



TEST CODE 8 7 1 1 5 1 0

UPPSC MAINS 2025

Time Allowed : Three Hours
समय : तीन घंटे



Maximum Marks : 200
अधिकतम अंक : 200

GENERAL STUDIES / सामान्य अध्ययन

Name Of Candidate परीक्षार्थी का नाम	Neha Panchal		
Roll No./अनुक्रमांक	1910038614	Medium/माध्यम	English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> हिंदी <input type="checkbox"/>
Center Code/परीक्षा केंद्र	Delhi - KB	Date/दिनांक	

*Center Code : For Online - 1900 / Delhi : Karol bagh - 1901, ORN - 1902, Mukharji Nagar - 1903 / Patna : Boring Rd. - 2001 / Hyderabad : Jawahar Nagar - 2101

INDEX TABLE / अनुक्रमणिका			INSTRUCTION / अनुदेश	
Q. No. प्र.सं.	Max. Marks अधिकतम अंक	Marks Obtained प्राप्तांक	1. Please do furnish Name, Email, Roll No and Mobile in the answer sheet. कृपया उत्तर-पुस्तिका में नाम, ईमेल, रोल नंबर और मोबाइल नंबर भरें।	
1			2. There are TWENTY questions printed in ENGLISH & HINDI, all questions are compulsory. उत्तर पुस्तिका में अंग्रेजी/हिंदी में बीस प्रश्न दिए गए हैं, सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।	
2			3. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it. प्रत्येक प्रश्न/भाग के लिए निर्धारित अंक उसके सामने अंकित किए गए हैं।	
3			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. उत्तर प्रवेश पत्र में अधिकृत माध्यम में लिखे जाने चाहिए, जो कि दिए गए स्थान में इस प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर (क्यूसीए) पुस्तिका के कवर पर स्पष्ट रूप से लिखा जाना चाहिए।	
4			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. प्रश्नों में शब्द सीमा, यदि निर्दिष्ट हो, का पालन किया जाए। प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका में खाली छोड़े गये किसी भी पृष्ठ या पृष्ठ के भाग को स्पष्ट रूप से काट दें।	
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				
Total/कुल अंक	200		For Student Only / केवल परीक्षार्थी प्रयोग हेतु	
Examiner's Discretion/मूल्यांकन कर्ता का विवेक :			Start Time/प्रारंभ करने का समय :	End Time/समाप्त करने का समय :
Total Marks/कुल अंक :			Mode Of Examination/ परीक्षा की विधि :	Online/ऑनलाइन <input type="checkbox"/> Offline/ऑफलाइन <input type="checkbox"/>
*Examiner's Discretion is the marks awarded at the discretion of the examiner based on your overall impression, on the basis of (but not limited to) your handwriting, presentation, use of diagrams, flowcharts, facts and figures or absolutely anything that he/she liked in your copy. मूल्यांकन कर्ता का विवेक अंक, आपकी लिखावट, प्रस्तुति, आरेखों के उपयोग, फ्लोचार्ट, तथ्यों और आंकड़ों या समग्र रूप किसी अन्य विषय वस्तु, जो मूल्यांकन कर्ता को आपकी कॉपी में पसंद आयी के आधार पर (लेकिन इन्हीं तक सीमित नहीं) पर दिए गए अंक हैं।			For Office Use Only / केवल कार्यालय प्रयोग हेतु	
			ECN CODE/ ईसीएन कोड :	Evaluation Date/ मूल्यांकन तिथि :
			EG/ईजी : ① ② ③ ④ ⑤	

Note: Students are expected to incorporate suggestions from the feedback provided in the answers. Discussion classes for the tests are also available online in your portal to aid in your preparation. Further, students are requested to see the good copies of the tests and learn from them. You can also discuss your copy with a Mentor and discover ways and means to improve your answers, or if you have any issues with this test / copy. Ask specific questions, to get specific answers.

EXAMINER'S REMARKS

CRITERIA FOR THE FEEDBACK SECTION AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION

1. **AWIS = Answered What is Asked.** This means whether you have addressed the core demand of the question or not. Addressing the core demand of the question gets you an objectively fair score. It is examiner's perception if you have understood the question and if you know the answer in the first place. Creative answer writing, sometimes missing the core demand, may fetch very high or very low scores, and exposes your answer to the subjectivity of the examiner.
2. **CD & VA = Content Density & Value Addition.** Examiner will evaluate the quality and quantity of your content in the answer. In the same word-limit and space limit have you (a) written what is asked (b) gone beyond what is asked (c) enriched answers through combination of (but not all!) suggestions, ideas, quotes, flowcharts, diagrams, facts and figures, data etc. This affects objective components of assessment.
3. **S & F = Structure & Flow =** Whether you have structured your answer properly or not. Whether the answer has been broken into parts and sub-parts and each part has been addressed appropriately or not. Whether the flow of the answer is maintained. Affects both subjective and objective components of assessment.
4. **P & R =** How your answer performs on the criteria of presentation, ease of read, clarity and apparent effort in writing the answer. This affects the subjective components of assessment.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

लघु उत्तरीय प्रश्न

Section-A / खण्ड-अ

Q.1) Examine the major provisions of the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976.

8

42वें संवैधानिक संशोधन अधिनियम, 1976 के प्रमुख प्रावधानों का परीक्षण करें।

42nd Constitutional Amendment Act is called as 'Mini constitution' of India, as it included major amendment in the Constitution.

Major provisions :-

- ① Fundamental duties added through 'Swarn Singh committee' recommendation
- ② Transfer of subjects from State list to Concurrent list such as + Weights and measures, forest conservation.
- ③ Lok Sabha Tenure increases to 6 years from 5 years
- ④ President has to mandatorily pass the bill of National emergency

on the aid and advise of COM

⑤ Directives principles of state Policy Article 39(A), Article 43(A) and Article 48(A) added in the Constitution.

⑥ Addition of Tribunals under Part XIV A on recommendation of 'Swarn Singh committee'.

Criticism of Amendment

- ① Misuse of president power to pass the bill.
- ② centralisation of power by shifting provisions from state to concurrent list
- ③ Extending the tenure is against the cooperative federalism of the Constitution

42nd Amendment Act 1976 made some important changes, as our Constitution is an ephemeral document.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table.			
Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.2) Throw light on the status of the women in legislature.

8

विधानमंडल में महिलाओं की स्थिति पर प्रकाश डालें।

India doesnot need Women development
but Women led development in all
the sphere of economy including political
Representation.

Status of women in the legislature

① Meagre representation

eg: Lok Sabha (17th) → 15%

Rajya Sabha → 17%

[lowest among South Asian Nation]

② Nari Shakti Adhiniyam Bill

↳ 33% reservation in Lok Sabha
and State legislative assemblies.

③ Local bodies representation

↳ women have 33% reservation at
Panchayat and block level.

④ State Legislature Representation

↳ less than 2% representation compare to men in States [Vidhi Centre Report]

⑤ Political heads of the State

↳ few role models like Mamta Banerjee, Rekha Gupta in the country.

Unequal

↳ 1. ~~lack~~ of power distribution between men and women

challenges

↳ 2. Gender based policy implementation is lacking

↳ 3. Panchayat Pati's at local government

↳ 4. Gender discrimination in the Top hierarchy structure.

↳ 1. Equal participation at the temple of democracy.

Way forward

↳ 2. Social Auditing of Panchayat's where women sarpanch is there to check the present of female in offices.

Women are the backbone of society and giving them power is a silverlining.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.3) Highlight the step taken by Supreme Court in encouraging the status of depressed class. 8

सर्वोच्च न्यायालय द्वारा दलित वर्ग की स्थिति को सुदृढ़ करने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों को रेखांकित कीजिए।

India's vulnerable section includes SC; ST, OBC, Divyangjans, LGBTQ+, Women's etc who are Economically Exploited, Politically Passive, socially segregated from the society.

Steps taken by Supreme Court

① Naaz Foundation Case

for the rights of LGBTQ+ community and same sex marriage.

② Jaya Thakur vs. UOI case 2023

↳ Right to menstrual hygiene in schools for girls by giving free sanitary napkins.

③ SC/ST Act (Atrocities Act)

↳ to eliminate discrimination towards depressed classes.

⑤ Nagaraj and Indra Sawhney judgement

↳ for OBC reservation to ~~add~~ give them equal opportunities to all section.

⑥ M.C Mehta case vs. UOI

↳ for people affected from environmental pollution

⑦ Public Interest Litigations

by P.N - Bhagwati is a tool of fair justice in the hands of depressed classes.

⑧ Alternate dispute Resolution through NALSA and SALSA to provide speedy justice to vulnerable section.

⑨ Article 142 - complete justice by the Supreme court to check the authoritarianism

Supreme Court is the guardian of our fundamental Rights.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			

Please put tick marks in the above table.

Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.

TOTAL MARKS

Q.4) Evaluate the effectiveness of the Anti-Defection Law in curbing political defections.

8

राजनीतिक दलबदल को रोकने में दलबदल विरोधी कानून की प्रभावशीलता का मूल्यांकन करें।

Anti-Defection law introduced through the 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act on the recommendation of Dinesh Goswami committee.

Effectiveness of Anti-Defection Law

① Reduces Crossing of floor in the parliament

NCRWC → Anti defection is a shield against politics of shifting.

② Rule of Law maintains

Justice → Political, social, economic mentioned in the preamble.

③ Impose Accountability on the Representatives

④ Ethics and morality implementation

↳ Mahatma Gandhi said → Politics without morality is a sin.

⑤ Strengthens parliamentary decorum as India is the world's largest democracy.

However, effectiveness is questionable also

① Mass cross-flooring is allowed
eg. 2/3 of members if defect that it is legal

② House trading give rise to defection.

③ Lack of timeline for speakers in deciding the anti-defection.

④ Trivialisation of politics increases.
eg. Lily Thomas case → parties ^{members} must tell ~~why~~ the reason of defection.

Way forward → 1. Strict timeline to decide defection cases

↳ 2. Mass defection should be illegal.

↳ 3. Inner party democracy in parties

Anti-defection should not be allowed to change the basic structure of Constitution

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table.			
Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.5) Discuss the challenges faced by NGOs in contributing to good governance in India.

8

भारत में सुशासन में योगदान देने में गैर सरकारी संगठनों को जिन चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ता है, उन पर चर्चा कीजिए।

India has 3.2 million registered NGOs under DARPAN portal. NGOs serve the goal of social Empowerment without the hope of any political representation.

Challenges :-

- ① Complex Registration process
↳ due to FCRA [foreign Contribution Regulation Act].
- ② Affiliation with political parties
↳ reduces their ground work affiliation with the people.
- ③ NGOs seen as pressure group
↳ government interference in the administration.
- ④ financial strain
↳ many NGOs shut down due

to financial constraint [S. Vijay Kumar committee].

⑤ Lack of awareness among people about NGO's work

eg PRATHAM ASER → helps in finding educational data at rural area

⑥ Lack of Technological advancement of NGO's eg DIGITAL challenges at Rural areas.

- ↳ 1. Social funding of NGO's
- ↳ 2. Performance Based grants to NGO's

Key
forward

↳ 3. Parliamentary committees on the working of NGO's

↳ 4. formalisation of NGO's

↳ 5. Cooperation of NGO's - Civil society - government

Amitabh Kant says → NGO's are the bodies who knows the real pulse of the grassroot level governance.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			

Please put tick marks in the above table.

Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.

TOTAL MARKS	
-------------	--

Q.6) Explain how civil servants act as a link between the government and the people.

8

समझाइए कि लोक सेवक सरकार और जनता के बीच कड़ी के रूप में कैसे कार्य करते हैं।

Since the Mauryan times, 'Amratya's' works as civil servant for the implementation of 'Good governance' in the economy.

• Link between government and the people :-

① Build Trust between govern and goverance

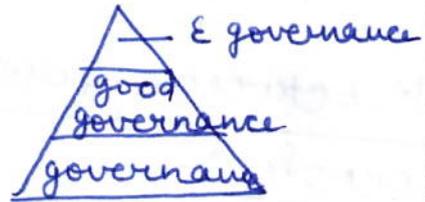
eg: Implementation of VB-GRAM G at grassroot level.

② feedback mechanism strengthened
Civil servants are the bridge between people and government.

③ Permanant executive of the government

↳ 'Hota committee' - called them permanant executives.

- ④ Maintains ART [Accountability, Responsibility and Transparency] in the governance model.
- ⑤ Wheel of the good governance
- ⑥ Voice of the vulnerable sections → by giving active feedback to the government
- ⑦ promote 'Jan Bhagidari'



Challenges

- 1. Increases 'Red Tapism' [Suresh Chandra Committee]
- ↳ 2. Increased lateral entries reduces Responsibility
- ↳ 3. Corruption in the services reduces Transparency.

Way forward

- 1. Civil Services Board [T. S R Subramaniam Case]
 - ↳ 2. Mission-Karmayogi (IGOT) for training
- Civil Servants are the silver lining in India's growth model.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			

Please put tick marks in the above table.

Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.

TOTAL MARKS	
-------------	--

Q.7) "Workplace automation poses challenges to inclusive governance." Analyse this statement. 8

"कार्यस्थल स्वचालन समावेशी शासन के लिए चुनौतियाँ प्रस्तुत करता है।" इस कथन का विश्लेषण कीजिए।

Inclusive governance can be defined when government made policies for all the stakeholder's of society equally and without discrimination.

Workplace automation - challenges.

① Digital illiteracy in rural areas

↳ Delay in implementation of policies

eg) DBT payments in NB & RAM led to delayed payments.

② Lack of skilled workforce

↳ only 5% of population is skilled in India → local employment reduces in the area.

③ Lower the female participation rate due to women illiteracy

④ Privacy Issues

↳ 'Right to Delete' should be there in the workplace. to protect privacy of people.

⑤ Digital infrastructure - lags in development process.

⑥

Way forward

↳ Labour Augmentation rather than labour displacement

↳ 2. Digital public infrastructure in the rural areas

↳ eg) 'Bharat Net' → optical fibre networks in panchayats

↳ 3. Skilling of labour workforce

↳ 4. Gradual implementation of technological advancement

↳ 5. Use of Artificial Intelligence and IOT in rural areas [by providing knowledge]

Inclusive governance is a key to ~~do~~ VIKSIT BHARAT

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table.			
Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.8) Comment on China-Plus-One Strategy.

8

चीन-प्लस-वन रणनीति पर टिप्पणी करें।

India China relationships has as many multilayers which no other countries has - PM Modi at Shangri La dialouge.

China - Plus - One Strategy

Reasons :- of adopting China-Plus-one

① Trade protectionism in the changing geopolitical situations

eg : Iran - Israel war conflict,
Russia - Ukraine war.

② COVID-19 experiences

↳ taught to strengthen supply chain mechanism with multiple partners

③ India - an attractive opportunities for nations

eg : India - EU deal [Mother of all deal].

India - as an option : Reasons

- ① Largest consumer market in the world → 1.5 billion people
- ② stability in the governance model
build trust
- ③ Easy and cheap availability of labour
eg) Foxconn shifted its Apple plant in India
- ④ Ease of Doing Business
 - ↳ CAPEX → 12 Lakh crore [2025-26 Budget]
 - ↳ Reduced logistic cost
 - ↳ PLI 2.0
 - ↳ 1. Competition from Vietnam, Taiwan

Challenges

- ↳ 2. Anomaly in Labour Codes Bills
- ↳ 3. Lack of Raw material [semi-conductor industry chips.
- ↳ 4. Leakages in Robust supply chain mechanism

China plus one policy is a blimp in disguise for grabbing the opportunity by India.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			

Please put tick marks in the above table.

Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.

TOTAL MARKS	
-------------	--

Q.9) "UN Peacekeeping Forces are necessary but insufficient for lasting peace." Critically evaluate.

8

"संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति सेनाएँ स्थायी शांति के लिए आवश्यक हैं, परंतु अपर्याप्त हैं।" आलोचनात्मक मूल्यांकन कीजिए।

India has world's largest contingent in UN Peacekeeping forces and ~~is~~ Recently world's first women contingent has been sent to South Sudan.

- UN Peacekeeping forces are necessary:-

① Maintain peace and tranquility in violence affected Region

② Libya, South Sudan, Angola affected by Civil war.

② International order Balance

Terrorism act as a monster unitedly to the world.

③ Empowering local forces of that Nation in helping the strife in the country

④ Global Community participation in balancing peace.

however, insufficient for lasting peace

① lack of execution power to the Blue Helmets as they are foreign funded.

② Partiality in the recruitment of forces [Western nation has less representation compare to Asia],

③ Lagging Technological advancement of the forces

④ Absence of Regulation on the working hour keep them demotivated.

Way forward → 1. Blue Helmets 2.0 → equal representation of countries

↳ 2. Execution power by the countries head when the forces are.

UNPKF are the shield in maintaining world order.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			

Please put tick marks in the above table.

Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.

TOTAL MARKS

Q.10) Examine the impact of the Israel-Palestine war on stability in West Asia.

8

पश्चिम एशिया में स्थिरता पर इजरायल-फिलिस्तीन युद्ध के प्रभाव का विश्लेषण करें।

Israel-India relations are based on the strategy autonomy, where India follows the Two-State solution in the conflict.

Impact of Israel-Palestine war

① Energy Crisis

West Asia [largest producer of crude oil and largest supplier].

② global turbulence [from cold war to Nuclear war] situations.

↳ eg: U.S.A ~~is~~ blasted INS Dera of Iran near Indian Ocean.

③ Economic challenges

↳ Reduced trade with West Asia and the crisis of LPG, electricity

↳ eg: cylinder crisis occur in India

Israel - Palestine war

- ① Energy crisis due to declining trade with Israel.
- ② Rise in communalism and religious terrorism
eg Iran vowed to free Gaza from Israel.
- ③ Nuclear Race
↳ As west Asia will be the game handler if Israel - Palestine war continues.
- ④ Multilateralism to Bipolar world order
USA, Europe allies with Israel while Iran, Russia, China allies with Palestine.

Debate, Discussion, Dialogue is the way to resolve conflicts. as PM Modi says this is an era of Peace and not of war.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

दीर्घ उत्तरीय प्रश्न

Section-B / खण्ड-ब

Q.11) Unlike political parties, pressure groups focus on specific interests. Do you agree? Give reasons. 12

राजनीतिक दलों के विपरीत, दबाव समूह विशिष्ट हितों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करते हैं। क्या आप सहमत हैं? कारण बताइए।

Pressure groups are having the homogeneous ideology and common interest for the benefits of their society.

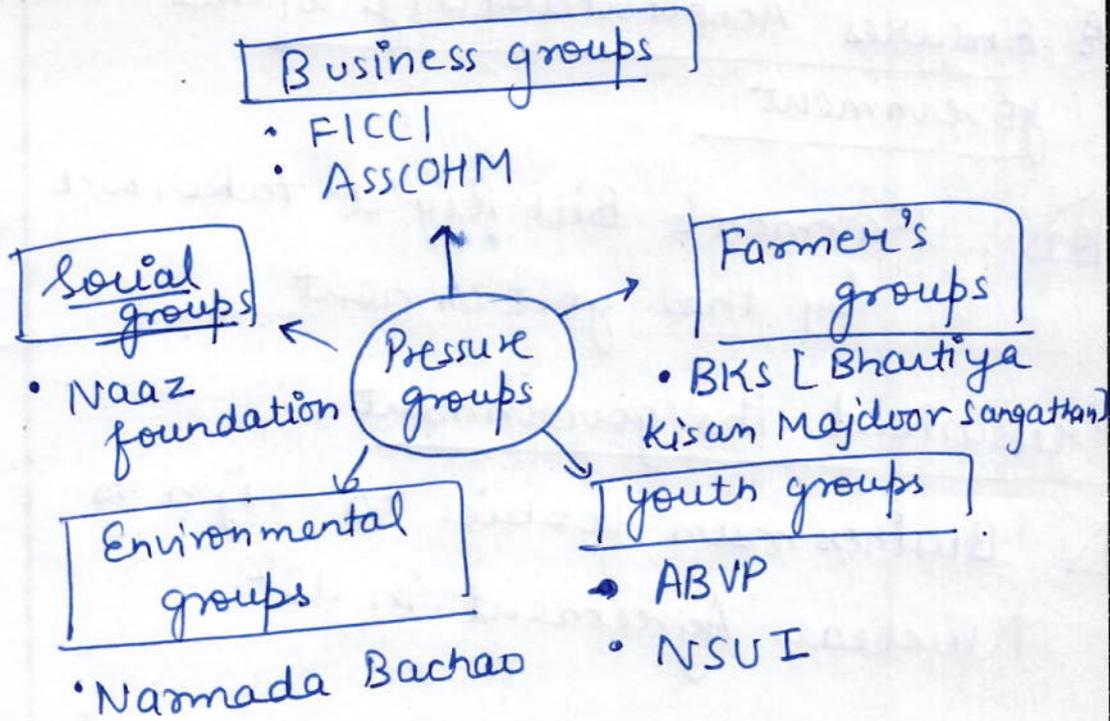


Fig: Types of Pressure groups.

Pressure groups focus on specific interest

① Common Goal achievement

↳ for a particular group

② 'Voice of the unheard'

↳ eg: Farmer's pressure group to raise their voice

③ A Ensures Accountability of the government

↳ eg: Farmer's Bill Right taken back by the government

④ Pressurized the government

↳ eg Businessman lobbies to sign to Nuclear Agreement in USA.

⑤ Mass mobilisation without political Representation

⑥ Active feedback and participation

at grassroots level.

However, some challenges are:-

① Political affiliation

↳ Unnecessary delay in the implementation of policies.

② foreign funding to use against government.

③ Barrier in the Welfare of government programme.

④ Influence the public perception early

⑤ Lobbies group instead of ~~pub~~ pressure groups.

Way forward

1. McKinsey group → called for registration portal of groups

↳ 2. Control on foreign funding affiliation

~~NGO's~~ Pressure group helps in Active Jan Bhagidari for pro people governance.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			

Please put tick marks in the above table.

Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.

TOTAL MARKS	
-------------	--

Q.12) "Despite constitutional status, urban local bodies continue to face financial and administrative constraints." Discuss. 12

"संवैधानिक दर्जा प्राप्त होने के बावजूद, शहरी स्थानीय निकायों को वित्तीय और प्रशासनिक बाधाओं का सामना करना पड़ता है।" चर्चा कीजिए।

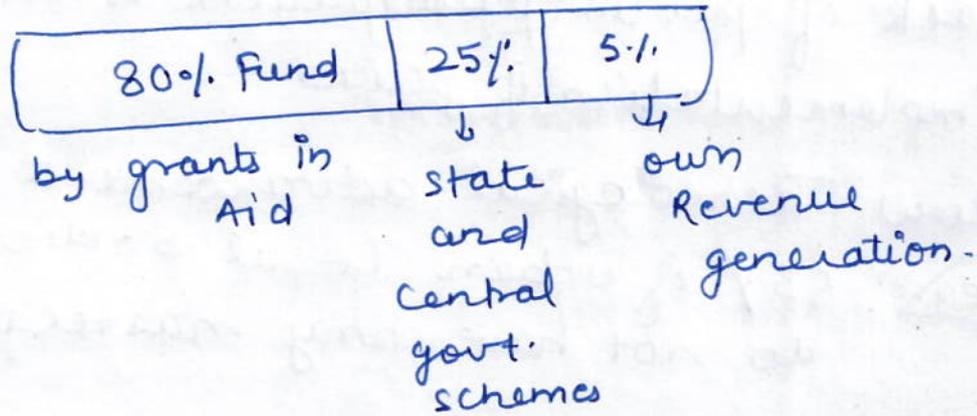
Urban local bodies are the manifestation of Gandhiji 'Swaraj', mentioned in Part IXth and 74th Constitutional amendment Act, where 29 subjects given to these bodies to function efficiently.

Face financial constraints

- ① funds, functions and functionaries
 - ↳ Lack of taxation powers to bodies
- ② centralisation of funds
 - ↳ Centre aids and Centrally Sponsored schemes dependency.
- ③ Decline in Autonomy
 - ↳ defeat the purpose of 'Swaraj' at grassroot level.

④ Leaky pipeline of funds

↳ Corruption in transfer of funds.



face administrative constraints

① 'Maya' is a ceremonial body do not have legislative and executive power

② State government centralisation tendency → increases dispute in implementation.

③ Lack of human Resource Capacity in the administration

④ Multiple Body structure → eg: "

RWA's [Residential welfare societies]

~~PWD~~ PWD's for sanitation.

⑤ Lack of public participation is the implementation of police

⑥ Low Technological advancement
eg: 65% of urban local bodies do not have any master plan

- Way forward
- 1. Financial power of taxation should be mandatory
 - 2. Less political interference
 - 3. Clearly defined role of similar bodies
 - ↳ 4. Social audits and performance based grants of local bodies
 - ↳ 5. Fast track courts to solve urban local bodies disputes.

Urban local bodies can change the 'Suraj to Swaraj' in real sense.

Feedback

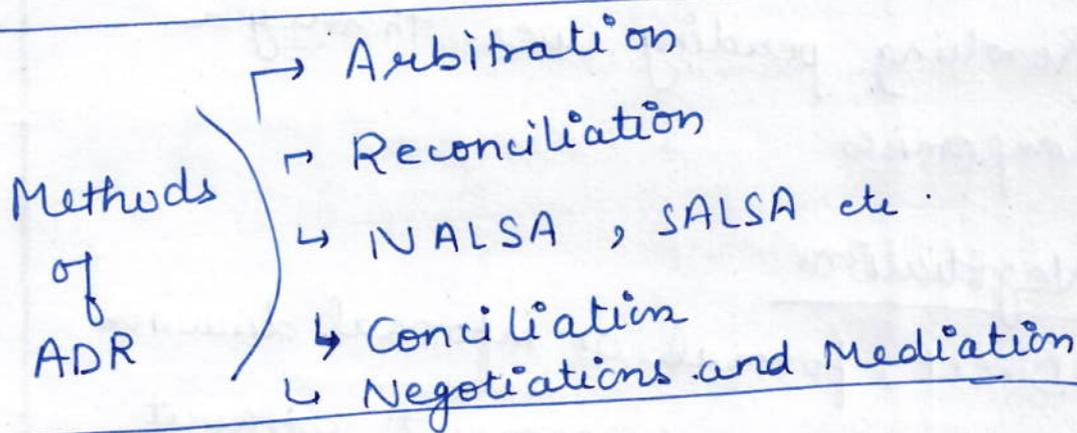
(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.13) What alternative mechanism of dispute resolution have emerged in recent years? How far have they been effective? 12

हाल के वर्षों में विवाद समाधान के कौन-कौन से वैकल्पिक तंत्र उभरे हैं? वे किस हद तक प्रभावी रहे हैं?

Alternate dispute Resolution mechanism helps in delivering the Justice in the society as mentioned under John Rawl's Theory of justice.



ADR emerged in recent years

① Arbitration Council Act

to resolve dispute through an arbitrator. and they are legally binding judgements.

② Mediation Act 2023

↳ Mediation Council of India recently

formed for civil cases for faster resolution.

- ③ ADR for Corporate legal cases
↳ to resolve the dispute without legal interference
- ④ Lok Adalat's [people courts] for resolving pending cases through compromises
- ⑤ Negotiations
↳ Direct, formal or informal discussion to reach an agreement without a third party].

effectiveness of ADR

- ① Bring efficiency
↳ faster resolution of cases without formal courts.
- ② cost effectiveness
↳ saves money compare

to long term litigation.

③ Confidentiality

↳ Proceedings held in private

④ Flexibility

↳ principle of natural justice followed

⑤ Relationship preservation

↳ mutual agreement helps in saving relationships

Challenges:

① Lack of awareness among people

② Pendency of cases in the Arbitration courts.

③ Lack of human ~~sto~~ Resources as the cases heard by retired judges.

Way forward

1. formalisation of alternate dispute Resolution.

↳ 2. Awareness campaign for people.

ADR should act as a limb of JUSTICE in the society

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			

Please put tick marks in the above table.
Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.

TOTAL MARKS	
-------------	--

Q.14) "Citizen Participation is the cornerstone of responsive governance." Critically analyze.

12

"नागरिक सहभागिता उत्तरदायी शासन की आधारशिला है।" आलोचनात्मक विश्लेषण कीजिए।

Citizen participation is the foundation in the good governance principle. It involves all the stakeholders in the decision making.

PM Modi - Sabka ~~is~~ Sath, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas for the VIKSIT BHARAT

Citizen participation is the cornerstone

① Inclusive governance

↳ by participation of all vulnerable section.

② Responsibility, and Accountability

↳ eg. RTI act is the ^{second} dawn in Constitutional Reform.

③ strengthen feedback mechanisms

eg: Rajasthan Jan Bhagidari portal

④ Awareness about fundamental Rights.

eg Kerala's → first constitutional literate district.

⑤ Build Trust between government and governance

eg 'NO SARKAR' initiative of Odisha government

⑥ Reduces Corruption

↳ by enhancing transparency through active participation

⑦ Enhances two-way communication

↳ efficiency + effectiveness = good governance

⑧ Reactive to proactive governance model

eg ART [Accountability, Responsibility and Transparency]

Current challenges

- ① Red Tapism in the governance leads to Bureaucratic Apathy
- ② Lack of awareness among people
eg) Social Auditing.
- ③ Digital Divide between Men vs women
Rural vs Urban
Poor vs Rich.
- ④ Lack of Trust due to corruption in the governance

Way forward

1. Easy filling of RTI and PIO's vacancy filled
2. Citizen charters in the regional languages
3. Social auditing of the public projects like [VB & RAMG]
4. Vulnerable section participation while planning of schemes.

The governance should be for the people, by the people.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.15) What steps has the Government of India taken to curb online betting and gambling, and why are such measures necessary in the digital era? 12

भारत सरकार ने ऑनलाइन सट्टेबाजी और जुए पर अंकुश लगाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं, और डिजिटल युग में ऐसे उपाय क्यों आवश्यक हैं?

Recently AVGC [Aviation, Gaming, Content creation] Labs has been introduced under the Budget to boost the economy.

Steps to curb online betting and gambling

① Curb on betting and gambling which are based on financial skills rather than mindful skills.

② Digital Data protection Act for curbing on financial frauds.

eg Digital Data arrest cases.

③

Re Measures are necessary :-

- ① to curb the economy from the financial frauds
- ② Reducing Cyber Crimes.
- ③ Vulnerable sections exposure leads to more vulnerabilities
eg children, women etc.
- ④ Saving the Right to privacy of individuals as mentioned in the Puttaswamy judgement case
- ⑤ Regulation on platforms, organisers of betting and gambling.
- ⑥ Reducing suicides in the youth due to betting and gambling loss.

- Way forward
1. Department for betting and gambling under Ministry of sports
 2. Mental health should be a part of school curriculum
 3. Game of skills promoted to boost orange economy
 4. Data centres in India to protect Right to privacy.
 5. Timelimits for children to play games [through parental permission]
 6. punishment on false presentation through advertisement

The increasing orange economy potential cannot be curbed, but a regulated zone is required for online betting and gaming ✓

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table.			
Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.16) "Workplace exploitation of women is not merely a personal issue but a social and governance challenge." Critically evaluate this statement. 12

"कार्यस्थल पर महिलाओं का शोषण केवल एक व्यक्तिगत मुद्दा नहीं है, बल्कि एक सामाजिक और शासन संबंधी चुनौती भी है।" इस कथन का आलोचनात्मक मूल्यांकन कीजिए।

Women are facing cumulative discrimination from 'womb to tomb'. They are economically exploited, socially suppressed, politically passive.

Current Female labour force participation rate is 41% + PLFS

Not, merely a personal issue, but a social and governance challenge.

① Reduced Economic opportunities

↳ workplace sexual harassment

Govt. measures - Vishakha Guidelines in State of Rajasthan Case.

② Lack of Labour force participation

↳ reduced the GDP growth by

10 to 15%.

③ Societal backwardness

↳ less participation → increases patriarchy in the society → against the fundamental Right of women.

④ Limited set of opportunities

↳ e.g. pink collarisation job.

⑤ Meagre political participation

↳ 15% in ~~current~~ 17th Lok Sabha.

⑥ 'Unheard' voice of vulnerable class

↳ unequal representation at all sphere.

⑦ 'Shadow on women's interest'

↳ if participation of women is less.

⑧ effect on Inter-generation

↳ If a woman is educated, the whole family is educated.
- Jawahar Lal Nehru.

Way forward :-

- ① Increase political Representation
- ② Reskilling, Upskilling and New-skilling of Female labour force
- ③ Implementation of 'POSH Act' effectively
- ④ 'Pink Police Booth stations' with female beat officers
- ⑤ Secure infrastructure especially in Night shifts job.
- ⑥ Increase STEM's participation

Govt's efforts

- ① Nirbhaya funds for security infrastructure
- ② 'SHE' Boxes in the Corporate or public sector
- ③ Internal complaint committee should have female members

India needs not only women development but women led development

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.17) "Welfare schemes are essential but often criticized for inefficiency and leakages." Comment. 12

"कल्याणकारी योजनाएँ आवश्यक हैं, लेकिन अक्सर अक्षमता और भ्रष्टाचार के लिए उनकी आलोचना की जाती है।" टिप्पणी कीजिए।

Welfare schemes are for targeted groups in the society to give them equal opportunity in the society to achieve the goal of Preamble JUSTICE → Political, Social, Economic.

Welfare schemes are essential

① Inclusive governance model

eg ST → Eklavya's Residential Model schools -

women's → Mission Shakti, Drone Didi.

② 'Sawodaya' concept → formulation

Reaching the last, the lost and the least.

eg → Border village [vibrant village programme] welfare.

- ③ Capacity building of all section as suggested by Amartya Sen.
- ④ Reduce poverty
 - ↳ National food security Act 1957
 - 67% of population covered
- ⑤ fulfilling SDG's goal
 - ↳ PM Garib Kalyan yojna.
 - PM Vishwakarma yojna.
- ⑥ Equal opportunity enabler
 - ↳ to balanced the regional development
 - ↳ Bundelkhand package.

However, criticized for inefficiency and leakages

 - ① 'Inclusion and Exclusion error' deprived the section in getting benefit
 - ② Corruption in governance
 - ↳ PDS leakages [do not reach

to the ultimate beneficiaries.

③ focus on Quantity rather than quality

eg: Food distribution under Mid-day meal

[Aanganwadi workers mixed water in the milk container].

④ lack of public participation and social auditing of the projects

⑤ Influence 'feebies culture' → burden on state government and public exchequers.

→ 1. ~~Universal~~ Targeted delivery of schemes and not to all sections

↳ 2. Mandatory auditing of schemes

↳ 3. Digital [Use of Block chain Technology] for record maintenance

↳ 4. Zero Tolerance towards corruption.

Welfarism approach should be merged with Capability development approach.

Way forward

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.18) What is minilateralism? Discuss its advantages and limitations in contemporary global governance. 12

लघु-पार्श्ववाद (minilateralism) क्या है? समकालीन वैश्विक शासन में इसके लाभ और सीमाओं पर चर्चा कीजिए।

Minilateralism can be defined as engaging with smaller group of countries for global development

The world is moving fast with changing multilateralism model to Mini lateralism model

eg) India - Africa minilateralism

eg) SIDS countries [small island developing states] -

Advantages

① Regional dialogue strengthen

eg) India south east Asia dialogue

② Easy to Balance the foreign policy.

- ③ use of soft diplomatic power to influence multilateralism.
- ④ Common interest could be achieved.

(eg) ~~Asian~~ 21st Century is Asian Century

Disadvantages

- ① focus only on regional growth
- ② lack of global vision of growth
- ③ Large number of multilateralism group will be formed

India's foreign policy is focusing on Multilateralism and multilateralism to focus on the growth and development of India's growth story of 'Vishwaquasi'

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.19) "The outbreak of a USA-Iran war poses multidimensional risks to India's economy, security, and foreign policy." Discuss. 12

"अमेरिका-ईरान युद्ध के छिड़ने से भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था, सुरक्षा और विदेश नीति के लिए बहुआयामी जोखिम उत्पन्न हो सकते हैं।" चर्चा कीजिए।

The Recent USA Iran war changed the global world order from Cold Era to Nuclear war era, if not stopped timely.

Multi-dimensional risks to India's economy

① Declining trade with west Asia and Europe

↳ Strait of Hormuz has been choked due to USA-Iran war.

② Food crisis - due to import-export challenges.

eg: Sunflower import from Ukraine through Suez canal.

③ Increase fiscal deficit of state
↳ Increasing expenditure on

the defence expenditure to secure our borders in defence of from Pakistanis

Security Risks

① Energy crisis

- ↳ Recent LPG cylinder crisis → impact on the people of India's consumption.
- ↳ oil crisis - Iran and other west Asian countries, major supplier of oil.

② Impact on National Security

eg) INS Dena blasted by USA near India's border.

③ Turmoil for NRI's in west Asia

- ↳ Evacuation measures for our people in west Asia.

Foreign policy

① India's multi-alignment approach

- ↳ Debate, disunion and deluge

with Israel and Iran both the countries

- ② focus on 'Self Reliant' India to secure India from energy crisis.
- ③ Use of defensive Capabilities with hard and soft power diplomacy
- ④ Bilateral engagements with the countries to like Nepal for hydroelectricity project [focus shift to renewable energy potential.

fiedel castro → A country should know when to be aligned and when to be non-aligned is the art of diplomacy.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Q.20) Examine the major issues of dispute between India and Bangladesh and give suggestions for improving bilateral relations. 12

भारत और बांग्लादेश के बीच विवाद के प्रमुख मुद्दों का विश्लेषण कीजिए और द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को बेहतर बनाने के लिए सुझाव दीजिए।

India and Bangladesh are tied by the umbilical cord of political, social and cultural ties since historical ties.

Mandal Theory of Kautilya's → Bangladesh lies in the first concentric circle of India.

⇒ Major issues of between India and Bangladesh

① Teesta - River water dispute

↳ on capturing of river water from Brahmaputra River.

② Illegal migrants from Bangladesh border

↳ in the India → strain on natural Resources and change the demography.

③ Instability in the North east

↳ due to cross border terrorism

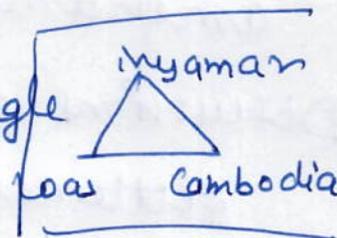
④ Refugee crisis

eg ~~the~~ Rohingya's crisis from Myanmar and Bangladesh border.

⑤ Cattle smuggling in the border areas

⑥ Drug cartels and organised crimes give rise to Noxalism and terrorism

↳ because of Death triangle



⑦ 'Fake currency'

in the border areas, affecting the economy of India.

⑧

⑧ Dumping of Chinese goods in the economy ~~due~~ through Bangladesh Borders.

Suggestions :

- ① Bilateral dialogues between India and Bangladesh political leaders
- ② Cross Border fencing in border areas
- ③ Tech integration of Border Security forces.
- ④ Land boundary agreements like ~~Bea~~ 100th constitutional amendment Act.
- ⑤ Discussions on the refugee's settlement with the Bangladesh.
- ⑥ Coordination with Bangladesh armies to jointly bust terrorisms
- ⑦ Joint exercises with Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is our neighbourhood friend, and India's Neighbourhood first policy will help in Boosting our ties.

Feedback

(For OFFICE use only)

#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

Mentor Feedback Questions

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Test Goal

- 1
- 2
- 3

Outcomes

-
-
-
-

Marking Scheme

Mark	Good	Average	Below average
10 Marker	3.75 - 5.0	3.0 - 3.5	< 3.0
15 Marker	5.75 - 7.0	4.0 - 5.5	< 4.0
20 Marker	7.75 - 10	6 - 7.5	< 6
	Key / Relevant Point		
	Vague / Irrelevant		

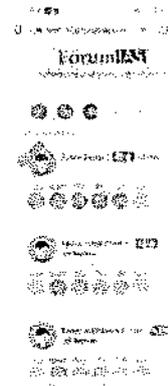
* Subject to change without prior notice.

Availing Mentorship - Now made easy & seamless via mentorship.forumias.com

Dear Students,

You can now avail Mentorship in both online & offline mode seamlessly. All you need to do is login to below URL and pick up a date and time and your Mentorship is scheduled at the designated time.

Visit the URL <https://mentorship.forumias.com> or Scan the QR code



When must you seek mentorship? When you are unable to fully comprehend the directions given by the evaluator in the MGP copy. A Mentor will help you understand the nuances of your evaluated MGP copy. He / She will also be able to make suggestions, if needed, on improvements that you could make.

If we are already doing well, a reinforcement from the Mentor will further assist us in following the right path. A Mentor may also be able to give valuable inputs with respect to time management, presentation, structure etc. He may recommend you clearly to work on content or may suggest you to take courses / read books in case he feels you lack content that may be quickly improved with a course at ForumIAS or elsewhere, or some study material.

To download topper's copies, visit the link <https://blog.forumias.com/testimonials>

Topper's Testimonials and Test Copies

CSE 2023: Topper's Testimonials and Test Copies

- CSE Rank 1, Shrut Sharma, Download MGP Copies + Testimonial (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 1, US Arsh Dhillon, Download MGP Copies + Testimonial (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 2, Dhruv Bhatti, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 3, Prateek Kumar, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 12, Vichitri Shekhar, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 13, Adheya Jain, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 17, Vatsik Jain, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 19, Daksh Joshi, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 20, Arpit Chaudhary, Download MGP Copies + Testimonial (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 21, Akshay, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 24, Kushagra Saini, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 25, Shruv Rajakumar, Download MGP Copies + Testimonial (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 26, Ujjwal Anand, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 31, Abhishek Bhatnagar, Download MGP Copies + Testimonial (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 33, Namam Goyal, Download MGP Copies + Testimonial (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 37, Jashmir Singh, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 39, Yashraj Suresh, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 50, Nehal Chakradar, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)
- CSE Rank 60, Sachin Jain, Download MGP Copies (1) (1) (1)