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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) The Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2019 is a twin attack on accountability and the idea of federalism. Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Right to Information Act 2008, provides time bound information of government information and record to general citizens of India. This Act has made government record and working more transparent. This has made govt. more accountable.

Recent amendments proposed

- i) Chief Information Officers (CIC) and State Information officers (SIC) - Service conditions to be fixed by Central government.
- ii) ~~Service~~ Service Tenure - to be decided by Central govt.
- iii) CIC, would not be equivalent to Chief Electoral Officer in Service Rank.

Why this Amendment is attack on Accountability and idea of federalism.

- f) Independence of CIC, SIC
- with service condition decided by

Central govt, they would not have ~~to~~ security of tenure. This would affect decision relating to its order or directing central govt. over disclosure of information. Rank of office would get compromised. - Accountability issue

ii) Central Govt is the main deciding factor in appointment of CIC, SIC

- These offices regulate the working of both central & state, public information officers.

- federalism issue.

These proposed amendment would affect the RTI Act and would lead to its dilution. Given the imminent requirement of transparency, we need to work to strengthen this Act.

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Q.2) Enabling a creative space for participation of citizens in administration and policy processes is the goal towards which the Citizen Charter needs to be re-designed. Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Citizens are at the heart of Citizen Centric Administration. Hence, the participation of Citizens is an important step in good governance.

Citizen Charter is one of the tool to achieve this.

Citizen charter is an instrument for ~~providing~~ making the organisation transparent, accountable and responsive by making a set of commitments to the citizens.

Points to be noted while designing Citizen Charter.

- Define the vision and goal of organisation
- List out the services
- Define standards of service
- Citizen involvement in preparing charter
- Internal reforms as per citizen charter
- Firm commitment of charter
- Involvement of civil society organisation and

- NGOs in preparing this charter
- Making public servants accountable for non-dedherence of charter
 - Evaluating and updating this charter.

Citizen as most important stakeholder in ~~the~~ Citizen Charters

- i) Defining and setting commitment for the organisation.
- ii) Providing crucial inputs / feedbacks for ~~improving~~ improving service.
- iii) Making officers accountable for their act.
- iv) Increasing awareness among society.

For good governance, there is no doubt that the role of citizen must be increased and ~~that~~ the governance needs to be more participative.

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Q.3) Judicial accountability is not on the same plane as the accountability of the executive or the legislature or any other public institution. Comment.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

In India, judiciary has been allotted important function as guardian of the Constitution and the protector of the rights of the citizens. This ~~is~~ important role of the judiciary has its influence on ~~as~~ its accountability.

Accountability of Executive & legislature	Accountability of judiciary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive directly accountable to legislature - Article 74 - legislature accountable to Country. <p>Both are accountable to Citizens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular elections or Control of some executive over any other public institution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judiciary works as per the provision of the Constitution. - Their working may not be as per the majoritarian view of the people. - Must take role that given by Constitution as per Article, 32, 13, 143, 137 → this questions the executive and sometimes legislature

- Open to their deliberations in Public, media, and news Channel.

- Direct answerability through elections or through some mandate

- Matters under judge Consideration not to be discussed elsewhere



- Work as per the changing need of the society and social norms.

Hence, the given role of judiciary in our Constitution, judiciary has important role but here must be some provisions discussed so that by and large judiciary to be accountable more directly and involve citizens.

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Q.4) Analyze the doctrine of "Niti" and "Nyaya" as given by Amarta Sen, in the Indian context. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

~~'Niti' - doctrine~~

'Niti and Nyaya' as the doctrine refers here the Policy and Justice in the broader sense, referred by Amarta Sen. For the inclusive development of all stakeholders, policy should be formulated in the ways, that justice of social, economical and political can be granted.

Importance of doctrine of 'Niti and Nyaya'

i) Social Structure

- Large Variation of social groups in India
- Each donot have some rank or ~~top~~ respect in the society
- There are deprened class and downhodden section like SCs STs, women, and other weaker section.

ii) Inequality in India

- large inequality in India.
- large variation of economic assets in India.

iii) People have low participation in governance and at the same time not much educated.

By working on the policies that takes account of all these sections of the society,

Making the governance, more accountable to these people and responsive towards its needs, we

can make the justice an essential in the contribution of India.

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Q.5) "The concept of social audit is more comprehensive than that of the traditional audit." Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Social Audit.

It is a ~~new~~ innovative way to audit the development project such as scheme, programmes involving the ~~the~~ stakeholders concerned with these programme and projects. This helps us in correctly evaluating the outcomes of the project and better monitoring it.

Concept of Social Audit:

- Involvement of stakeholder
- Citizens who are affected by the programme, appraise it.
- More focussed with the outcomes of the project.
- These are more broader in nature, focus on overall impact.
- These are already included in some projects like MGNREGAs, etc.

Why Social Audit is more Comprehensive than Traditional Audit

- 2) This takes the Audit process from the office

to the general public

- ii) These are more inclusive in Nature, hence involves wide participation.
- iii) Improvements ~~and~~ ^{or} Corruption activities can be easily detected. (Ex) - Social Audit of children homes by TIES has led to finding of sexual assault in Muzaffarpur case.
~~for TIES and~~
- iv) Improves Accountability.

This noble feature of Social Audit has improves, accountability, participation and more outcome oriented is certainly a step forward from traditional audit.

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Q.6) Critically examine the democratic potential of e-governance initiatives in India with suitable arguments. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

e-governance, is the use of technology to fulfill the governance need of the democratic nations.

Technology + Governance

Technology as a facilitator can play an important role.

e-governance initiatives in India

i) Digital India programme

- 10 set of field for its development.
- Door step delivery of services
- Single window service
- (Ex) UMAANG App.

ii) Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

- direct transfer of cash benefits
- Using JAMC (Jan Dhan Aardhan Mobile) feature.
- (Ex) DBT- PAHAL

iii) Aardhan - used to avial services.

iv) Centralised Grievances Redressal Portal.
- for grievance redressal.

But still democratic potential is not full utilized.

Shortcoming of e-governance initiatives

- i) Less reach of technology to people
 - Rural Urban Divide.
 - Not all Panchayats are ~~com~~ fibre connected.
- ii) Govt. itself not role model
 - Still datakeeping & registry work is ~~is~~ going on
 - Judiciary - late in IT infra
- iii) ~~is~~ Low digital literacy in India
 - Susceptible to ~~data~~ online viral attacks.
- iv) Not reforming processes of govt to suit the needs.
 - Not reforming process as per grievances received on CHPRAMS.

e-governance can certainly help to achieve good governance but one need to act holistically. Only technology would not help.

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Q.7) Define accountability. Discuss its importance in making public administration responsive to the needs of the people. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Accountability in simple terms means 'answerability'. That the people must be answerable to the positions and responsibilities assigned to them. Accountability is the corner stone of making the public administration responsive to the needs of the people.

Importance of Accountability in Public Administration

- i) Public Administration deals with large amount of funds, which ~~are~~ need to be spent as per the provision of law. Hence they must be answerable to people.
- ii) Accountability helps to keep the administration in close contact with the people. Otherwise, Administration would become aloof to the needs of people.
- iii) It helps in checking the responsibility of the administration,

iv) Public Servants deals with power and discretion. These must be used objectively, non-partisanship in working.

v) There is large power asymmetry in our Indian society. The needs and requirements of each society must be given ~~due~~ due consideration.

Hence, for making the public administrations ~~to~~ responsive to the needs of the people, accountability must be established in any institution.

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Q.8) While open debates and free speech enrich education, activism in college campuses has done more harm than good. Examine. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

College and University Campuses are said to be the fertile grounds where the new ideas come in and these ideas are worked, nurtured so that it can help society and humanity in the positive way.

~~While~~ These open debates and free speech enrich education, activism in the college campuses. But there are some scenarios has somewhat done more harm than good. Explained below.

~~id~~ ~~New ideas and debates must be not~~

Scenarios of enriched education, activism.

i) New Ideas spread.

(Ex) - Deozio movement started in Bengal helped in social reform movement.

ii) New ideas like Renaissance spread and helped humanity.

iii) Many social and religious reforms

Initiated in College and Campuses helped society,

(ii) These helps in coming up with alternative view of ideas.

☞ Done More harm.

i) These ideas often not nurtured properly, leads to violent moments. Some of these may be anti-national movements.
 (Ex) JNU Case

ii) Involvement of these ideas in left wing Extremism.
 (Ex) College Students & Professors involvement.

iii) Using Open debates forums to speak without thinking the interest of society & India.

~~There~~ Hence a proper balance must be maintained in these.

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Q.9) It is often believed that business and ethics do not go together and are incompatible. Give your opinion on this. How can we make businesses more ethical?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Business in the Capitalist economy can be simply said to a profit making entity while ethics is helping to decide in right and wrong in a given scenario. There are some cases which has led to assumption that ethics and business do not go together.

i) Profit driven motive.

- taking this as only sole criterion.
- Not taking account of society and environment.

ii) Strict rules and regulation would not lead to profit

- ~~strict~~ Rules overlooked
- Regulatory norms overlooked.

But this is a naive thinking and looking the short term issues and challenges. They can be compatible. Exa - CSR in India

Making Business more ethical.

i) Ease of doing Business -

- Relaxing roadblocks in doing

business.

- Govt. to act as facilitator.

(ii) Rule of law

- no unethical means to by pass law
- Equal treatment

(iii) Corporate Governance

- Strengthening governance, including independent directors.

(iv) Evolving Ethics of Business

- beyond business ethics.

Business is an important economic activities in any society. Providing a good environment so that ethics of business prevails it would be an important for making development more inclusive.

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