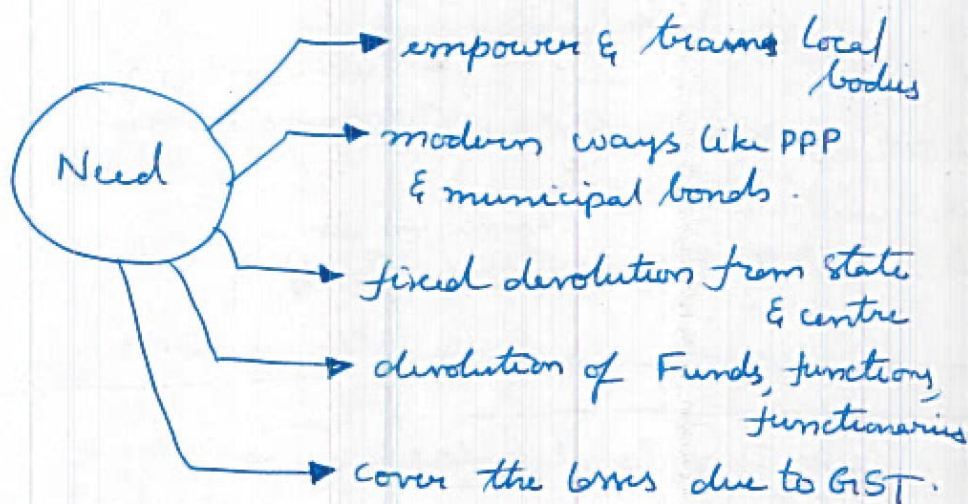
AID CURSE of Local bodies

- ① Rural local bodies ^(RLB) suffer from huge financial crunch [Economic Survey 2017-18]
- ② Urban local bodies ^(ULB) though earn more than 70% through self financing are not

viable for urban transformation

- ③ States do not give enough powers for taxation
- ④ They do not follow recommendations of State Finance Commission
- ⑤ Inability of RLBs to collect taxes due to local issues like familiarity with people

Way Forward



Thus, local bodies need to be empowered for deepening democracy in India.

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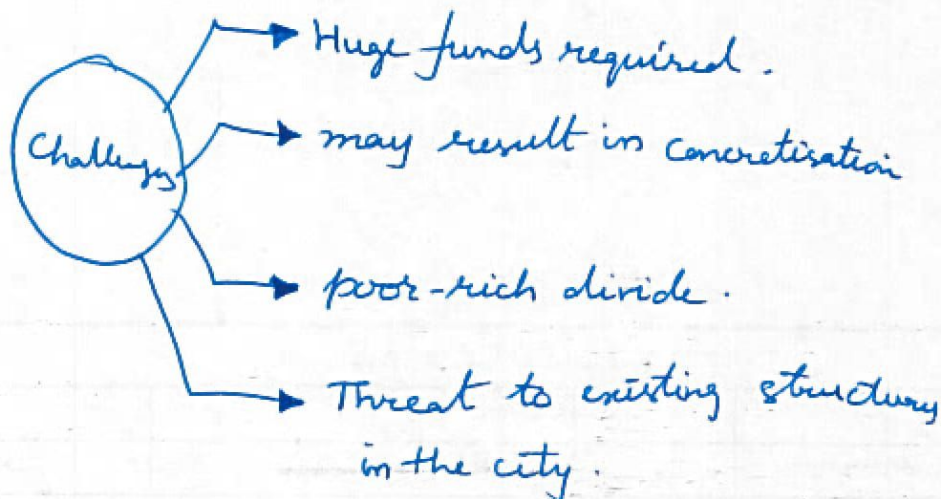
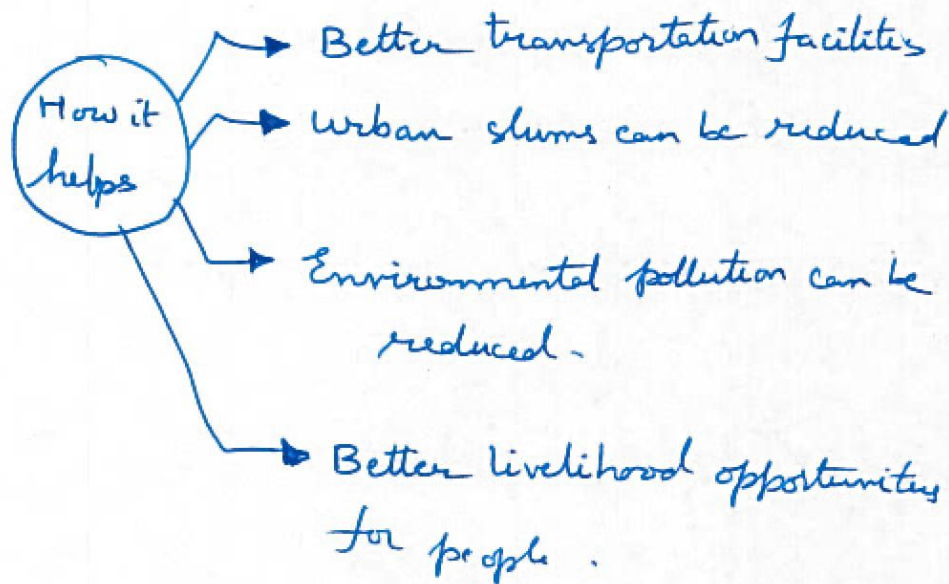
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Q.5) Explain the concept of charter city. How it can help in tackling the problem of over-urbanization. Also highlight the challenges associated with it. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Ans

Charter city refers to the concept of development of the city outskirts like satellite areas.



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

A/D

Data era has provided for a push for transparency & accountability in governance.

- ① Right to Information Act improved transparency & accountability.
- ② Data collection through Aadhar has provided to reach the last mile service delivery.
- ③ Proactive display of services & successes by the government through Citizen's Charter can enhance transparency.
- ④ Elections were ~~not~~ more transparent due to the crime & assets data of candidates in public domain.

⑤ Open data helps as feedback for effective control of environment pollution.

eg: SAFAR programme.

⑥ It helps civil society to engage in constructive debate for effective policy making.

⑦ Courts can delve into the matters with required data.

Hence, open data is cure for corruption & ineffective governance.

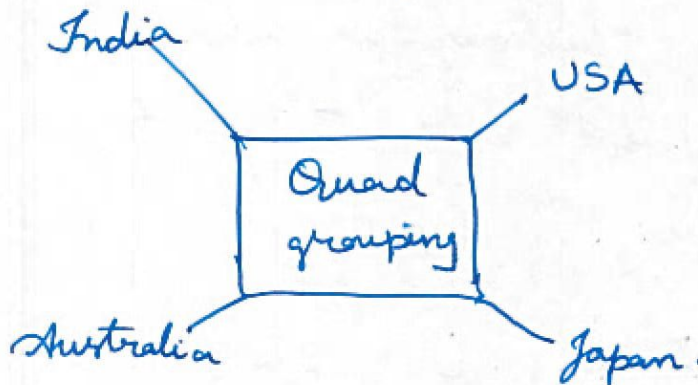
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Q.7) India's stand towards Afghan Peace process has no takers among the Quad Grouping.
Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Afghan Peace process has provided India a major role as a leader in the region.



Afghan peace process

- ① India's stand has been to find a solution for peace in Afghanistan from within rather than outside forces.
- ② India has also showed its reluctance to engage with Taliban to resolve the issue.

Other countries of Quad

- ① USA is desperate to have the Afghanistan with an immediate solution.
- ② Others like Japan, Australia are also pushing for engagement with Taliban to deal with the issue.
- ③ USA is ready to engage countries like Pakistan & India more proactively.
- ④ But India wants minimal role of China & Pakistan in the peace process.

Hence, India & other group members are incongruent. But recent India's acceptance to engage with Taliban opened a new avenue.

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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)

A) Opposition parties play a role of shadow cabinet & brings checks & balances to the policy making

Role of Opposition :-

- can question government policies
Eg:- Parliamentary committee, question hour
- representative of people's voice.
- brings in constructive debate and suggest amendments to laws.
- Hold executive accountable & PAC acts as watchdog of public purse
- Parties in opposition represent different sections, regions of the society.

Issues

- ① Sometimes parties oppose all the laws & policies
- ② Lack of opposition strength for opposition leader
- ③ Lack of constructive debate leading to frequent disruptions & low productivity.
- ④ Few parties go for narrow interests rather than National interests

Thus, political parties in a true democracy should play a constructive role.

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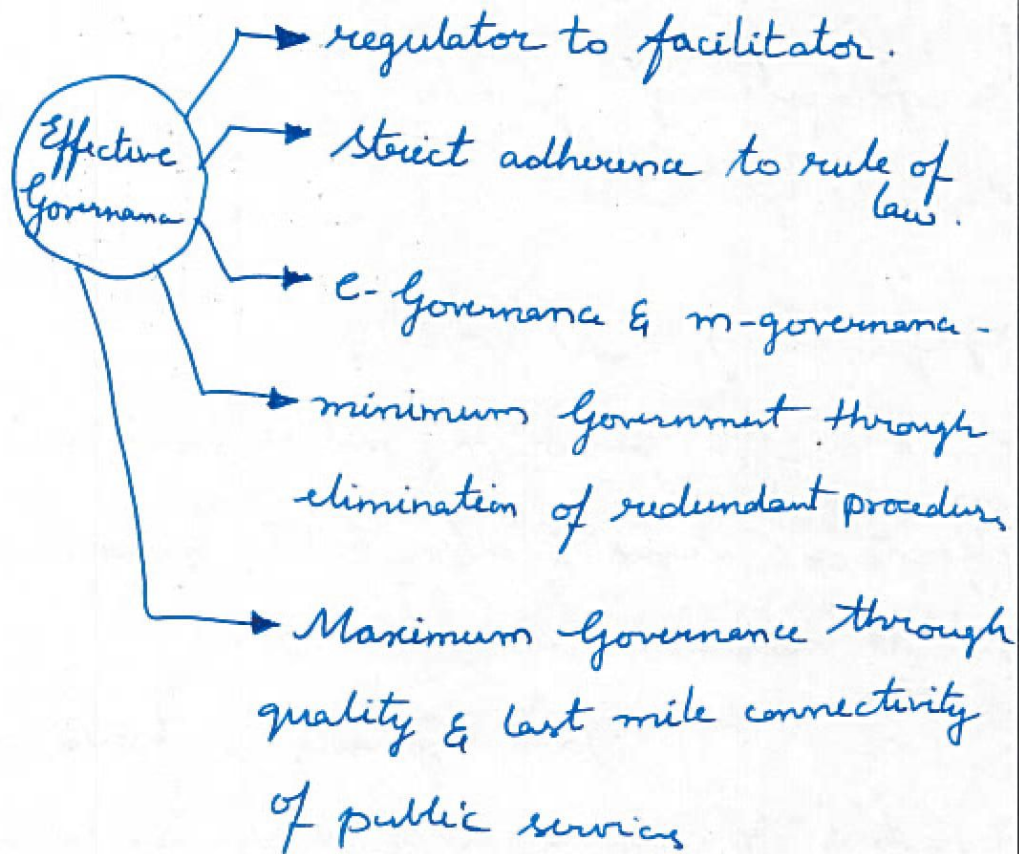
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Q.9) For maintaining social stability and public tranquility, governance has to go beyond the daily dose of crisis management and administration has to rise above merely a "holding the fort". Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

A)

Sustainable development and effective Governance through transformation is need of the hour rather than fire-fighting.



Way Forward

- ① Focus on skilling & training of employees.
- ② Attitudinal change through public & official sensitization.
- ③ Effective management of law & order.
- ④ Transformation of Governance in cities to Smart Governance.
- ⑤ Engagement of civil society.
- ⑥ Social audits through public participation.
- ⑦ Effective citizen charters, RTI, grievance redressal mechanism.

Good Governance should be reflecting in enhancement of people's capabilities

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