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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>Any specific messages for ForumIAS Mentors/Evaluators with respect to your copy? Write it here.</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)

Anti Defection law was brought in through an amendment in 1985, to address the 'Aaya Ram, Gaya Ram' syndrome.

PROVISIONS

- ① Disqualification if a member votes against the party whip.
- ② Disqualification if a member joins a political party.

AGAINST PRINCIPLES OF Democracy :-

① Whip

- MPs are bound by Party Whip.
- NOT allowed to express Individual Opinion
- Therefore, doing injustice to people he/she represents.

② Accountability :

As constructive debates are not possible the government cant be held accountable.

- ③ Distinction between Independent & Nominated MP is not based on regio.
- ④ violates principles of parliamentary democracy.
- ⑤ As the MPs are bound by whip, they cant question the government. & the parliamentary system turns Presidential in form.
- ⑥ Questionable role of Speaker.

REFORM :-

As recommended by Law Commission, whip should be used in case of no-confidence motion ONLY.

As Edmund Burke famously said, 'MPs represent the nation first & then their constituencies'.

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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)

Development refers to form of economic growth that results into improvement in quality of life & enhancement of capacities. (UN)

Democracy & Development

- They are seen as antithetical because :-

Basis	Democracy	Development
① Economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slows decision making Eg: EIA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires infrastructure Building etc
② Dissent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multiple stakeholders are difficult to balance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hampers development by <u>slowing</u> it

Example : China

- fast growth in last 2 decades, has improved social - economic

indication along with income.

∴ Therefore, ~~exp.~~ one school of thought believes democracy & development do not go together.

⇒ However, this is a Narrow view; as -

① Democracy can mean inclusive growth

② raise voice of minorities

③ Development as per needs of the people.

④ Bottom up approach

⑤ Disent & constructive criticism if there is disagreement with project.

⑥ Upholds human rights.

"Disent is the safety valve of Democracy"

. Justice Chandrachud

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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's asymmetrical warfare is based on the policy of 'bleeding India through thousand cuts'.

As India won in conventional wars - 1949, 71, 1998, Pakistan has ~~not~~ resorted to asymmetrical warfare.

• It includes -

- ① infiltration
- ② terrorism.
- ③ Destabilizing through fake currency, drugs.

• Therefore, surgical strike is a better response:

- ① offensive defense strategy
- ② It's a pre-emptive strike
- ③ Based on credible deterrence.

Therefore, this change in strategy ~~from~~ to doctrine of graduated escalation is the way forward.

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

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

with 73rd & 74th constitutional amendment Act, local self governance has been institutionalized across the country. Its a step towards DEMOCRATIC Decentralization

AID CURSE

- It refers to a situation where an Institution or a country becomes dependent on aid, and not its own revenues / funds.
- According to Economic Survey, local bodies are suffering from aid curse.

Reasons

<u>FUNCTIONS</u>	<u>FUNDS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequate Functions are not devolved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limited taxation power • Finance Commission recommendation ignored
<p><u>Functionary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limited manpower • untrained staff 	<p><u>Politicization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property tax etc is <u>not</u> imposed.

In the light of the above issues, its important to :-

- ① Strengthen municipal cadre (NITI Aayog)
- ② Implement recommendations of State Finance Commissions (Terms of reference of 15th F.C).
- ③ grant more autonomy to PFI.

PFI are a revolutionary idea which led to participative democracy. Therefore, it should be strengthened.

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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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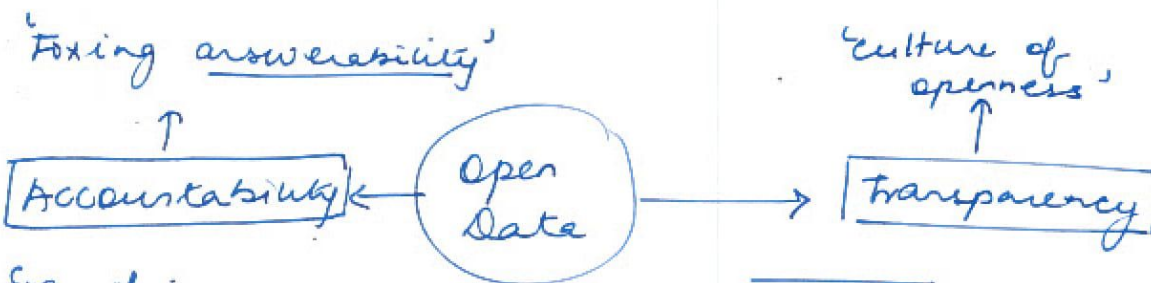


Q.6) Discuss with examples of how open data can improve transparency and accountability in governance? (10 Marks, 150 Words)

'Data is the New oil'

- 'Data' is any information that is meaningful. There has been a data explosion with technology: social media, internet expansion, Big data etc.

According to economic survey, the marginal cost of data has reduced, while marginal benefits have improved.



Example:

- ① Fixing responsibility of official who delays



Example:

- ① costs of projects known.
- ② Availability of information - District wise data

open data can revolutionize
governance by empowering citizens with
all that they need to know.

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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)

US has decided to end its operation
Freedom in Afghanistan, paving the way
for its transition towards a peace process.

with this, National Security
will be under the Afghan Security force.

Afghan Peace Process

- Multiple parties have come up with various initiatives:
- Russia: Moscow Format: involves talks with Taliban.
- India sent a retired official in a non-official capacity.

Indian Stand:

- London Conference 2010: countries agreed that afghan peace should be Afghan led, afghan owned.

- India sticks to this. India wants a greater role for National Unity government.
- India doesn't recognize Taliban ; as
 - ↳ it has close ties with Pakistan
 - ↳ Impact on JK.
 - ↳ religious fundamentalism.
- Therefore, there are no takers in the QUAD.

Above all, India should help in rebuilding Afghanistan through aid, & ensure a peaceful transition.

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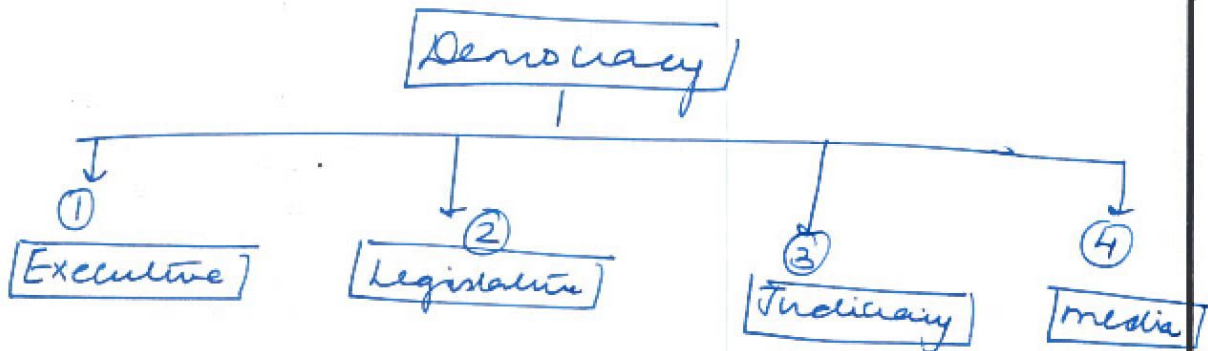


Q.8) Strength of a democracy can be judged, not by the strength of the government, but by the strength of the opposition. Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

"Democracy is a form of government, which is of the people, by the people, for the people"

- Abraham Lincoln

A robust Democracy is one where all the 4 pillars function properly:



Figures: 4 pillars of Democracy

- each organ holds the other accountable through a system of checks & balances.
- Democracy should be judged by the strength of the opposition because

- ① Opposition represents voice of the people, who did not vote for the present government.
- ② Prevents it from becoming majoritarian
- ③ represents voice of minorities.
- ④ ensures accountability of the executive ~~of~~ to the parliament through:
 - ① committee
 - ② Passage of bills
 - ③ constructive debates.

As Edmund Burke pointed out, MP's owe allegiance first to the nation, & then to their constituency. In this context, role of opposition, as individual MP is to represent the people of the country & hold the government accountable.

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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)

Rule of law and maintenance of order
is the science of governance.

- Kautilya's
Arthashastra

• As outlined above, governance has multiple objectives - law, order, timely delivery of services, accountability etc.

• Characteristics of Governance in India

① Episodic Accountability

- That is : daily crisis management is done on an ad-hoc basis

- Example :-

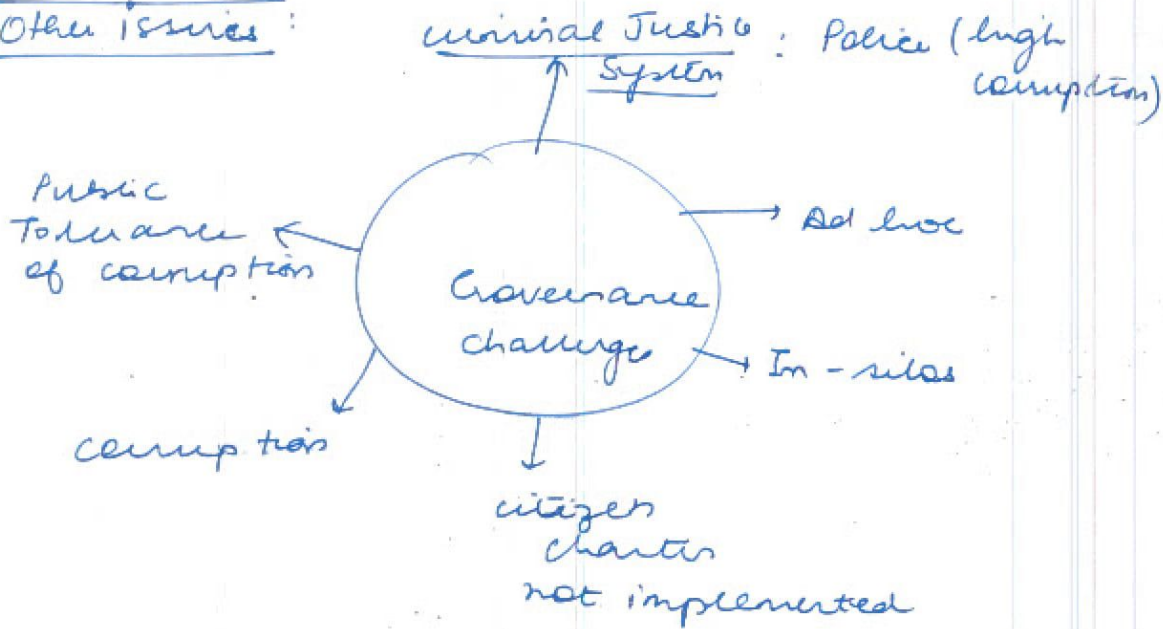
- Indian Administration is capable of managing big events like Electra, cyclones, but not routine functions -

① rape

② crises etc.

- This was pointed out by Economic Survey.

Other issues:



Therefore, Indian Administration should NOT JUST HOLD THE FORT. It should ensure that the fort runs with utmost sincerity, for the betterment of the last man (Gandhiji's Talisman).

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