

INDIAN POLITY – UPSC MAINS PYQS (BRAINSTORMING SHEETS - 45 YEARS PYQS COVERED)

MACRO TOPIC - CONSTITUTION – COMPARATIVE STUDY

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
1	Pardoning Power — India vs USA	2025	15	Compare and contrast the President's power to pardon in India and in the USA. Are there any limits to it in both the countries? What are 'preemptive pardons'?
2	Secularism — India vs USA	2024	15	Discuss India as a secular state and compare with the secular principles of the US constitution.
3	Parliamentary Sovereignty — India vs UK	2023	10	Compare and contrast the British and Indian approaches to Parliamentary sovereignty.
4	Presidential Election — India vs France	2022	15	Critically examine the procedures through which the presidents of India and France are elected.
5	Equality — USA vs India	2021	15	Analyze the distinguishing features of the notion of Equality in the Constitutions of the USA and India.
6	Judicial Systems — India vs UK	2020	10	The judicial system in India and UK seem to be converging as well as diverging in recent times. Highlight the key points of convergence and divergence.

MACRO TOPIC - CONSTITUTION – HISTORY, MAKING & PHILOSOPHY

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
7	Constitutional Morality	2021	10	'Constitutional Morality' is rooted in the Constitution itself and is founded on its essential facets. Explain the doctrine of 'Constitutional Morality' with the help of relevant judicial decisions.
8	India's Approach to Secularism	2019	10	What can France learn from the Indian Constitution's approach to secularism?
9	India vs USA	2018	15	India and USA are two large democracies. Examine the basic tenets on which the two political systems are based.
10	Need for Constitutional Review	2008	15	Do you think there is a need for a review of the Indian Constitution? Justify your view.
11	Sources	2007	15	What is a Constitution? What are the main sources of the Indian Constitution?
12	J&K Reorganisation	2025	10	Discuss the nature of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly after the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019.

MACRO TOPIC - CONSTITUTIONAL & STATUTORY BODIES

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
13	Attorney General — Role & Limitations	2025	10	'The Attorney General of India plays a crucial role in guiding the legal framework of the Union Government and ensuring sound governance through legal counsel.' Discuss his responsibilities, rights and limitations.
14	Administrative Tribunals — Need & Reforms	2025	10	Comment on the need of administrative tribunals as compared to the court system. Assess the impact of the recent tribunal reforms through rationalization of tribunals made in 2021.
15	NCPCR — Children in Digital Era	2025	15	The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has to address the challenges faced by children in the digital era. Examine the existing policies and suggest measures.
16	CAG — Legality and Propriety	2024	15	'The duty of the Comptroller and Auditor General is not merely to ensure the legality of expenditure but also its propriety.' Comment.

17	Lok Adalats vs Arbitration Tribunals	2024	15	Explain and distinguish between Lok Adalats and Arbitration Tribunals. Whether they entertain civil as well as criminal cases?
18	Competition Commission — MNCs	2023	10	Discuss the role of the Competition Commission of India in containing the abuse of dominant position by the Multi-National Corporations in India.
19	Election Commission — MCC	2022	15	Discuss the role of the Election Commission of India in light of the evolution of the Model Code of Conduct.
20	National Commission for Backward Classes	2022	10	Discuss the role of the National Commission for Backward Classes in the wake of its transformation from a statutory body to a constitutional body.
21	14th Finance Commission	2021	10	How have the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission of India enabled the states to improve their fiscal position?
22	National Commission for Women	2020	15	Which steps are required for constitutionalisation of a commission? Do you think imparting constitutionality to the national commission for women would ensure greater gender justice?
23	Attorney General — Chief Legal Adviser	2019	15	'The Attorney-General is the chief legal adviser and lawyer of the Government of India.' Discuss.
24	Central Administrative Tribunal	2019	10	'The Central Administrative Tribunal which was established for redressal of grievances and complaints by or against central government employees, nowadays is exercising its powers as an independent judicial authority.' Explain.
25	NCSC	2018	10	Whether National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) can enforce the implementation of constitutional reservation for the Scheduled Castes in the religious minority institutions?
26	CAG — Role & Independence	2018	10	'The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has a very vital role to play.' Explain how this is reflected in the method and terms of his appointment as well as the range of powers he can exercise.
27	Finance Commission	2018	15	How is the Finance Commission of India constituted? What do you know about the terms of reference of the recently constituted Finance Commission?
28	Election Commission	2017	15	To enhance the quality of democracy in India the Election Commission of India has proposed electoral reforms in 2016. What are the suggested reforms and how far are they significant?
29	National Commission for Women	2017	15	Is the National Commission for Women able to strategize and tackle the problems that women face at both public and private spheres?
30	CAG — Audit	2016	12.5	Exercise of CAG's powers in relation to the accounts of the Union and the States is derived from Article 149. Discuss whether audit of the Government's Policy implementation could amount to overstepping its own jurisdiction.
31	Quasi-Judicial Body — Definition	2016	12.5	What is a quasi-judicial body? Explain with the help of concrete examples.
32	Regulatory Institutions	2015	12.5	'For achieving the desired objectives, it is necessary to ensure that the regulatory institutions remain independent and autonomous.' Discuss in the light of the experiences in recent past.
33	Rail Tariff Authority — Regulatory Reform	2014	12.5	The setting up of a Rail Tariff Authority to regulate fares will subject the cash strapped Indian Railways to demand subsidy. Taking into account the experience in the power sector, discuss if the proposed reform is expected to benefit the consumers.
34	NHRC	2014	12.5	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in India can be most effective when its tasks are adequately supported by other mechanisms. Assess the role of NHRC as an effective complement to the judiciary.

35	13th Finance Commission	2013	12.5	Discuss the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission which have been a departure from the previous commissions for strengthening the local government finances.
36	UPSC — Composition & Functions	2008	10	Discuss the composition and functions of Union Public Service Commission.
37	Inter-State Council	2006	10	How does the Inter-State Council establish co-ordination between States?
38	Election Commission	2005	10	What are the steps that the Election Commission may take if a recalcitrant State Government wants to put off Assembly Elections?
39	UPSC — Independence	2004	15	How does the Indian Constitution Seek to maintain independence of the Public Service Commission?
40	Finance Commission	2004	10	What is a Finance Commission? Discuss the main functions of the State Finance Commission.
41	Finance Commission	2003	10	What is a Finance Commission?
42	National Security Council	1999	10	Discuss the composition and functions of the National Security Council.
43	All India Judicial Service	1997	10	Present your views for and against the creation of an All India Judicial Service.
44	Election Commission	1994	10	What is the stand of the Election Commission on the residential qualification of the members of the Rajya Sabha?
45	Planning Commission & NDC	1994	15	Explain the role of the Planning Commission and the National Development Council in the formulation of public policy in India.
46	Election Commission	1994	10	Explain the position of the Election Commission with regard to the residential qualification of the members of the Council of States.
47	Election Commission	1993	10	Describe the composition and functions of the Election Commission of India.
48	National Development Council	1993	10	Describe the composition and functions of the National Development Council.
49	National Integration Council	1991	10	What is National Integration Council? Is there a need for it? What was the major outcome of the recent meeting of the National Integration Council?
50	UPSC	1991	10	What are the constitutional provisions that ensure the independence of the Public Service Commissions in India?
51	CAG — Duties & Independence	1989	15	Define the duties and powers of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in regard to Audit and show how the Constitution provides for his independence from Executive Control.
52	Election Commission	1988	10	Explain the Constitutional responsibilities of the Election Commission of India.

MACRO TOPIC - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & BASIC STRUCTURE

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
53	Amending Power	2025	15	The Indian Constitution has conferred the amending power on the ordinary legislative institutions with a few procedural hurdles. Examine the procedural and substantive limitations on the amending power of Parliament.
54	GST & Federalism	2023	15	Explain the significance of the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act. To what extent does it reflect the accommodative spirit of federalism.

55	Article 368 — Basic Structure	2019	15	'Parliament's power to amend the constitution is a limited power and it cannot be enlarged into absolute power'. Explain whether Parliament under Article 368 can destroy the Basic Structure.
56	101st Amendment — GST	2017	15	Explain the salient features of the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016. Do you think it is efficacious enough to remove cascading effect of taxes?
57	Whistle-blowers Act	2015	15	'If amendment bill to the Whistle-blowers Act, 2011 tabled in the Parliament is passed, there may be no one left to protect.' Critically evaluate.
58	Amendment Bill - Ordinary Bill	2006	10	How would you differentiate between the passage of a Constitution Amendment Bill and of an Ordinary Legislative Bill?
59	44th Amendment	2003	10	Highlight the significance of Forty Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of India.
60	Amendment Procedure	2002	15	How is the Constitution of India amended? Do you think that the procedure for amendment makes the Constitution a plaything in the hands of the Centre?
61	Legislative Bill	2001	15	What are the main differences between the passage of a Constitution Amendment Bill and other Legislative Bills?
62	Basic Structure Doctrine	2000	20	What constitutes the doctrine of 'basic features' as introduced into the Constitution of India by the Judiciary?
63	24th Amendment	1999	10	Highlight the significance of the Twenty Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of India.
64	73rd Amendment	1998	10	Highlight the significance of the Seventy-third Amendment to the Constitution of India.
65	Basic Structure	1994	10	Describe the emergence of Basic Structure concept in the Indian Constitution.
66	8th Schedule	1994	10	Four more languages were added to the 8th Schedule of the Constitution through two amendments. Give the names of these four languages as also the serial number of amendments.
67	Amending Procedure	1992	15	What are the general features of the amending procedures of the Constitution of India?
68	64th Amendment	1990	15	What are the major recommendations of the National Perspective Plan for women, 1988 and what are the relevant recommendations as envisaged in the Constitutional Amendment Bill (64th Amendment)?

MACRO TOPIC - ELECTIONS & POLITICAL PARTIES

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
69	Corrupt Practices — RPA 1951	2025	10	Discuss the 'corrupt practices' for the purpose of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Analyze whether increase in assets of legislators disproportionate to known sources of income would constitute 'undue influence'.
70	One Nation One Election	2024	15	Examine the need for electoral reforms as suggested by various committees with particular reference to 'one nation – one election' principle.
71	Election Disputes — RPA 1951	2022	15	Discuss the procedures to decide the disputes arising out of the election of a Member of the Parliament or a State Legislature under the Representation of People Act 1951. What are the grounds on which the election of any returned candidate may be declared void?
72	Disqualification — Corrupt Practices	2020	10	There is a need for simplification of Procedure for disqualification of persons found guilty of corrupt practices under the Representation of Peoples Act. Comment.
73	Disqualification — Grounds & Remedies	2019	15	On what grounds a people's representative can be disqualified under the Representation of People Act, 1951? Also mention the remedies available to such person against his disqualification.
74	EVM — Trustworthiness of Elections	2018	10	In the light of recent controversy regarding the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM), what are the challenges before the Election Commission to ensure the trustworthiness of elections in India?

75	Simultaneous Elections	2017	10	'Simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies will limit the amount of time and money spent in electioneering but it will reduce the government's accountability to the people.' Discuss.
76	Regional Political Parties	2008	10	Examine the impact of Regional Political Parties in Indian politics.
77	Voting Behaviour in India	2007	15	What are the Main determinants of voting behaviour in India?
78	Constituency Delimitation	2002	10	Describe the methods of delimiting constituencies for parliamentary elections in India.
79	Electoral Reforms — Major Reforms Needed	2000	10	Identify the major electoral reforms which are necessary in the Indian Political System.
80	Types of Elections	1998	10	Differentiate and state the significance of general election, mid-term election and by-election.
81	Electoral System — Review & Modifications	1990	15	Review the present Electoral System in India and suggest modifications to ensure better and healthier Policy.
82	One Party Dominant System	1985	15	Is it correct to describe the party system in India as One party Dominant system? Give reasons for your answer.

MACRO TOPIC - EXECUTIVE – PRESIDENT, PM, GOVERNOR

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
83	Parliament's Accountability	2021	10	To what extent, in your view, the Parliament is able to ensure accountability of the executive in India?
84	Parliamentary Standing Committees	2021	15	Do Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees keep the administration on its toes and inspire reverence for parliamentary control? Evaluate the working of such committees.
85	President — Death Sentence Delays	2014	10	Instances of President's delay in commuting death sentences has come under public debate as denial of justice. Should there be a time limit specified for the President to accept/reject such petitions? Analyse.
86	Cabinet Size & Governance Efficacy	2014	10	The size of the cabinet should be as big as governmental work justifies and as big as the Prime Minister can manage as a team. How far is the efficacy of a government then inversely related to the size of the cabinet? Discuss.
87	President — Exceptions to Aid	2007	10	What are the exceptions when the President of India is not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers?
88	Death Sentence	2003	15	Discuss the question of death sentence and Presidential clemency.
89	Governor's Discretionary Powers	2003	15	Explain the discretionary powers of the Governor of a State.
90	President's Ordinance-Making Power	2001	10	Comment on the nature of Ordinance-making power of the President of India. What safeguards are there against possible misuse?
91	Cabinet vs PM Secretariat	2001	10	Distinguish between Cabinet Secretariat and Prime Minister's Secretariat. Which of these is more important?
92	President & Vice President Election	1997	15	How are the President and the Vice President of India elected? What are the constitutional issues involved in their election?

93	Governor vs President — Powers	1994	15	In India, though the Governor is the constitutional head of a state just as the President of the country, the former may be enjoying more powers than the latter. Do you agree? Give reasons.
94	President-PM Relationship	1991	15	Examine the constitutional relation between the President and the Prime Minister of India.
95	Scheduled Areas	1991	10	Discuss the powers of the President of India regarding the scheduled areas.
96	Governor's Discretionary Powers	1990	10	Explain the nature and extent of discretionary powers and special responsibilities of the Governor in the Indian Constitution.
97	Consultative Committees	1989	10	Discuss the value of the consultative committees attached to the different Ministries of the Government of India.
98	President's Powers	1981	15	Describe briefly the legislative and executive powers of the President of India. Have there been any changes during the last decade? Offer your comments.
99	42nd & 44th Amendments	1982	15	The office of the president of India was designed in the British mode. Consider the modification of the executive powers of the president by the 42nd amendment, 1976 and the 44th amendment 1979.
100	Governor	1984	15	How is the governor of a state appointed in India? Does the manner of his appointments ensure his independent functioning?

MACRO TOPIC - FEDERALISM, CENTRE-STATE RELATIONS & EMERGENCY

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
101	Financial Relation	2025	15	Examine the evolving pattern of Centre-State financial relations in the context of planned development in India. How far have the recent reforms impacted the fiscal federalism in India?
102	Recent Changes	2024	15	What changes has the Union Government recently introduced in the domain of Centre-State relations? Suggest measures to build trust between Centre and States and for strengthening federalism.
103	Article 356	2023	15	Account for the legal and political factors responsible for the reduced frequency of using Article 356 by the Union Governments since mid-1990s.
104	National vs Regional Parties	2022	15	While the national political parties in India favour centralisation, the regional parties are in favour of state autonomy. Comment.
105	CBI Jurisdiction	2021	15	The jurisdiction of the CBI regarding lodging an FIR and conducting probes within a particular state is being questioned. However, the power of States to withhold consent to the CBI is not absolute. Explain.
106	Cooperative Federalism	2020	10	How far do you think cooperation, competition and confrontation have shaped the nature of federation in India? Cite some recent examples.
107	Financial Emergency	2018	10	Under what circumstances can the Financial Emergency be proclaimed by the President of India? What consequences follow when such a declaration remains in force?
108	Delhi Lt. Governor	2018	15	Whether the Supreme Court Judgement (July 2018) can settle the political tussle between the Lt. Governor and elected government of Delhi? Examine.
109	69th Amendment	2016	12.5	Discuss the essentials of the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act and anomalies that have led to conflicts between the elected representatives and the Lt. Governor in the administration of Delhi.
110	Government of India Act 1935	2016	12.5	Did the Government of India Act, 1935 lay down a federal constitution? Discuss.
111	Cooperative Federalism	2015	15	The concept of cooperative federalism has been increasingly emphasized in recent years. Highlight the drawbacks in the existing structure and the extent to which cooperative federalism would answer the shortcomings.
112	Indian Federalism	2014	10	Though the federal principal is dominant in our constitution and that principle is one of its basic features, it is equally true that federalism under the Indian Constitution leans in favour of a strong Centre. Discuss.

113	Inter-State Water Disputes	2013	10	Constitutional mechanisms to resolve the inter-state water disputes have failed to address and solve the problems. Is the failure due to structural or process inadequacy or both? Discuss.
114	Inter-State Water Disputes	2010	15	Disputes between the riparian states on sharing of river waters in post-Independence India are becoming increasingly complex. Analyze the major disputes with special reference to Southern states.
115	Federalism	2008	15	Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the federal polity in India.
116	Greater State Autonomy	2008	10	Examine the demand for greater state autonomy and its impact on the smooth functioning of India polity.
117	Financial Relations	2005	15	Comment on the financial relation between the Union and the States in India. Has post-1991 liberalization in any way affected it?
118	Breakdown of Constitution	2004	15	Discuss the meaning of 'breakdown of constitutional machinery'. What are its effects.
119	River Water Accord	2004	10	The Inter-State river water dispute has once again assumed centre-stage after the Punjab Assembly's Bill terminating all previous accord on river waters. Discuss.
120	Administrative Relations	2001	15	Discuss the administrative relation between the centre and the states in the light of recent controversies.
121	State Autonomy	2000	15	Examine the demand for greater State-autonomy and also its impact on the smooth functioning of the Indian polity.
122	Extra-Constitutional Factors	2000	10	Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the working of federal polity in India.
123	Article 356	1997	10	What is Article 356 in the Indian Constitution? Comment.
124	Inter-State Water Disputes	1996	10	What role can the Union Government play in settling interstate water disputes?
125	Rajya Sabha	1995	10	Describe the non-federal features of the Council of States.
126	Nature of Indian Federation	1993	15	What are the essentials of a true federation? Analyse the nature of the Indian federation.
127	Zonal Councils	1992	15	What are Zonal Councils? Discuss their constitution, role and importance in achieving interstate comity.
128	State Autonomy	1991	15	Examine whether the grant of greater autonomy to the States would be in the interest of strengthening the integrity and promoting the economic development of the country.
129	Erosion of Federalism	1991	10	'The planning operations in India have led to erosion of federalism.' Discuss.
130	Cooperative Federalism	1990	15	The emphasis in modern federations should not be one division and separation but on Collaboration and on Cooperation. Discuss the statement in the context of Indian Policy.
131	President's Rule	1985	15	Explain the grounds on which the President can proclaim a state emergency. Give examples from the recent experience.
132	Emergency Provisions	1983	15	Many countries which achieved independence after the war have come under dictatorship or military rule. What are the forces that have enabled India to maintain a democratic system? Consider the emergency provision in the constitution.
133	Legislative Lists	1983	15	What were the objectives in having three separate legislative lists in the Constitution of India? Can the Parliament make any law regard to any item in the state list?
134	India — Federal Features	1982	15	India is not a federation but it has definite federal features. Elucidate.
135	Planning & Federalism	1982	15	Planning and federalism make uneasy partners, the planning operations in India have led to the erosion of federalism. Discuss.

136	Union-State Controversy	1981	15	Analyse the causes of controversy in India, in recent years in regard to Union-State relations. What are the specific areas? Consider the main issues and offer your comments and suggestions.
137	State Reorganisation 1950	1980	15	Why were the states of India 'reorganised' in 1950? Do you think that the policy has served the purpose which the Government had in view?

MACRO TOPIC - FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, DPSP & DUTIES

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
138	Right to Privacy & Article 21	2025	15	Right to privacy is intrinsic to life and personal liberty and is inherently protected under Article 21. Explain. Discuss the law relating to DNA testing of child in the womb to establish its paternity.
139	Right to Life	2023	15	'The Constitution of India is a living instrument with capabilities of enormous dynamism.' Illustrate with special reference to the expanding horizons of the right to life and personal liberty.
140	Gender Justice	2023	15	Explain the constitutional perspectives of Gender Justice with the help of relevant Constitutional Provisions and case laws.
141	Right to Movement — Not Absolute	2022	10	Right of movement and residence throughout the territory of India are freely available to Indian citizens, but these rights are not absolute. Comment.
142	Human Rights Commissions	2021	15	Though the Human Rights Commissions have contributed immensely to the protection of human rights in India, yet they have failed to assert themselves against the mighty and powerful. Analyzing their structural and practical limitations, suggest remedial measures.
143	Right to Privacy	2017	15	Examine the scope of Fundamental Rights in the light of the latest judgement of the Supreme Court on Right to Privacy.
144	Article 370	2016	12.5	To what extent is Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, bearing marginal note 'Temporary provision with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir', temporary? Discuss the future prospects of this provision.
145	Preamble — Adjectives of Republic	2016	12.5	Discuss each adjective attached to the word 'Republic' in the preamble. Are they defensible in the present circumstances?
146	Uniform Civil Code	2015	15	Discuss the possible factors that inhibit India from enacting for its citizens a uniform civil code as provided for in the Directive Principles of State Policy.
147	Article 21	2015	15	Does the right to clean environment entail legal regulations on burning crackers during Diwali? Discuss in the light of Article 21 and Judgement(s) of the Apex Court.
148	Freedom of Speech — Hate Speech	2014	10	What do you understand by the concept 'freedom of speech and expression'? Does it cover hate speech also? Why do the films in India stand on a slightly different plane?
149	Section 66A & Free Speech	2013	10	Discuss Section 66A of IT Act, with reference to its alleged violation of Article 19 of the Constitution.
150	Article 371A	2013	10	Recent directives from Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas are perceived by the 'Nagas' as a threat to override the exceptional status enjoyed by the State. Discuss in light of Article 371A.
151	Fundamental Duties	2011	15	Essentially all that is contained in Part IV-A of the Constitution is just a codification of tasks integral to the Indian way of life. Critically examine.
152	Fundamental Duties	2008	15	Enumerate the fundamental duties incorporated in the Constitution after the 42nd amendment.
153	Fundamental Rights vs DPSP	2007	15	Bring out the differences between the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy. Discuss some measures taken by governments for implementation of DPSP.
154	Right to Life	2006	20	What is right to life and personal liberty? How have the courts expanded its meaning in recent years?

155	Right to Freedom of Religion	2005	20	Give your views on the right to freedom of religions as enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Do they make India a secular State?
156	Freedom of Movement (Limits)	2005	15	What are the constitutional limitations on the free movements of Indians throughout the country?
157	Preamble — Philosophy	2004	20	What is the significance of a preamble to a constitution? Bring out the philosophy of the Indian polity as enshrined in the preamble.
158	Constitutional Equal Rights	2004	20	Discuss how the Constitution of India provides equal rights.
159	Fundamental Duties — Major Duties	2003	15	Identify the major Fundamental Duties.
160	Oaths	2002	20	Why does the Constitution of India provide different forms of Oaths for the President, the Ministers, the legislators and the members of the judiciary? Discuss their significance.
161	DPSP — Non-Justiciable Directives	2002	15	Discuss the constitutional provisions relating to the non-justiciable directives binding upon the states.
162	DPSP — Constitutional Position	2001	20	What is the constitutional position of Directive Principles of State Policy? How has it been interpreted by the judiciary after the emergency in 1975-77?
163	Rights of Children	2001	15	Discuss the constitutional provisions regarding the rights of children.
164	Article 15	1999	20	What grounds does Article 15 of the Indian Constitution prohibit discrimination? Indicate the way the concept of 'Special protection' has qualified this prohibition.
165	DPSP — Importance	1999	15	What is the importance of Directive Principles of State Policy? Mention which Directive Principles have got primacy over the Fundamental Rights.
166	DPSP vs FR — Emerging Position	1998	20	Briefly state the stages through which the present position of the Directive Principles vis-a-vis the Fundamental Rights has emerged.
167	Rule of Law	1996	20	What do you understand by the term Rule of Law? How does the Constitution of India seek to establish it?
168	Oaths — Different Forms	1996	20	Why does the Constitution of India contain different forms of Oath for the President, the Ministers, the Legislators and the members of the Judiciary? Discuss their significance.
169	Citizens' Rights & Citizenship	1995	10	What are the constitutional rights of the citizens of India? What do you think about the demand of the NRI's for dual citizenship?
170	Article 21	1994	10	Differentiate between the 'due process of law' and 'the procedure established by law' in the context of deprivation of personal liberty in India.
171	Secularism	1994	10	Indicate the provisions of Indian Constitution relating to Secularism.
172	Fundamental Duties & Implications	1993	10	What are the fundamental duties and their implications?
173	Preventive vs Punitive Detention	1993	10	Distinguish between preventive detention and punitive detention.
174	Constitutional Writs	1993	10	What are the various writs available to the citizens of India?
175	Equal Protection of Law	1993	10	What is meant by 'equal protection of law'?

176	10th Schedule — Anti-Defection	1993	10	What is the content of the 10th schedule of the Constitution of India?
177	Article 24 — Child Labour	1993	10	What is the purpose of Article 24 of the Constitution of India?
178	Secularism & Minorities	1991	10	Discuss the secular nature of Indian polity and the position of minorities in India.
179	Reasonable Restrictions on FRs	1990	10	What are the reasonable restrictions mentioned in the Indian Constitution accompanying the fundamental rights?
180	DPSP Precedence over FR	1987	15	Briefly mention why and how the Chapter on Directive Principles gained precedence over the Chapter on Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution.
181	FR vs DPSP — Implementation	1982	15	Differentiate between the fundamental rights and directive principle of state policy, do you think that the later has been adequately implemented?
182	Right to Property	1981	15	Bring out the significance of the Fundamental Rights provided in the Constitution of India. The right to acquire, hold and dispose of property has ceased to be a fundamental right. Examine the purpose of the change.

MACRO TOPIC - JUDICIARY & SUPREME COURT

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
183	Constitutional Morality	2025	15	'Constitutional morality is the fulcrum which acts as an essential check upon the high functionaries and citizens alike.' Explain constitutional morality and its application to ensure balance between judicial independence and judicial accountability.
184	Collegium System — Evolution & Comparison	2025	15	Discuss the evolution of the collegium system in India. Critically examine the advantages and disadvantages of the system of appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court of India and that of the USA.
185	PIL — Growth & Supreme Court	2024	15	Explain the reasons for the growth of public interest litigation in India. As a result of it, has the Indian Supreme Court emerged as the world's most powerful judiciary?
186	NALSA — Free Legal Aid	2023	10	Who are entitled to receive free legal aid? Assess the role of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in rendering free legal aid in India.
187	Environment Constitutionalisation	2022	10	The most significant achievement of modern law in India is the constitutionalization of environmental problems by the Supreme Court. Discuss with relevant case laws.
188	Women in Higher Judiciary	2021	10	Discuss the desirability of greater representation to women in the higher judiciary to ensure diversity, equity and inclusiveness.
189	Tribunals — Constitutional Validity	2018	15	How far do you agree with the view that tribunals curtail the jurisdiction of ordinary courts? Discuss the constitutional validity and competency of the tribunals in India.
190	NJAC — Judgement on Judicial Appointments	2017	10	Critically examine the Supreme Court's judgement on 'National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014' with reference to appointment of judges.
191	Coelho Case — Judicial Review	2016	12.5	What was held in the Coelho case? In this context, can you say that judicial review is of key importance amongst the basic features of the Constitution?
192	Arbitration & Conciliation	2015	15	What are the major changes brought in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 through the recent Ordinance? How far will it improve India's dispute resolution mechanism?
193	Judicial Activism & Democracy	2014	10	Starting from inventing the basic structure doctrine, the judiciary has played a highly proactive role in ensuring that India develops into a thriving democracy. Evaluate the role played by judicial activism.

194	Judicial Activism — Meaning & Role	2008	15	What is meant by Judicial Activism? Evaluate its role in the context of the functioning of Indian Polity.
195	High Court vs Supreme Court — Writ Powers	2006	10	Is the High Courts' power to issue 'writs' wider than that of the Supreme Court of India?
196	Judicial Review vs Judicial Activism	2005	15	Is it possible to distinguish between judicial review and judicial activism in India? Does the recent behaviour of the Indian judiciary partake more of judicial activism?
197	Supreme Court — Guardian of Constitution	2002	10	What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? How far does it play its role as guardian of the Constitution?
198	PIL — Filing & Rejection	2000	10	Explain Public Interest Litigation. Who can file it and on what basis can it be rejected by the Court of Law?
199	Judicial Activism — Corruption	1996	10	What is meant by 'Judicial Activism'? Evaluate its role in reducing corruption in public life.
200	Supreme Court — Constitutional Position	1995	15	What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? Discuss its role as a guardian of the Constitution.
201	President's Rule	1994	10	Explain the significance of the April 1994 Supreme Court judgement on the proclamation of President's rule.
202	Bhopal Gas Tragedy — SC Verdict	1991	10	What was the magnitude of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and what were the salient features of the Supreme Court verdict on the Bhopal Gas Tragedy?

MACRO TOPIC - PANCHAYATI RAJ & LOCAL BODIES

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
203	Governance & Urban-Rural Merger	2024	15	Analyse the role of local bodies in providing good governance at local level and bring out the pros and cons of merging the rural local bodies with the urban local bodies.
204	ULB – Reluctance to Empower	2023	10	'The states in India seem reluctant to empower urban local bodies both functionally as well as financially.'
205	Decentralisation & Governance Landscape	2022	10	To what extent in your opinion has the decentralisation of power in India changed the governance landscape at the grassroots?
206	Local Institutions — Functionality Challenges	2020	15	The strength and sustenance of local institutions in India has shifted from their formative phase of 'functions, functionaries and funds' to the contemporary stage of 'functionality'. Highlight the critical challenges faced by local institutions.
207	Women's Reservation in Local Bodies	2019	15	'The reservation of seats for women in the institution of local self-government has had a limited impact on the patriarchal character of the Indian political process.' Comment.
208	Panchayat System — Sources of Financing	2018	15	Assess the importance of the Panchayat system in India as a part of local government. Apart from government grants, what sources the Panchayats can look out for financing developmental projects?
209	Local Self-Government — Effectiveness	2017	10	'The local self-government system in India has not proved to be effective instrument of governance.' Critically examine the statement and give your views to improve the situation.
210	Panchayats as Political Institutions	2015	15	In absence of a well-educated and organized local level government system, 'Panchayats' and 'Samitis' have remained mainly political institutions and not effective instruments of governance. Critically discuss.

211	Khap Panchayats — Extra-Constitutional	2015	15	Khap Panchayats have been in the news for functioning as extra-constitutional authorities, often delivering pronouncements amounting to human rights violations. Discuss critically the actions taken by the legislative, executive and the judiciary.
212	Panchayati System — Real Restructuring?	2005	15	Would you say that the implementation of the Panchayati System in the last ten years has led to a real restructuring of the Indian polity?
213	State Control over Panchayats	2004	10	Discuss how State government can exercise control over panchayats.
214	73rd Amendment — Panchayati Raj Changes	1993	10	Bring out the main change in the Panchayati Raj System in India through the Seventy Third Constitutional Amendment Act.
215	Panchayati Raj — Aims & Fulfillment	1983	10	What were the aims with which Panchayati raj was created in India? Have these aims been fulfilled? What is the present situation?
216	Organisational Setup & Performance	1981	10	Panchayati Raj has been designed to function as the grass root of democracy in India. Describe its organisational setup. What is the present position? Assess the performances of Panchayati System.

MACRO TOPIC - PARLIAMENT & STATE LEGISLATURES

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
217	Public Examination Act 2024	2024	15	What are the aims and objects of the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024? Whether University/State Education Board examinations are covered under the Act?
218	Parliamentary Committee System	2023	15	Explain the structure of the Parliamentary Committee system. How far have the financial committees helped in the institutionalization of Indian Parliament?
219	Presiding Officers — State Legislatures	2023	10	Discuss the role of Presiding Officers of state legislatures in maintaining order and impartiality in conducting legislative work.
220	Governor's Legislative Powers & Ordinances	2022	15	Discuss the essential conditions for the exercise of the legislative powers by the Governor. Discuss the legality of re-promulgation of ordinances by the Governor without placing them before the Legislature.
221	Vice President — Chairman of Rajya Sabha	2022	10	Discuss the role of the Vice President of India as the chairman of Rajya Sabha.
222	Legislative Councils — Status & Working	2021	15	Explain the constitutional provisions under which Legislative Councils are established. Review the working and current status of Legislative Councils with suitable illustrations.
223	Rajya Sabha — From Stepney to Useful	2020	15	Rajya Sabha has been transformed from a 'useless Stepney tire' to the most useful supportive organ in past few decades. Highlight the factors as well as areas in which this transformation could be visible.
224	Centralising Tendencies	2020	15	Indian Constitution exhibits centralising tendencies to maintain unity and integrity of the nation. Elucidate in the perspective of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897; The Disaster Management Act, 2005 and recently passed Farm Acts.
225	Speaker	2020	10	'Once a Speaker, Always a Speaker'! Do you think this practice should be adopted to impart objectivity to the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha?
226	Role of Individual MPs — Decline	2019	15	Individual parliamentarian's role as the national law maker is on a decline, which in turn, has adversely impacted the quality of debates and their outcome. Discuss.

227	Estimates Committee	2018	10	Why do you think the committees are considered to be useful for parliamentary work? Discuss, in this context, the role of the Estimates Committee.
228	Public Accounts Committee	2017	10	Discuss the role of Public Accounts Committee in establishing accountability of the government to the people.
229	Joint Session of Parliament	2017	15	The Indian Constitution has provisions for holding joint session of the two houses of the Parliament. Enumerate the occasions when this would normally happen and when it cannot.
230	Parliamentary Privileges — Article 105	2014	10	The 'Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and its members' as envisaged in Article 105 leave room for a large number of un-codified privileges to continue. Assess the reasons for the absence of legal codification.
231	Anti-Defection Law & MPs' Role	2013	10	The role of individual MPs has diminished over the years. How far can this be attributed to the anti-defection law which was legislated but with a different intention?
232	Disqualification of MP	2010	10	What are the grounds of disqualification of a Member of Parliament from either House?
233	Pro Tem Speaker	2007	10	What is pro tem Speaker?
234	Power to Legislate on State Subjects	2007	10	Under what circumstances, Parliament may legislate on State subjects?
235	Disqualification — Grounds	2006	10	On what grounds can a member be disqualified from either House of Parliament?
236	Money Bill	2004	10	Define money-bill. Discuss how it is passed in the Parliament.
237	Hung Parliament & Presidential Form	2002	15	'The issue of a hung Parliament adversely affects the stability of Indian Government.' Discuss and point out how far changing over to the Presidential form of government will be a solution.
238	Rajya Sabha — Federal Set Up	2003	10	Explain the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the federal set up of Indian Parliamentary System.
239	Public Accounts Committee — Role	2002	10	Explain the role of the Public Accounts Committee.
240	Parliamentary Control of Executive	2001	15	Bring out the aberrations of the parliamentary system of government in India.
241	Parliament's Control over Union Executive	2000	15	How does Parliament control the Union Executive? How effective is its control?
242	Estimates Committee	2000	10	Examine the role of Estimates Committee.
243	Rajya Sabha — Role in Changing Scenario	1999	10	In what ways is the RAJYA SABHA expected to play a special role in today's changing political scenario?
244	Public Accounts Committee — Importance	1999	10	Assess the importance of the role played by the Public Accounts Committee.
245	Legislative Councils — Justification	1998	10	On what grounds the Legislative Councils are justified? How is it created or abolished in a State?
246	Estimates Committee — Functions	1995	10	Explain the functions of the Estimates Committee.

247	Presidential vs Parliamentary Form	1995	15	Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Government. Do you think that changing over to Presidential form will be a solution for better governance?
248	Anti-Defection Law — Features	1995	10	Describe the salient features of Anti-Defection Law.
249	Ex Post-Facto Legislation	1994	10	Explain the meaning of ex post-facto legislation.
250	Rajya Sabha vs Lok Sabha — Powers	1993	15	Describe the powers and functions of the Council of States. Compare its powers with those of the House of the People.
251	Colourable Legislation	1993	10	Describe the doctrine of colourable legislation.
252	Parliamentary Privileges & Immunities	1989	15	Discuss the powers, privileges and immunities of the Indian Parliament.
253	Speaker — Powers & Functions	1989	10	Examine the powers and functions of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
254	Rajya Sabha — Federal Relevance	1989	10	Explain the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the Federal set-up of the Indian Parliamentary System.
255	Executive-Legislative Relationship	1989	10	Discuss the relationship between the Executive and the legislative wings with reference to India.
256	Committee System in Parliament	1989	10	Describe the organization and functions of the committee system in Indian Parliament.
257	Cut Motion	1989	10	What is meant by a Cut Motion in Parliament? Mention its different kinds.
258	Parliamentary Privilege vs Contempt	1989	10	How is breach of Parliament Privilege different from Contempt of the House?
259	Rajya Sabha — Exclusive Powers	1989	10	There are certain spheres where the Rajya Sabha alone has the authority. What are they?
260	Point of Order	1989	10	Explain what is a point of order? When can it be raised?
261	Parliamentary Control	1988	15	Discuss the methods by which Parliament controls public expenditure in India.
262	Parliamentary Control over Executive	1987	15	Identify the nature and methods of parliamentary control over the executive in Indian polity.
263	Anti-Defection Bill — Necessity	1984	15	Why was it considered necessary to pass the anti-defection bill? In what ways is it likely to improve the political health of the country?
264	Effective Opposition in India	1983	15	Despite all talk of an effective opposition why has it not been possible to develop an effective opposition in India?
265	Sovereignty of Parliament	1982	15	What is meant by the sovereignty of the parliament? Consider whether the Indian parliament is a sovereign body?
266	Political Defection in India	1981	15	The Phenomenon of Political defection in India assumed large proportions. Bring out the factors responsible for the growth of this phenomenon. Is it right to say that ban on defection will amount to suppression of thought and action?
267	Parliamentary Democracy & Control	1981	15	What is Parliamentary Democracy? How does the Indian Parliament exercise control over the Union? Can the Parliament have any control over the State Executives?

MACRO TOPIC - PRESSURE GROUPS & POLITICAL PARTIES

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
268	Business Associations & Public Policy	2021	10	'Pressure groups play a vital role in influencing public policymaking in India.' Explain how the business associations contribute to public policies.
269	Farmer Organisations	2019	10	What are the methods used by the farmer's organizations to influence the policy-makers in India and how effective are these methods?
270	Informal vs Formal Pressure Groups	2017	10	How do pressure groups influence Indian political process? Do you agree that informal pressure groups have emerged as powerful than formal pressure groups in recent years?
271	Structure & Functioning	2013	10	Pressure group politics is sometimes seen as the informal face of politics. Assess the structure and functioning of pressure groups in India.
272	Pressure Groups — Anonymous Empire	2009	15	Pressure groups are an anonymous empire and are an unofficial Government. Do you agree with above statement? Substantiate with reasons.
273	Pressure Groups vs Political Parties	2008	15	Pressure groups and political parties share an intimate and inconclusive relationship. Analyse how political parties and pressure groups are different from each other.
274	Pressure Groups — Rise & Failure	2006	15	Pressure groups mushroomed in India but quality of work did not improve. Discuss the reasons for the rise in pressure groups and their failure to make impact in India.
275	Characteristics of Pressure Groups	1999	15	Pressure groups in India are not matured but they are too diverse. Analyse the characteristics of pressure groups in India.
276	Pressure Groups — India vs West	1997	15	Functioning of pressure groups differ widely in India and western countries. Analyse.

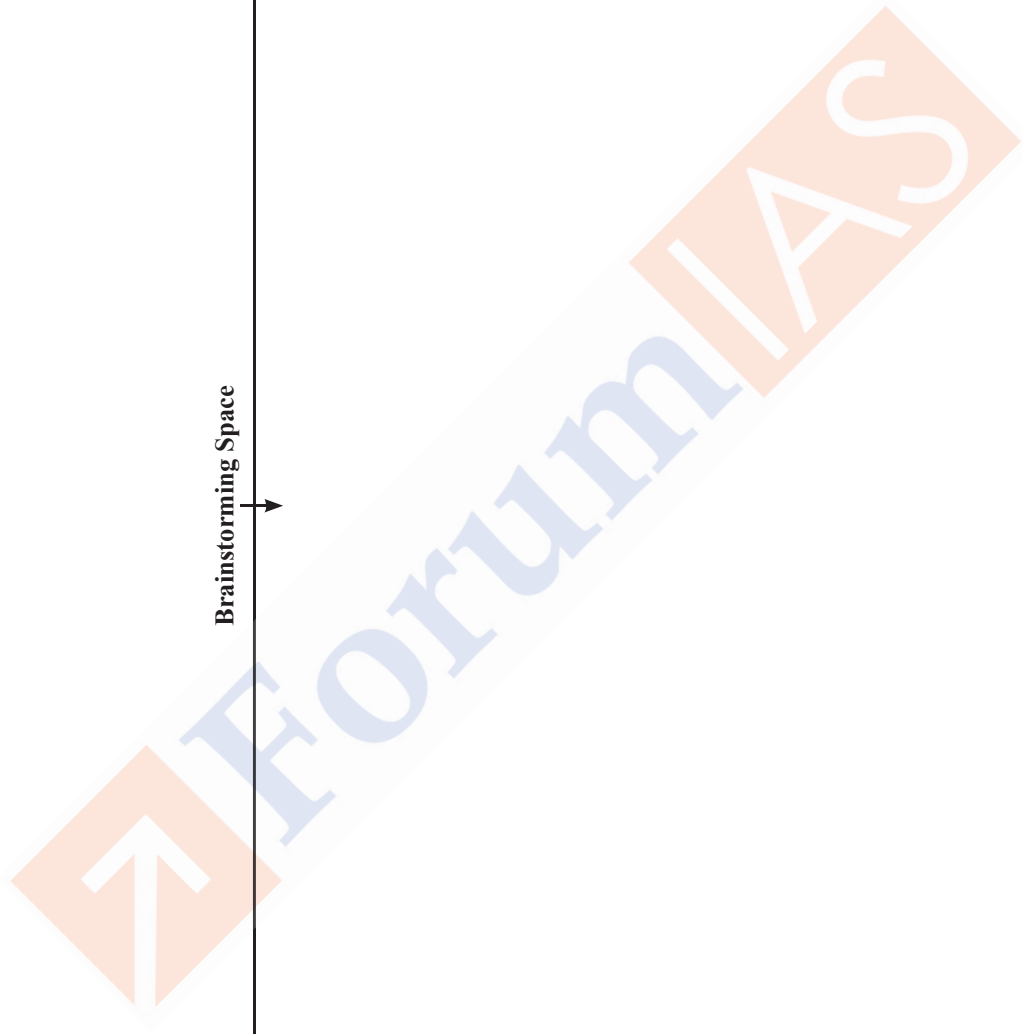
MACRO TOPIC - SEPARATION OF POWERS

#	Micro Topic	Year	Marks	Question
277	Cabinet System vs Parliamentary Supremacy	2024	15	'The growth of cabinet system has practically resulted in the marginalisation of the parliamentary supremacy.' Elucidate.
278	Judicial Independence & Democracy	2023	10	'Constitutionally guaranteed judicial independence is a prerequisite of democracy'. Comment.
279	Judicial Legislation vs Separation of Powers	2020	15	Judicial legislation is antithetical to the doctrine of separation of powers as envisaged in the Indian Constitution. In this context justify the filing of large number of public interest petitions.
280	Federal Supremacy & Harmonious Construction	2019	10	From the resolution of contentious issues regarding distribution of legislative powers by the courts, 'Principle of Federal Supremacy' and 'Harmonious Construction' have emerged. Explain.
281	Checks and Balances vs Strict Separation	2019	10	Do you think Constitution of India does not accept principle of strict separation of powers rather it is based on the principle of 'checks and balance'? Explain.
282	Check on Parliament's Amending Power	2013	12.5	'The Supreme Court of India keeps a check on arbitrary power of the Parliament in amending the Constitution.' Discuss critically.
283	Ordinance Power — Separation of Powers	2015	15	Resorting to ordinances has always raised concern on violation of the spirit of separation of powers doctrine. Analyze whether the decisions of the Supreme Court on the issue have further facilitated resorting to this power. Should ordinances be repealed?

284	Globalisation & State Institutions	2007	10	Impact of globalisation on state system and its institutions.
285	Individual Liberty & Separation of Powers	1983	10	Separation of powers is essential to ensure Individual liberty. Discuss this with regard to the provisions in the Constitution and practices adopted so far.
286	Legislature, Judiciary & Executive — Relative Roles	1982	10	Examine the relative role of Legislature, Judiciary and the executive in the functioning of the parliamentary system of Government in India. Is it a fact that executive has been tending to be more powerful?

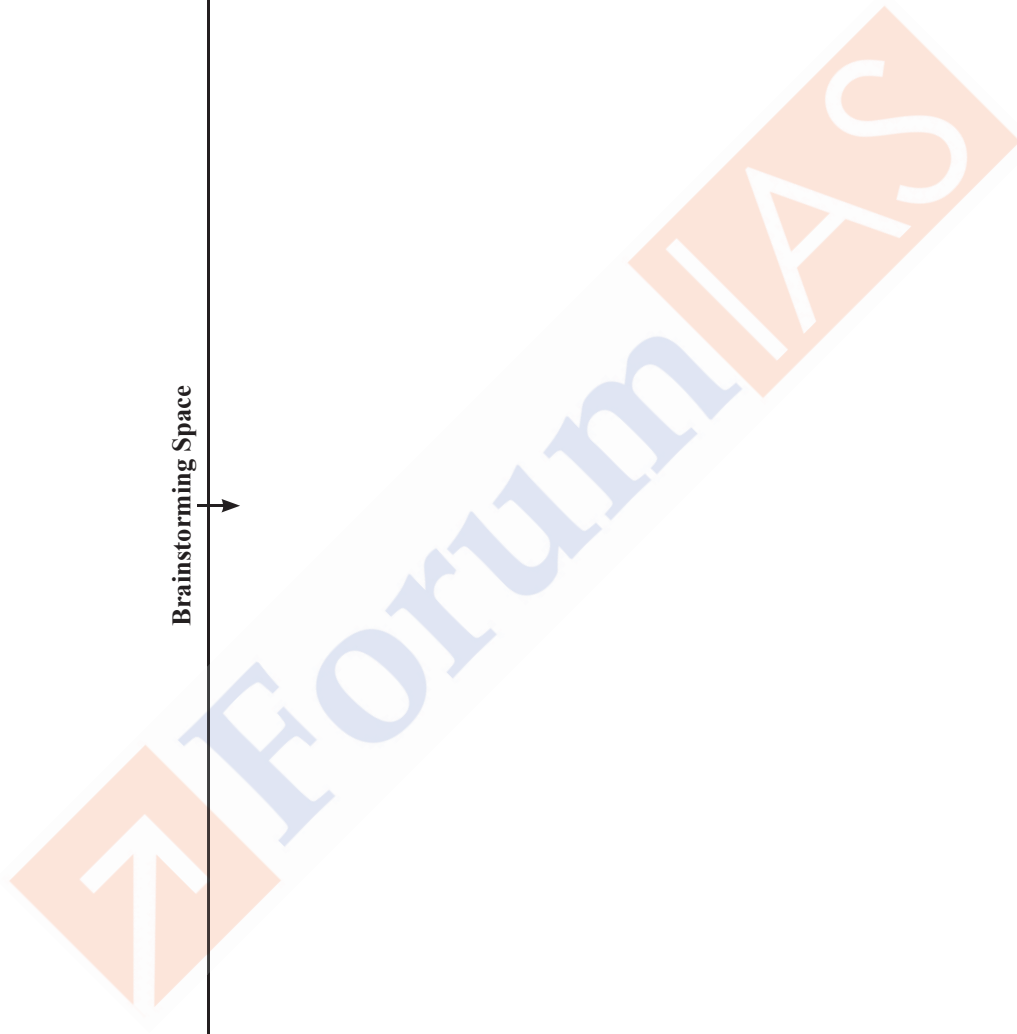
Q.1) Compare and contrast the President's power to pardon in India and in the USA. Are there any limits to it in both the countries? What are 'preemptive pardons'? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2025]

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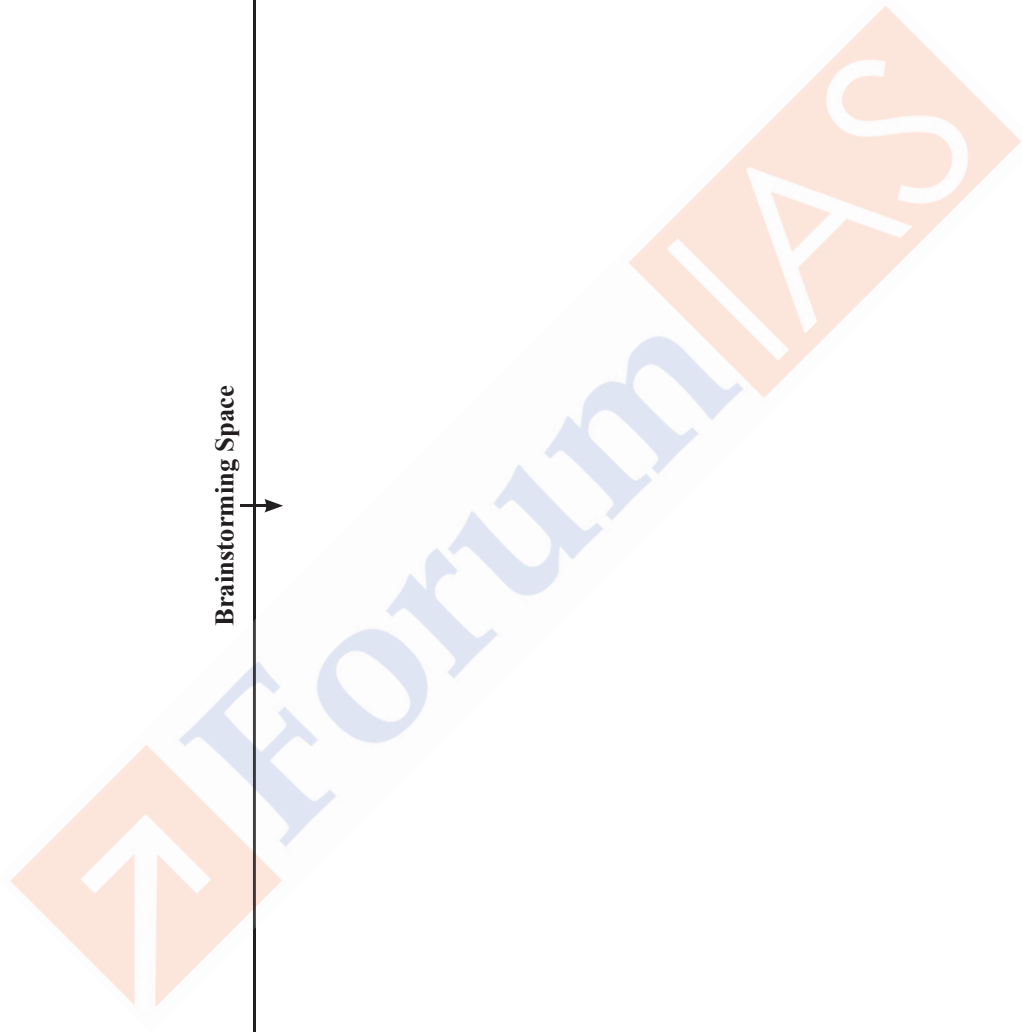
Q.2) Discuss India as a secular state and compare with the secular principles of the US constitution. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

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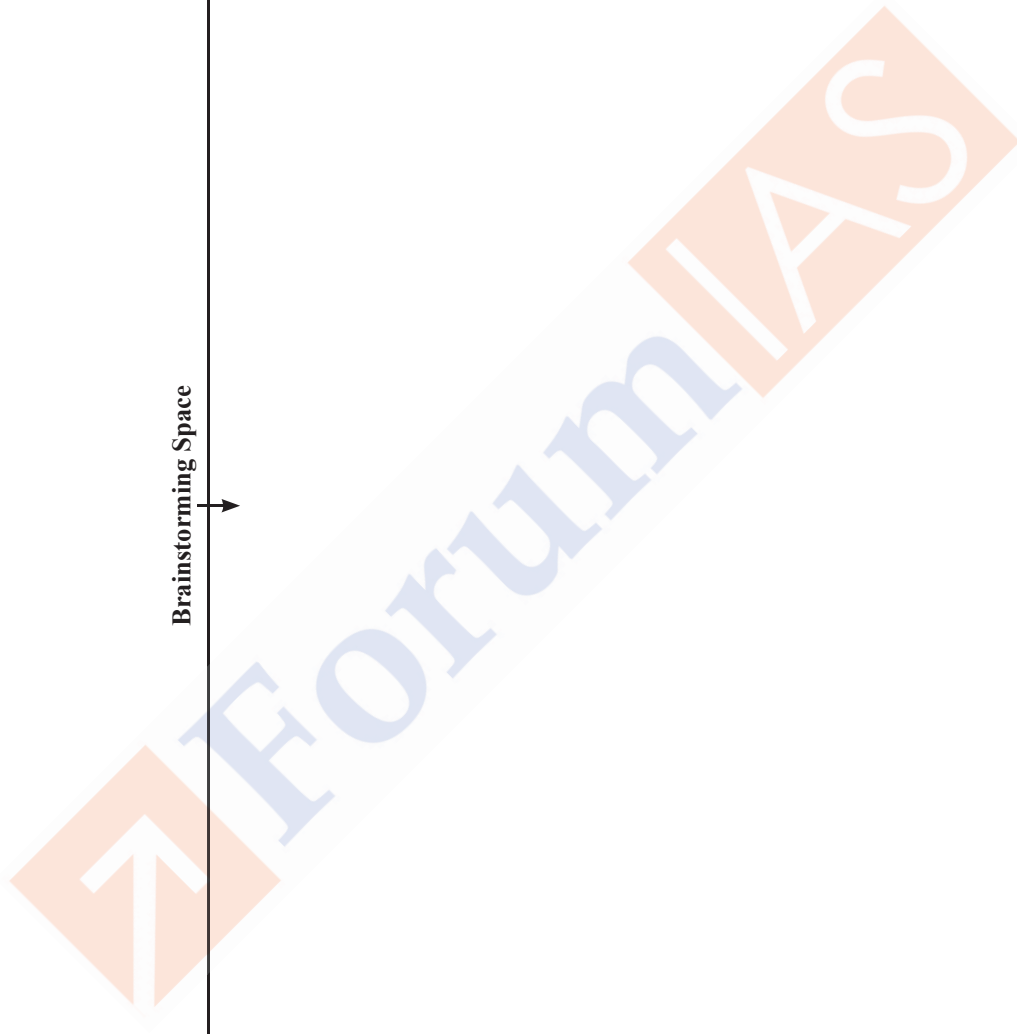
Q.3) Compare and contrast the British and Indian approaches to Parliamentary sovereignty. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

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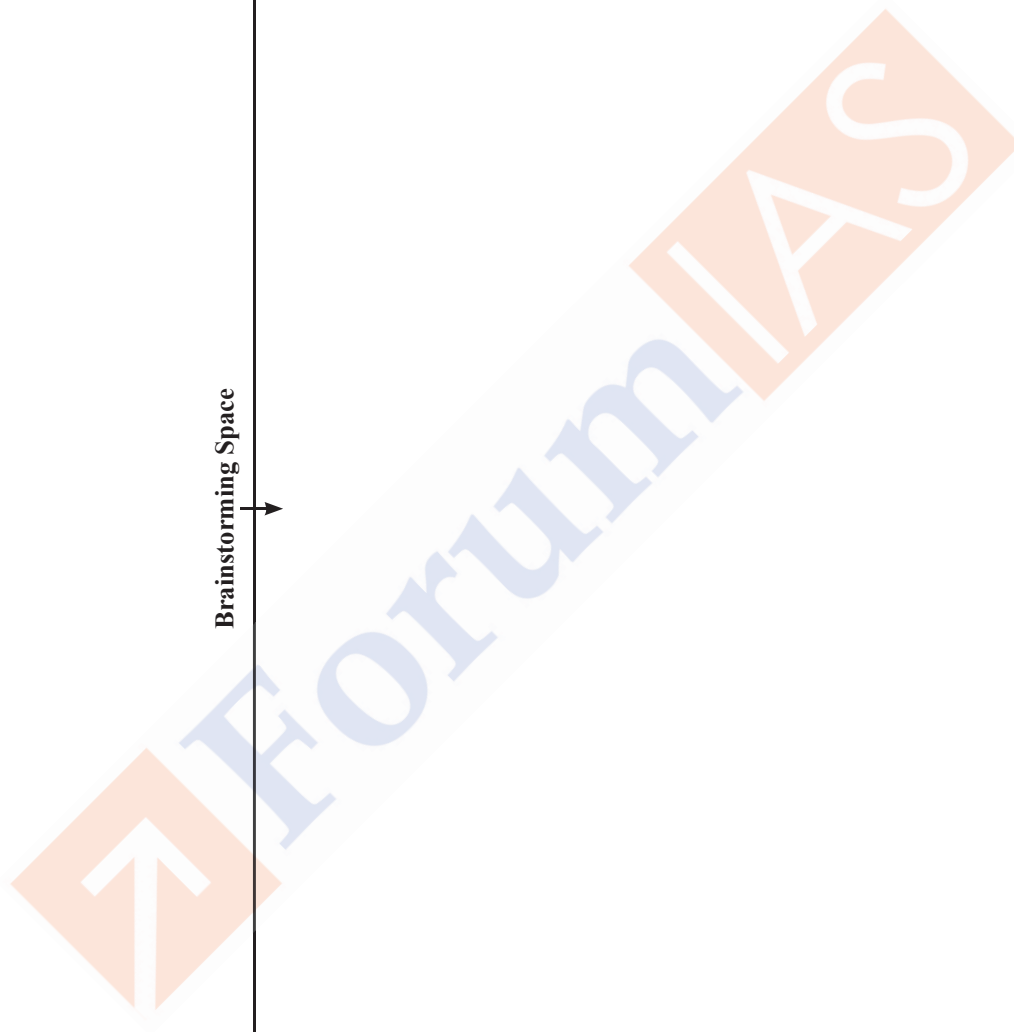
Q.4) Critically examine the procedures through which the presidents of India and France are elected. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2022]

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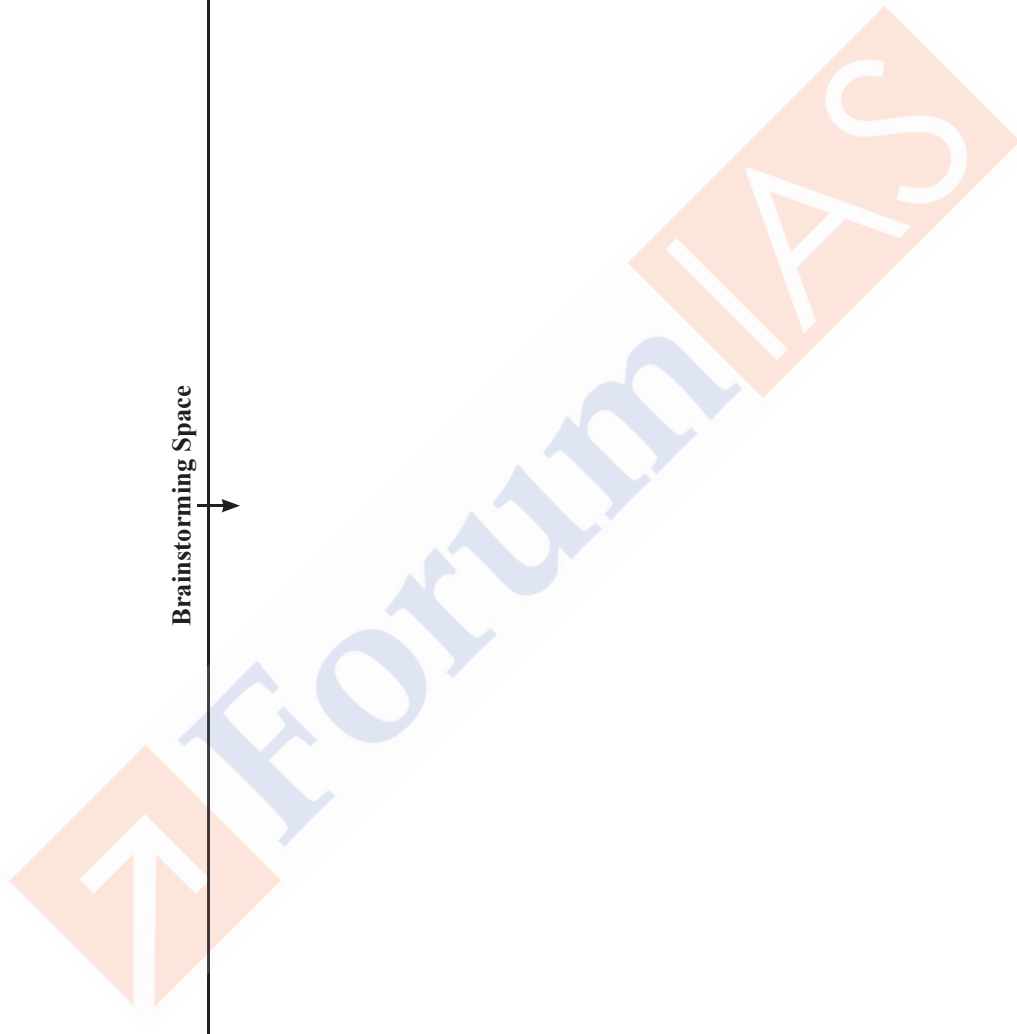
Q.5) Analyze the distinguishing features of the notion of Equality in the Constitutions of the USA and India. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2021]

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Q.6) The judicial system in India and UK seem to be converging as well as diverging in recent times. Highlight the key points of convergence and divergence. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2020]

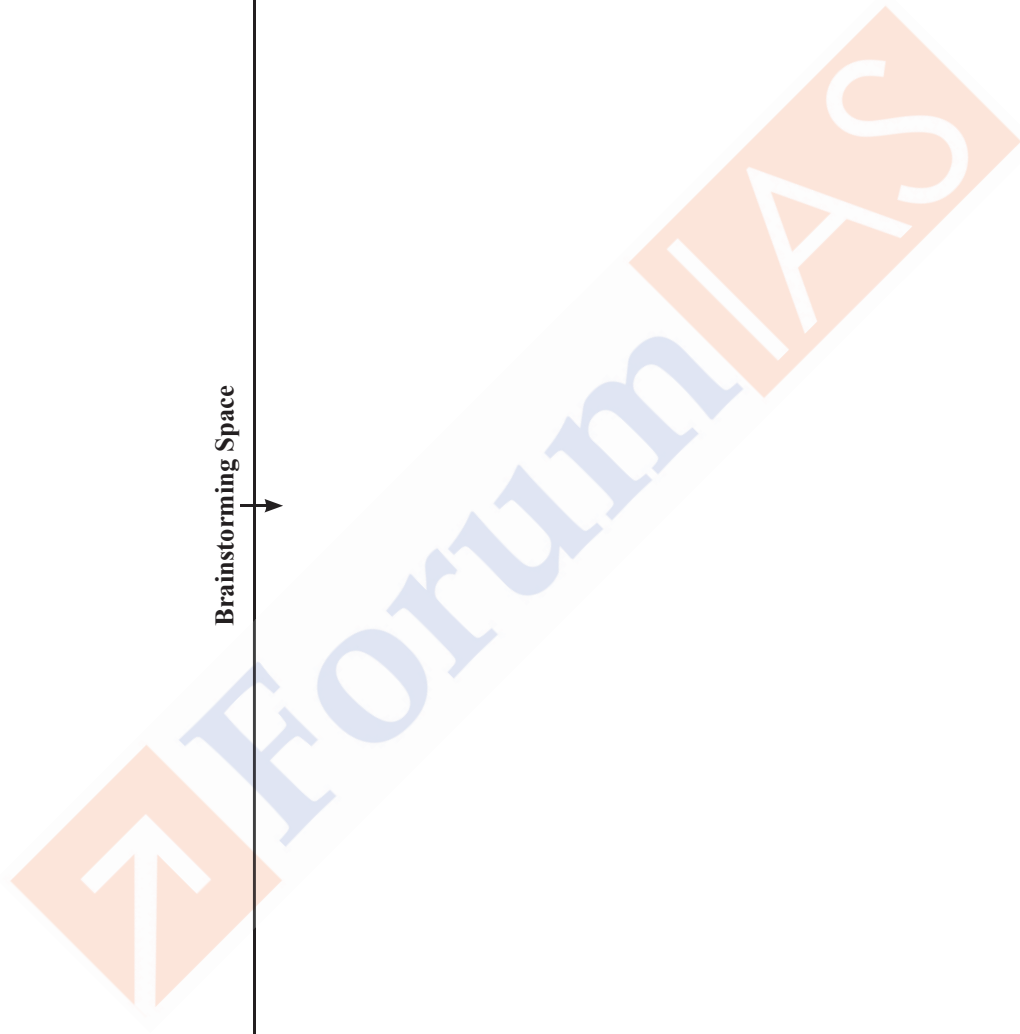
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Q.7) 'Constitutional Morality' is rooted in the Constitution itself and is founded on its essential facets. Explain the doctrine of 'Constitutional Morality' with the help of relevant judicial decisions.

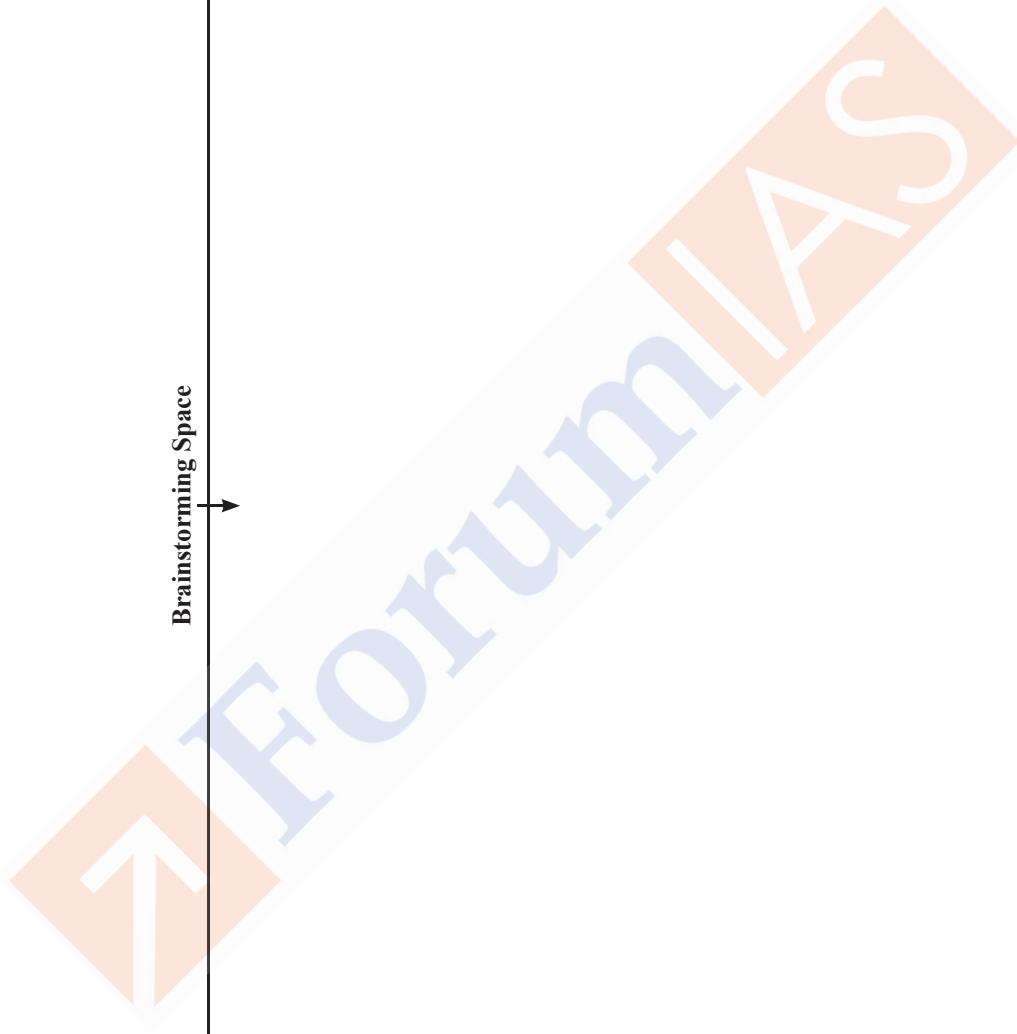
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Q.8) What can France learn from the Indian Constitution's approach to secularism?
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

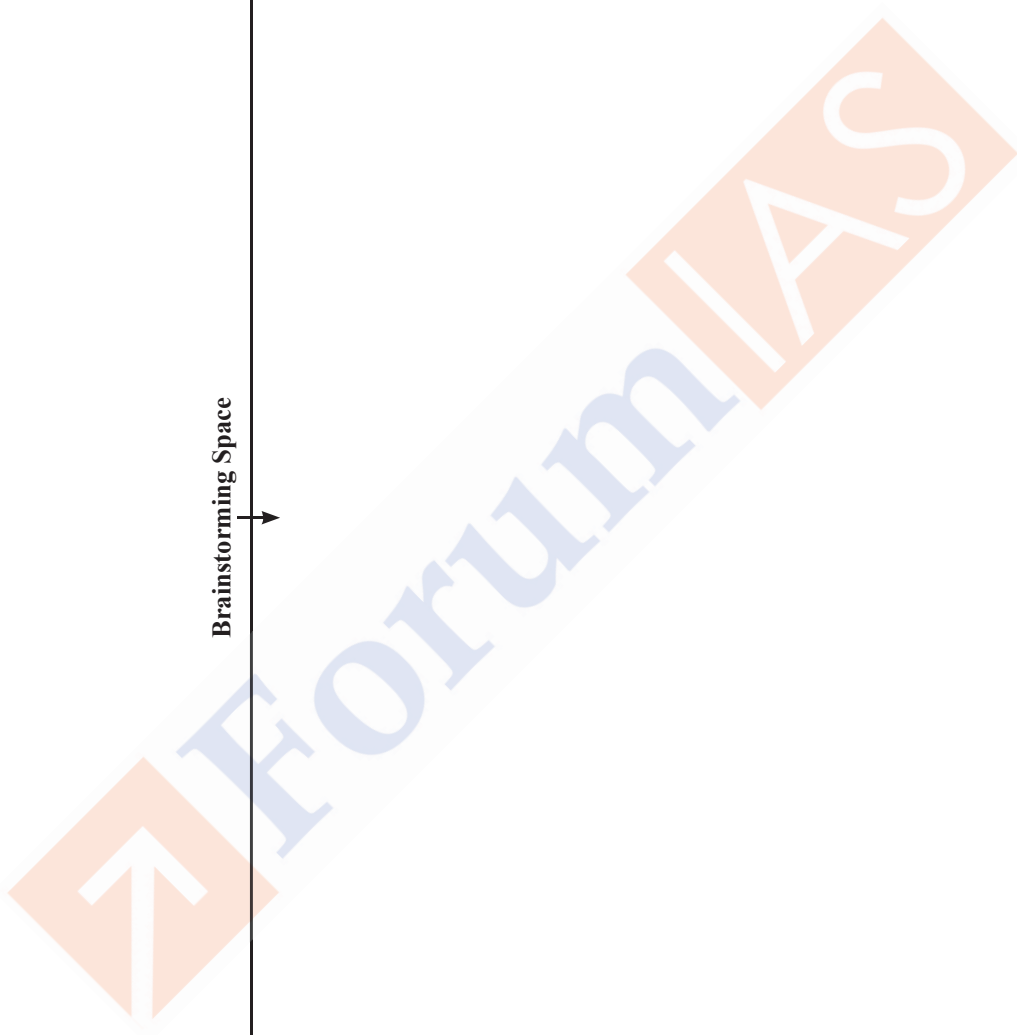
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Q.9) India and USA are two large democracies. Examine the basic tenets on which the two political systems are based.

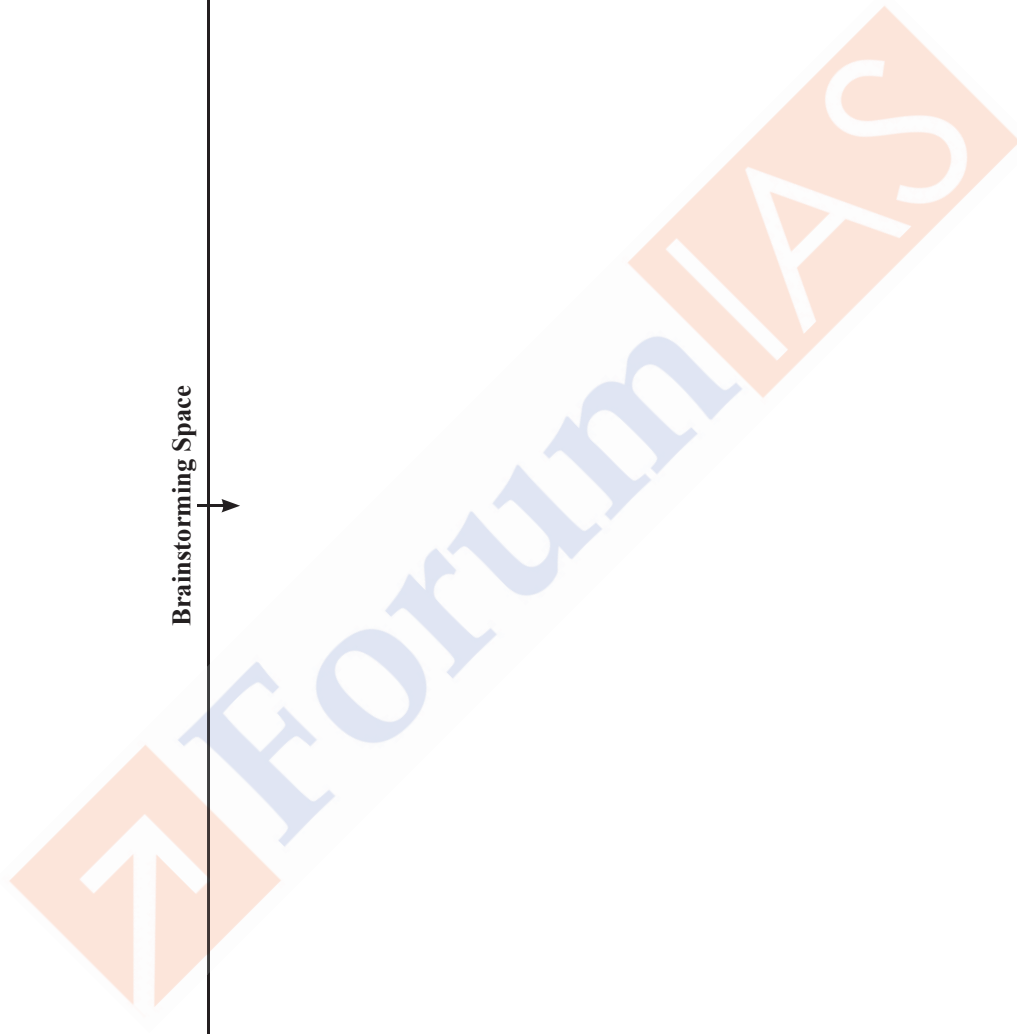
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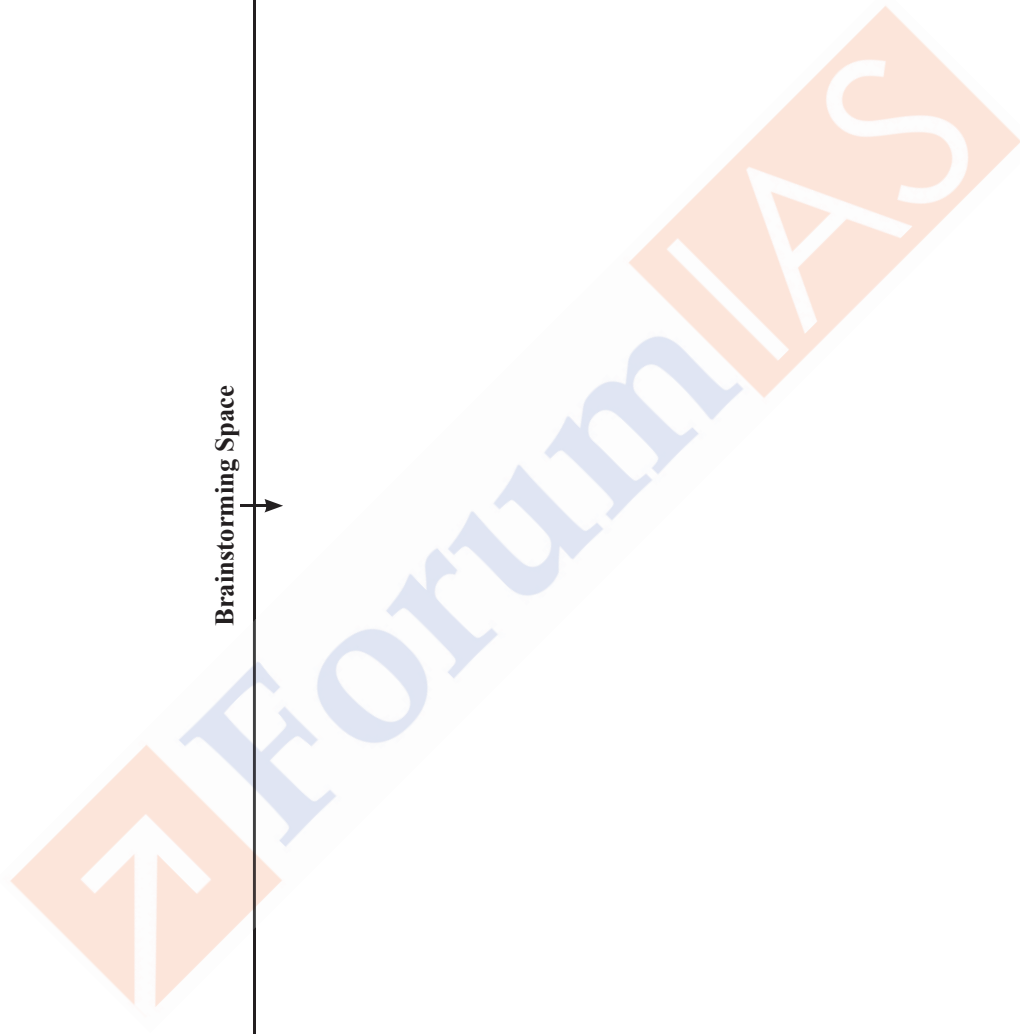
Q.10) Do you think there is a need for a review of the Indian Constitution?
Justify your view. (15 Marks, 150 Words) [2008]

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Q.11) What is a Constitution? What are the main sources of the Indian Constitution? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2007]

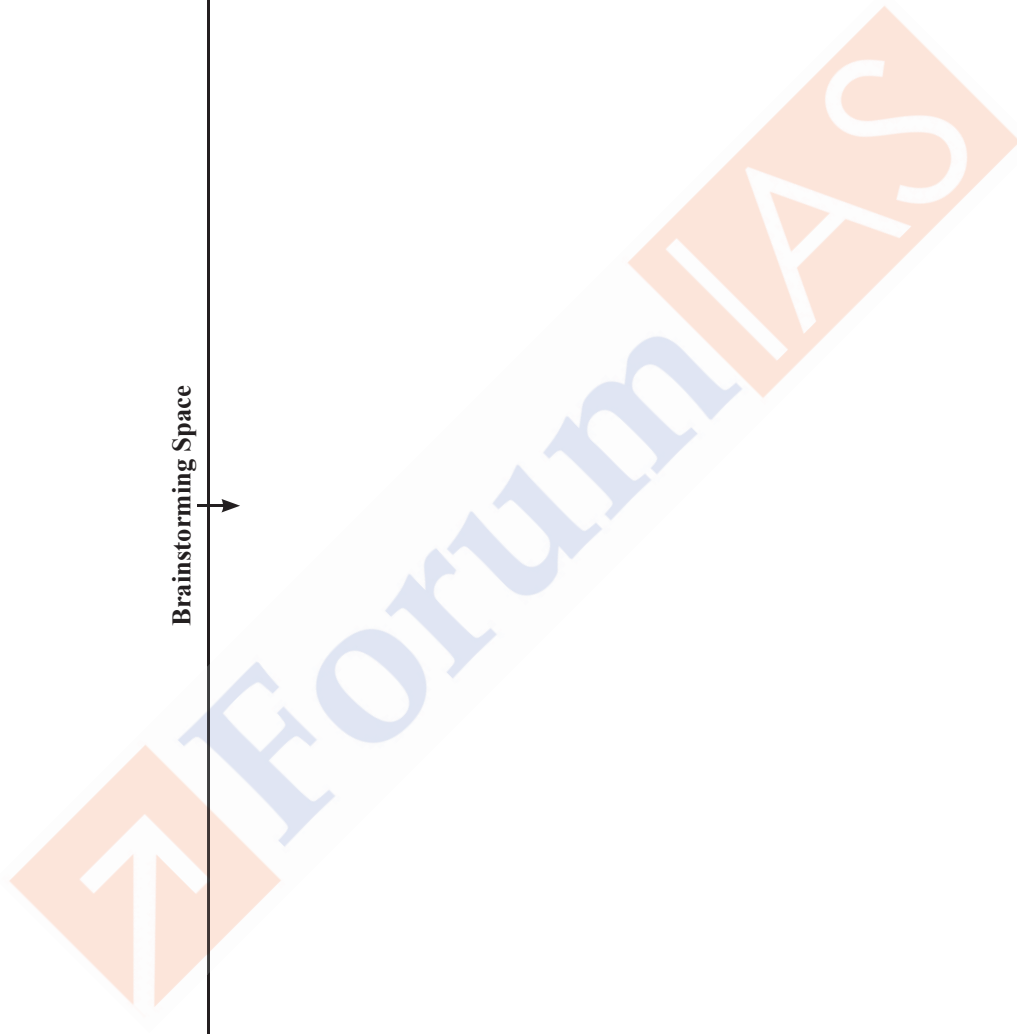
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Q.12) Discuss the nature of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly after the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019.

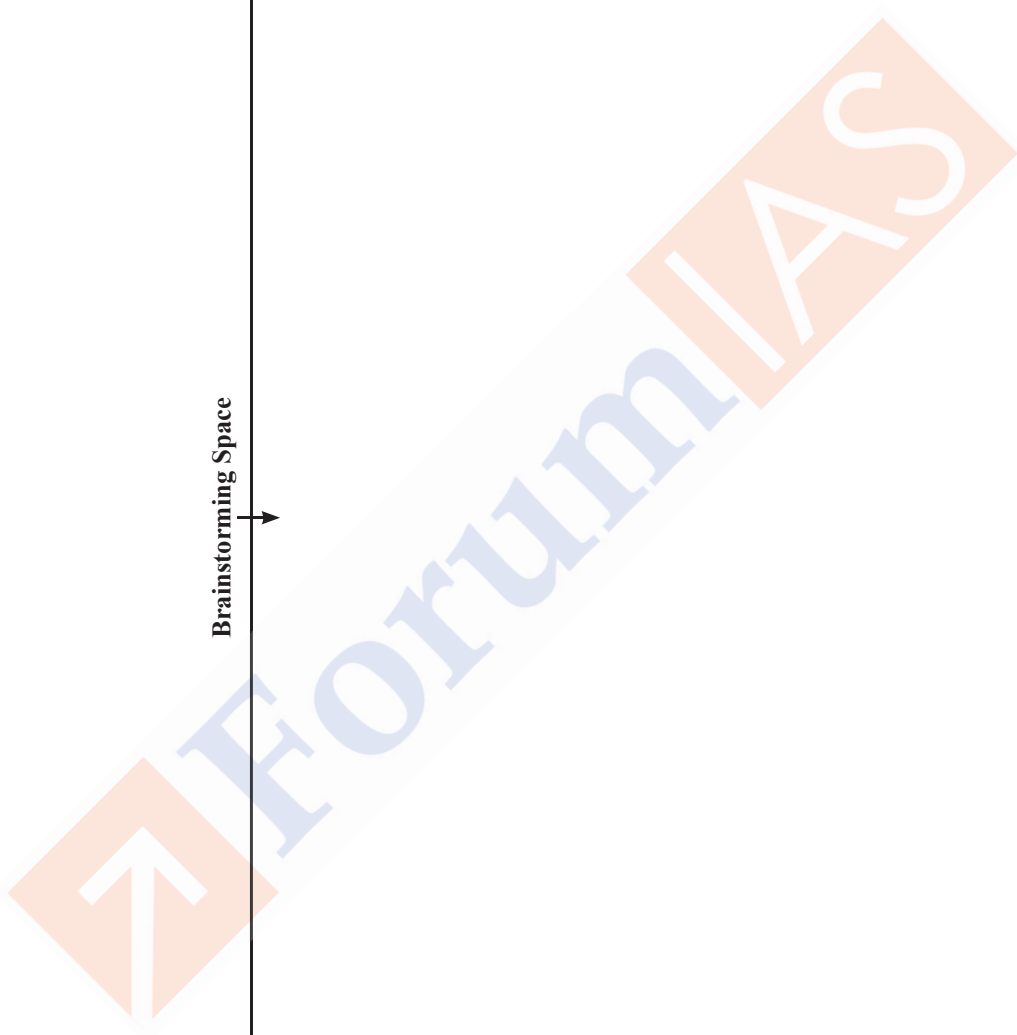
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

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Q.13) 'The Attorney General of India plays a crucial role in guiding the legal framework of the Union Government and ensuring sound governance through legal counsel.' Discuss his responsibilities, rights and limitations. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

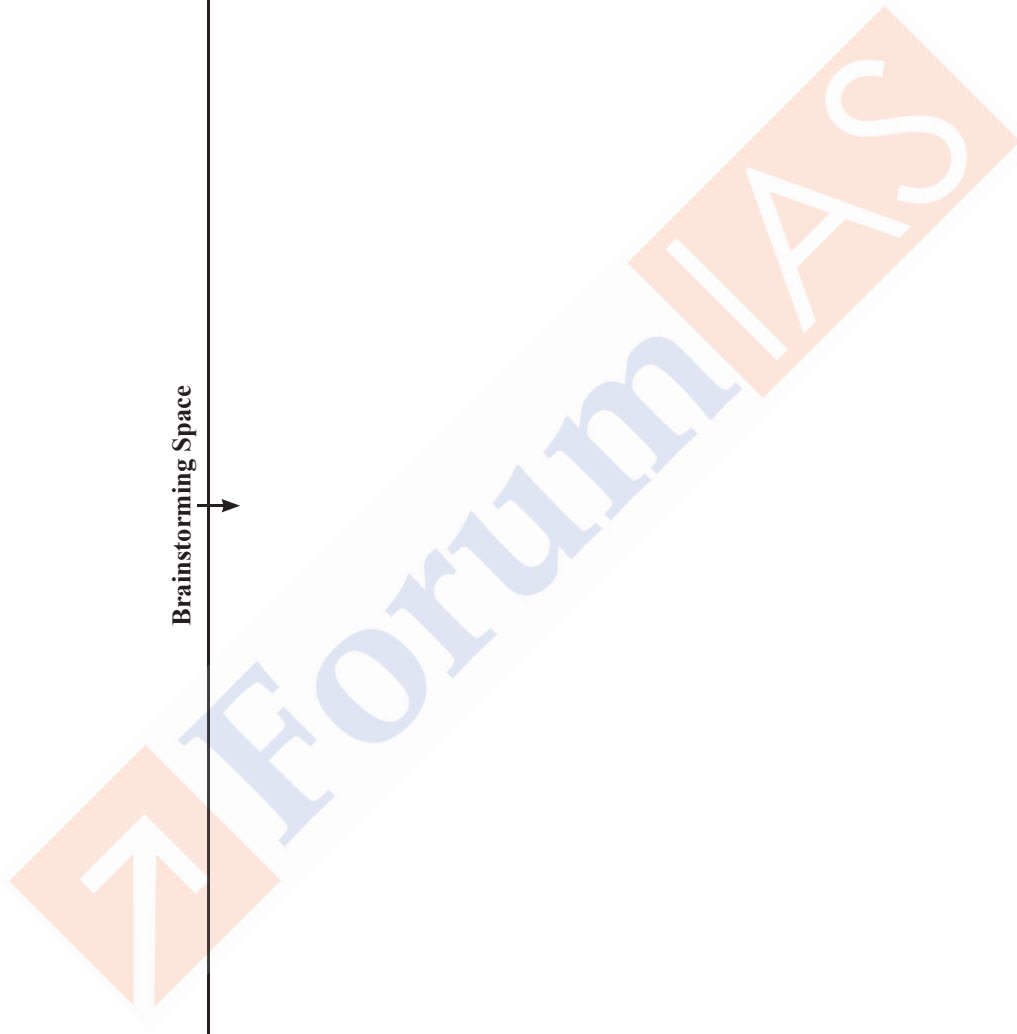
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Q.14) Comment on the need of administrative tribunals as compared to the court system. Assess the impact of the recent tribunal reforms through rationalization of tribunals made in 2021.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

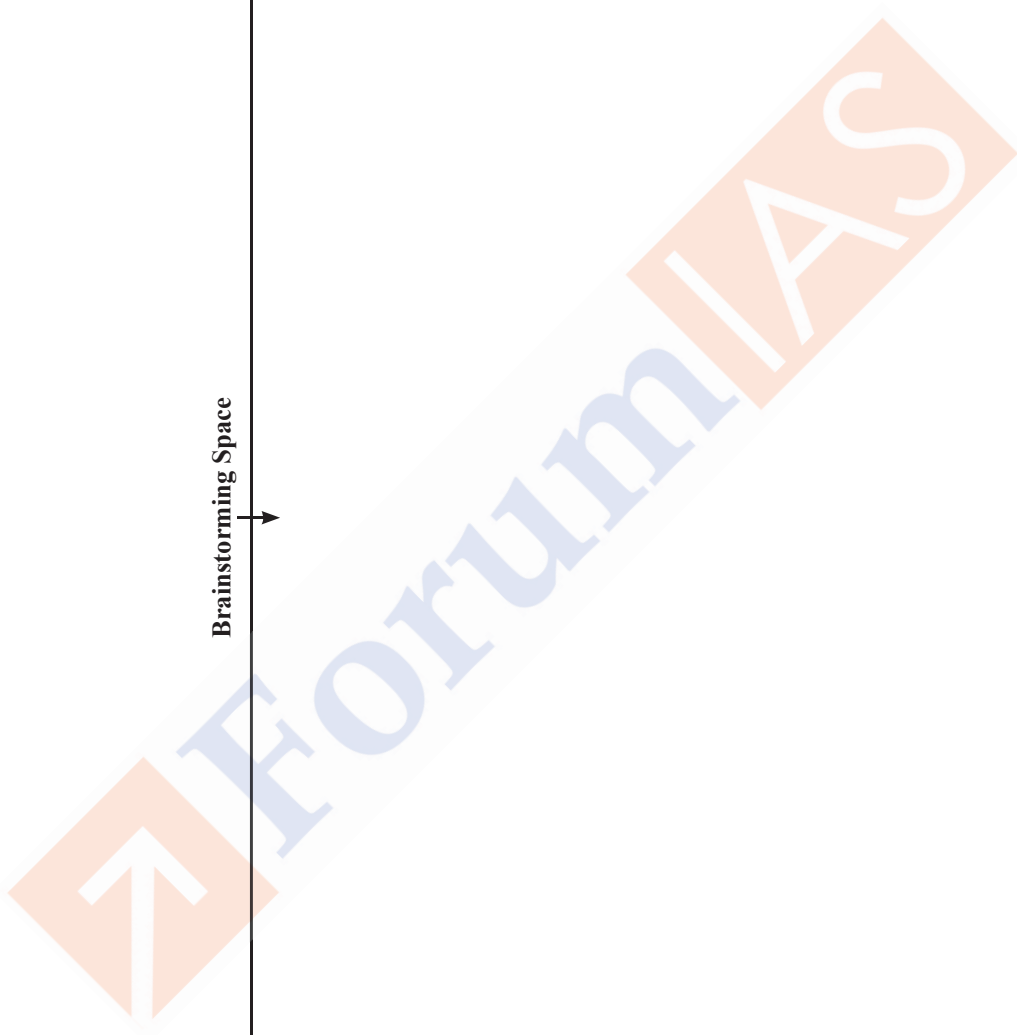
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Q.15) The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has to address the challenges faced by children in the digital era. Examine the existing policies and suggest measures.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2025]

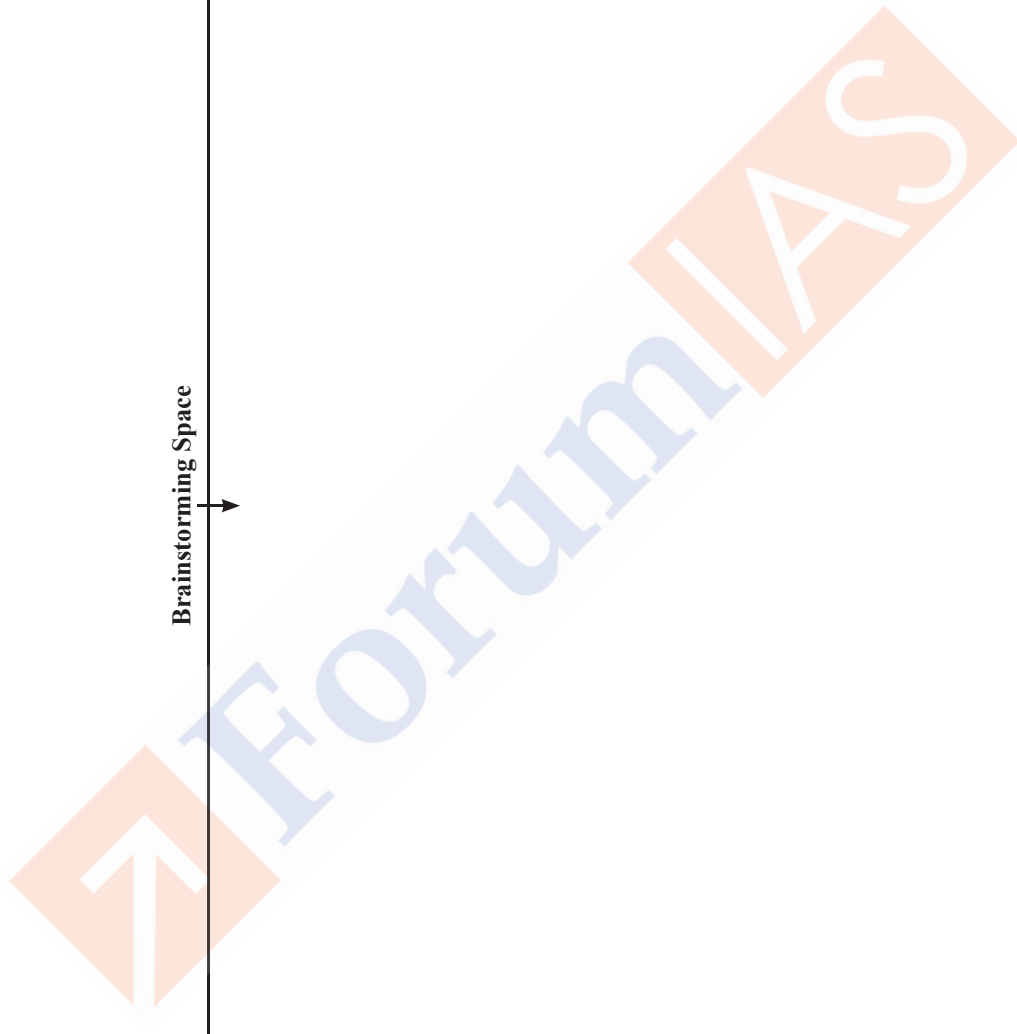
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Q.16) 'The duty of the Comptroller and Auditor General is not merely to ensure the legality of expenditure but also its propriety.' Comment.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

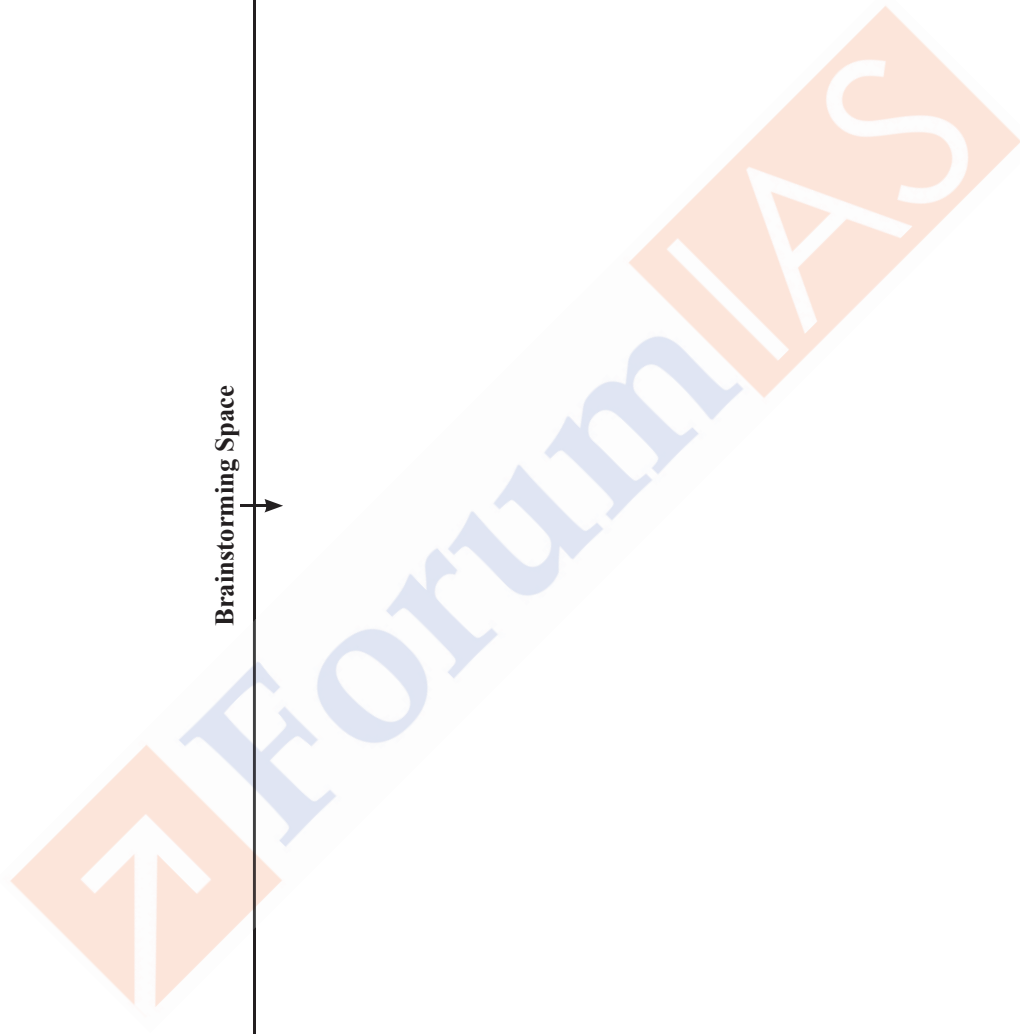
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Q.17) Explain and distinguish between Lok Adalats and Arbitration Tribunals. Whether they entertain civil as well as criminal cases?

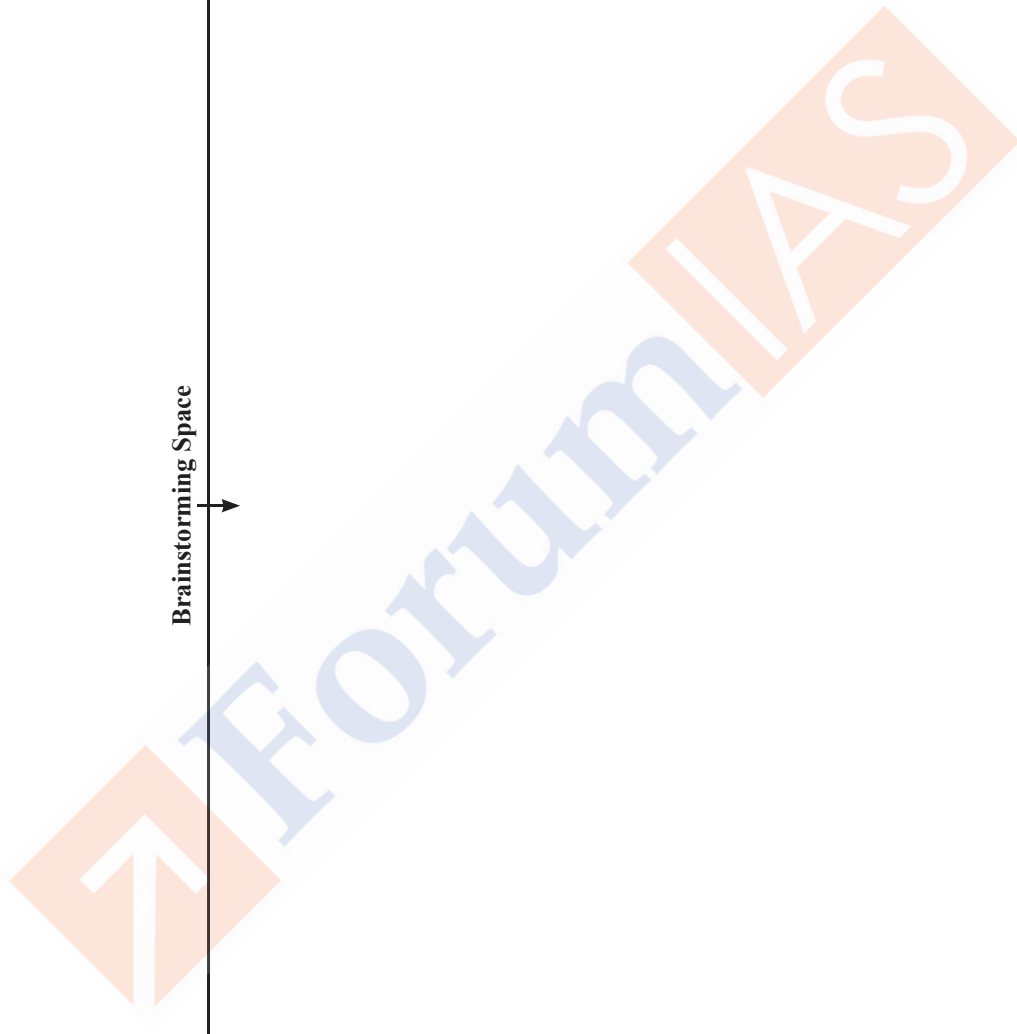
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

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Q.18) Discuss the role of the Competition Commission of India in containing the abuse of dominant position by the Multi-National Corporations in India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

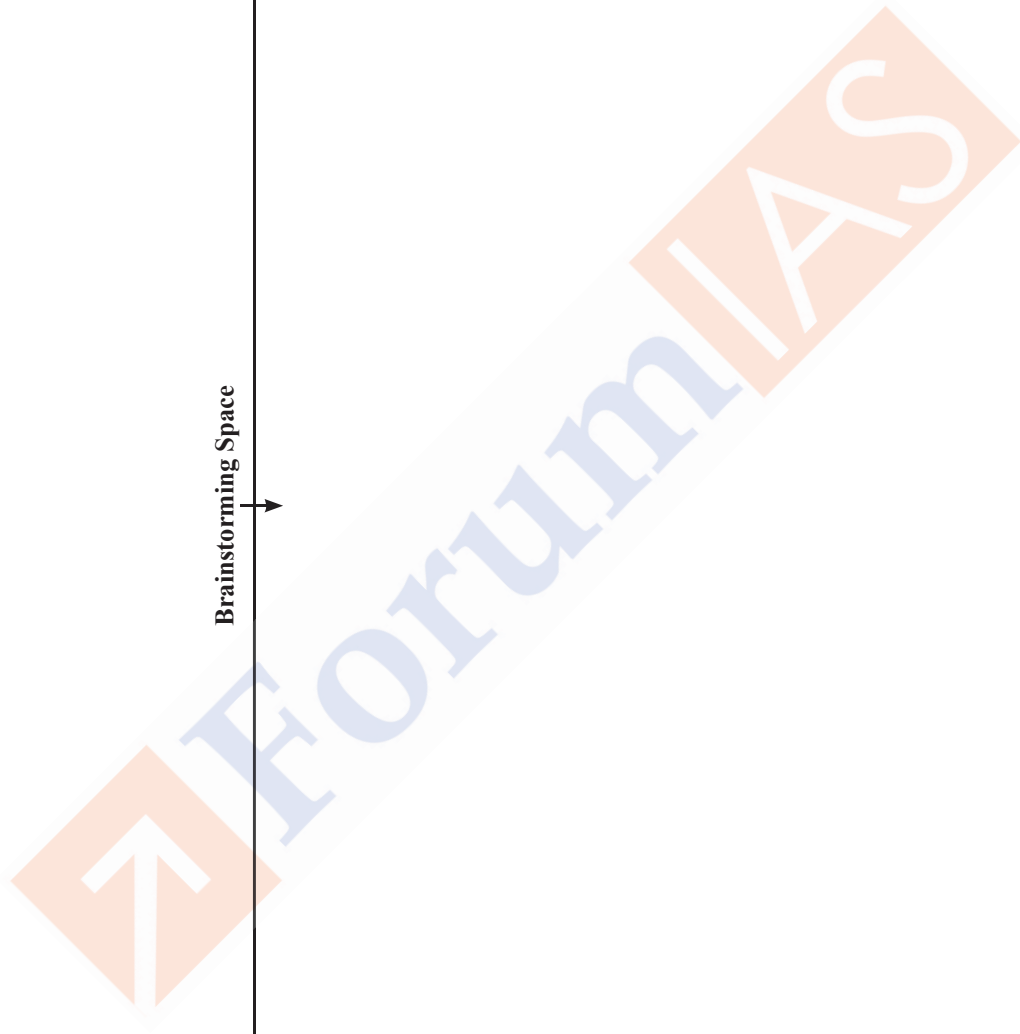
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Q.19) Discuss the role of the Election Commission of India in light of the evolution of the Model Code of Conduct.

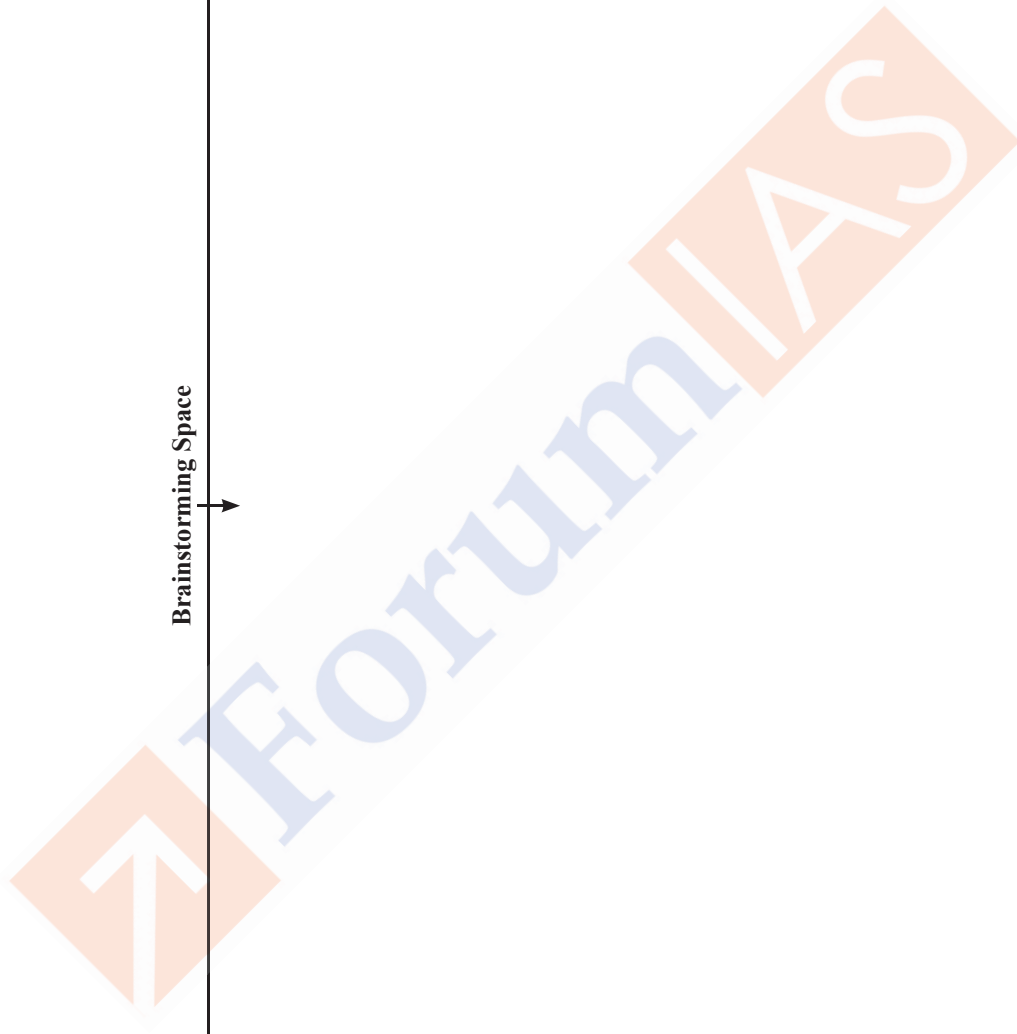
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2022]

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Q.20) Discuss the role of the National Commission for Backward Classes in the wake of its transformation from a statutory body to a constitutional body. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2022]

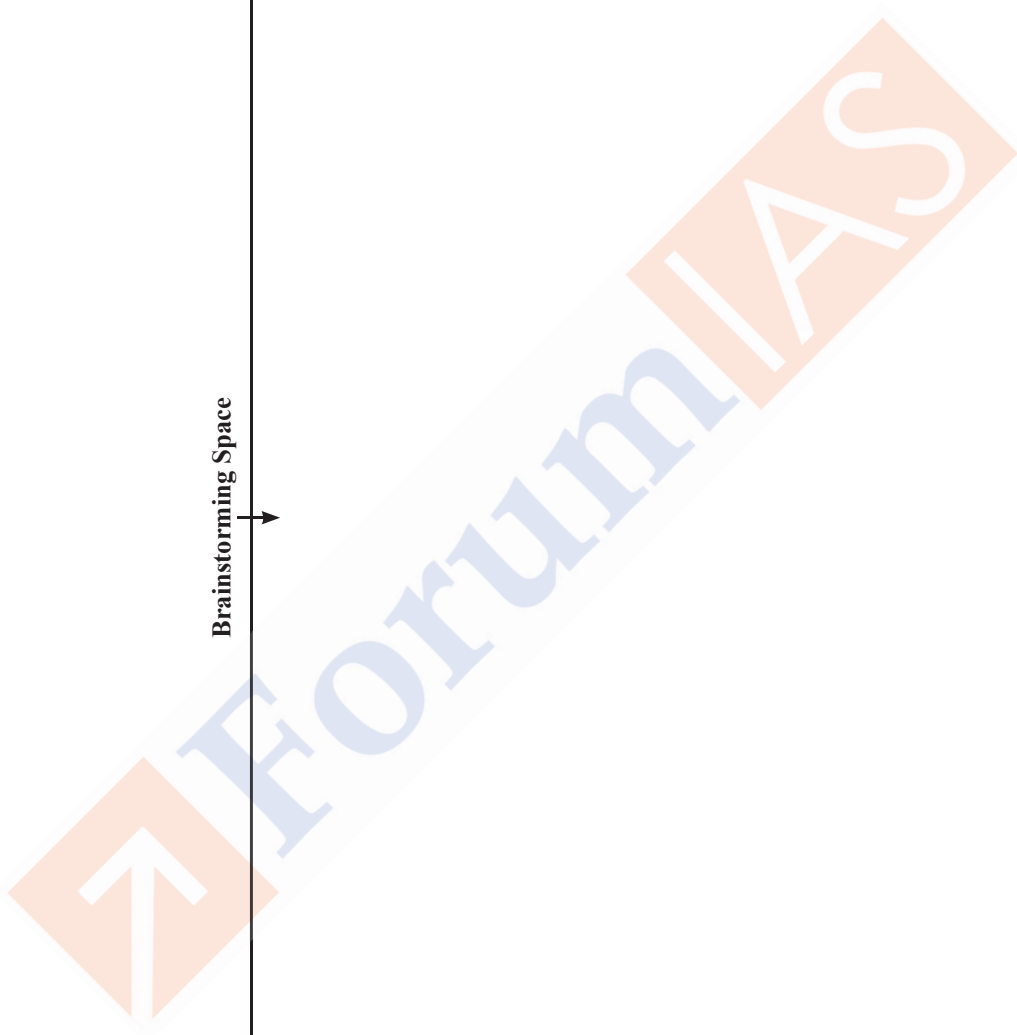
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Q.21) How have the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission of India enabled the states to improve their fiscal position?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2021]

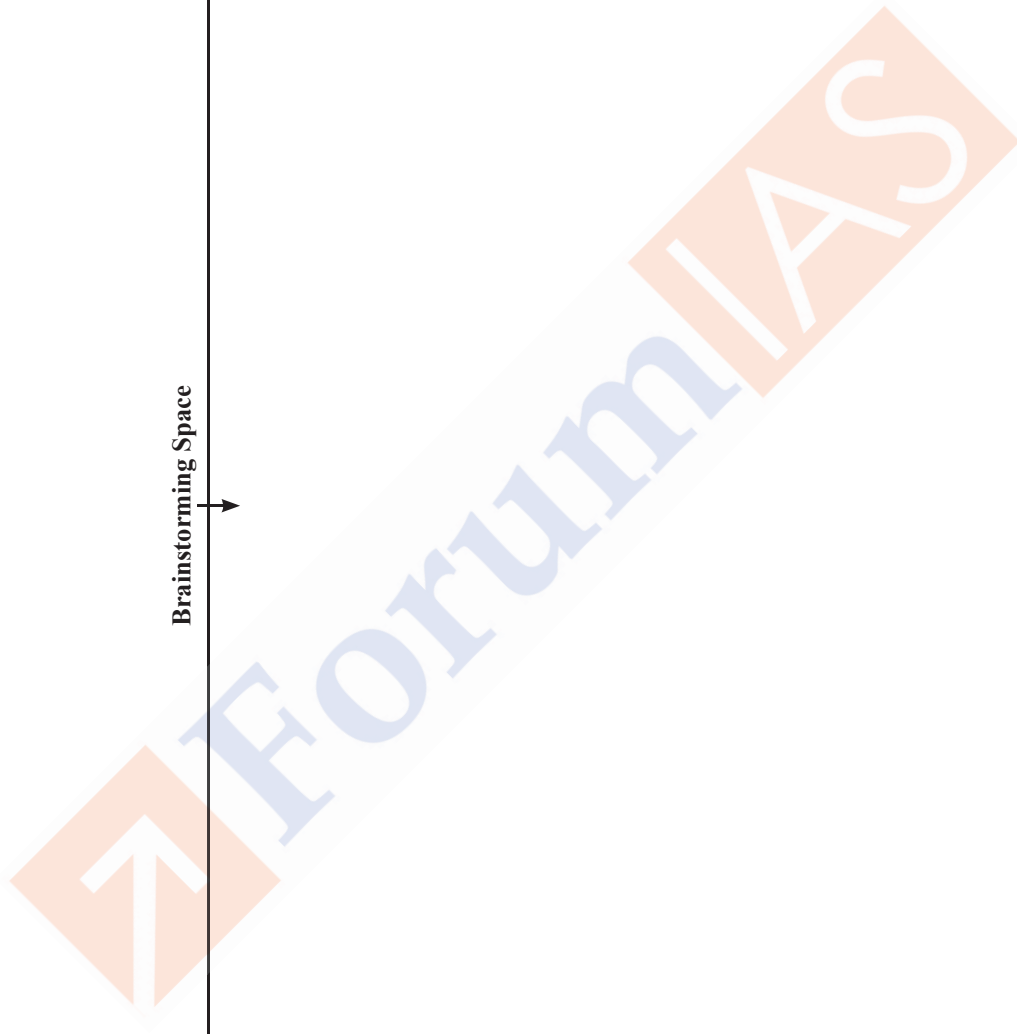
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Q.22) Which steps are required for constitutionalisation of a commission? Do you think imparting constitutionality to the national commission for women would ensure greater gender justice?

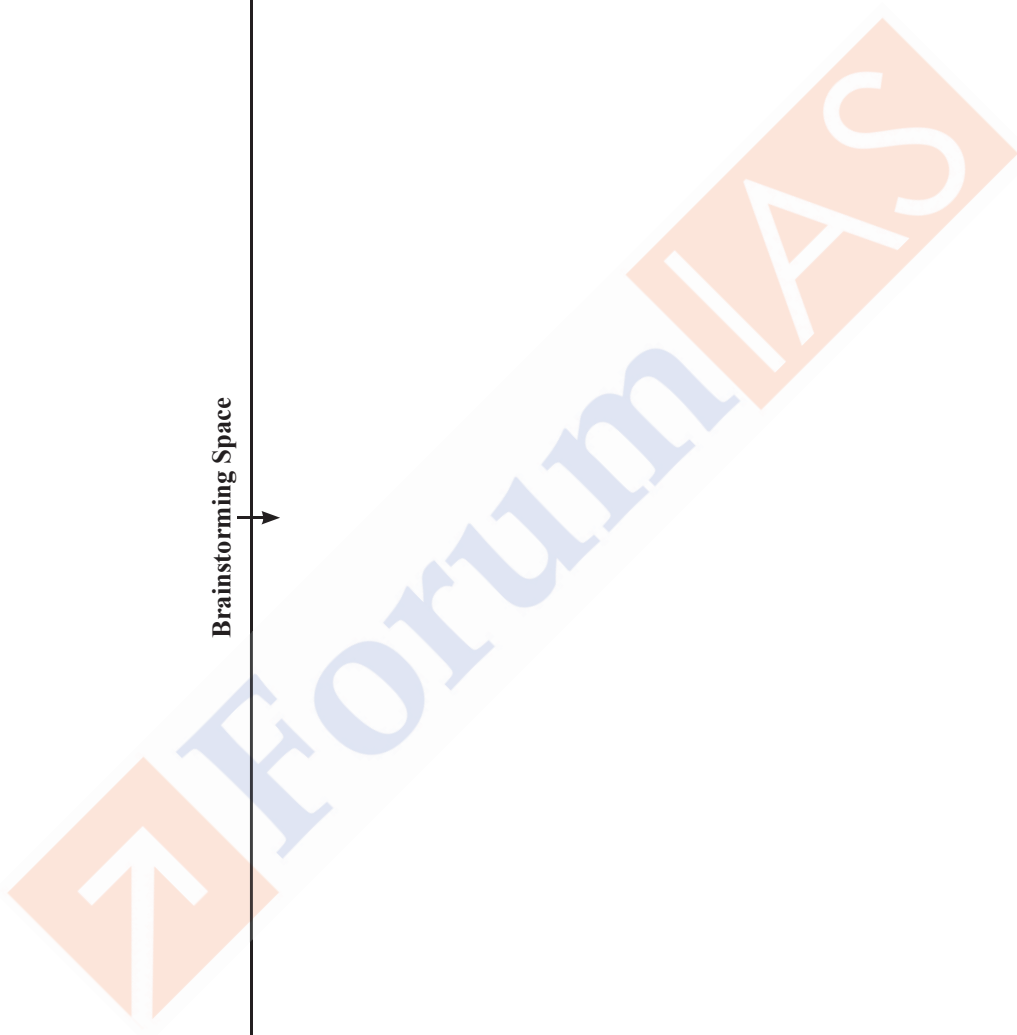
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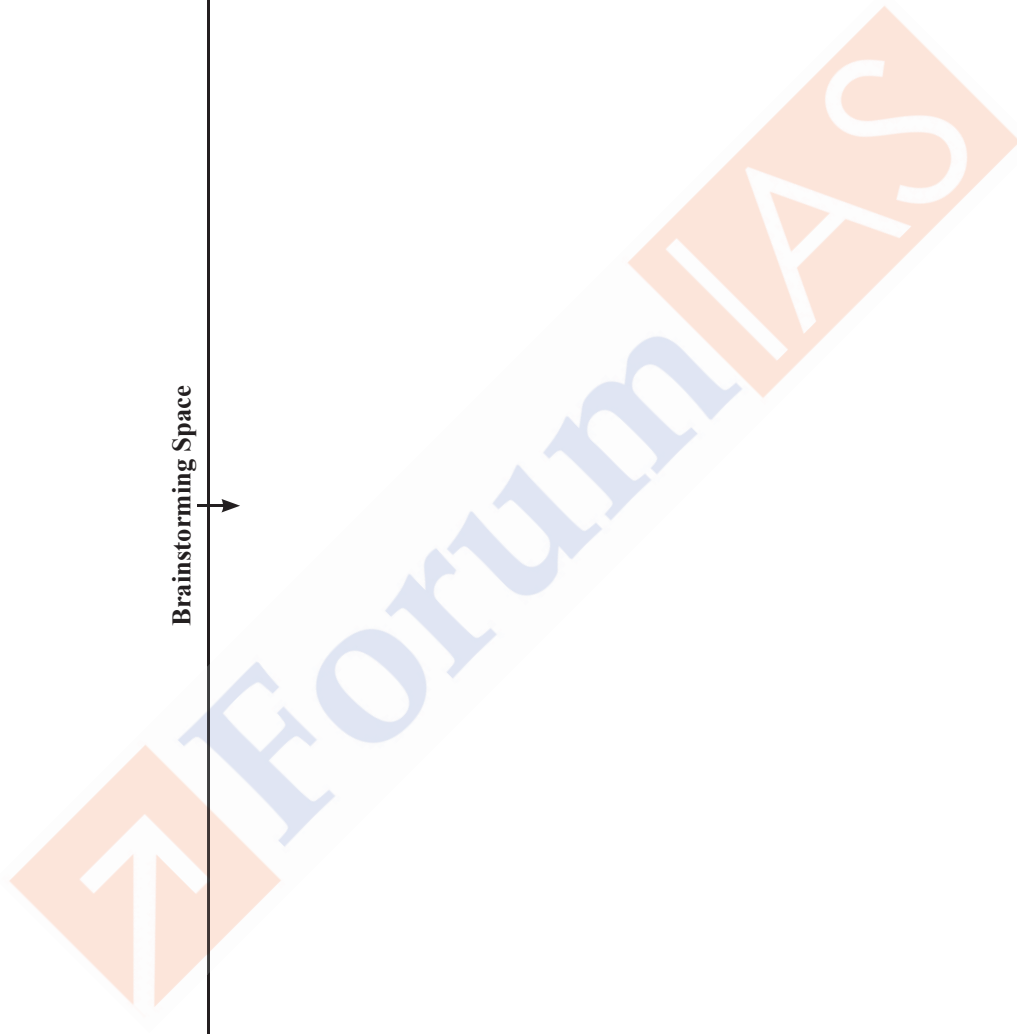
Q.23) 'The Attorney-General is the chief legal adviser and lawyer of the Government of India.' Discuss. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2019]

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Q.24) 'The Central Administrative Tribunal which was established for redressal of grievances and complaints by or against central government employees, nowadays is exercising its powers as an independent judicial authority.' Explain. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

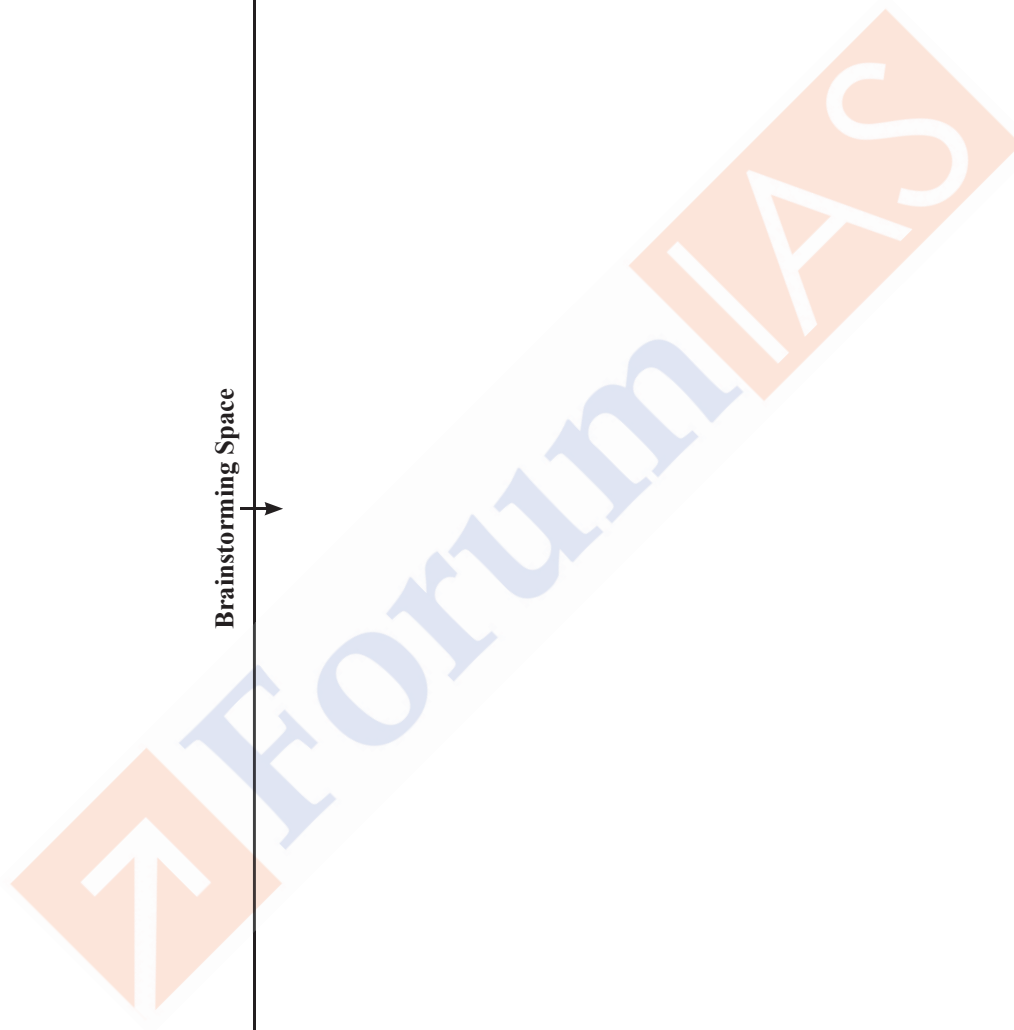
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Q.25) Whether National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) can enforce the implementation of constitutional reservation for the Scheduled Castes in the religious minority institutions?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

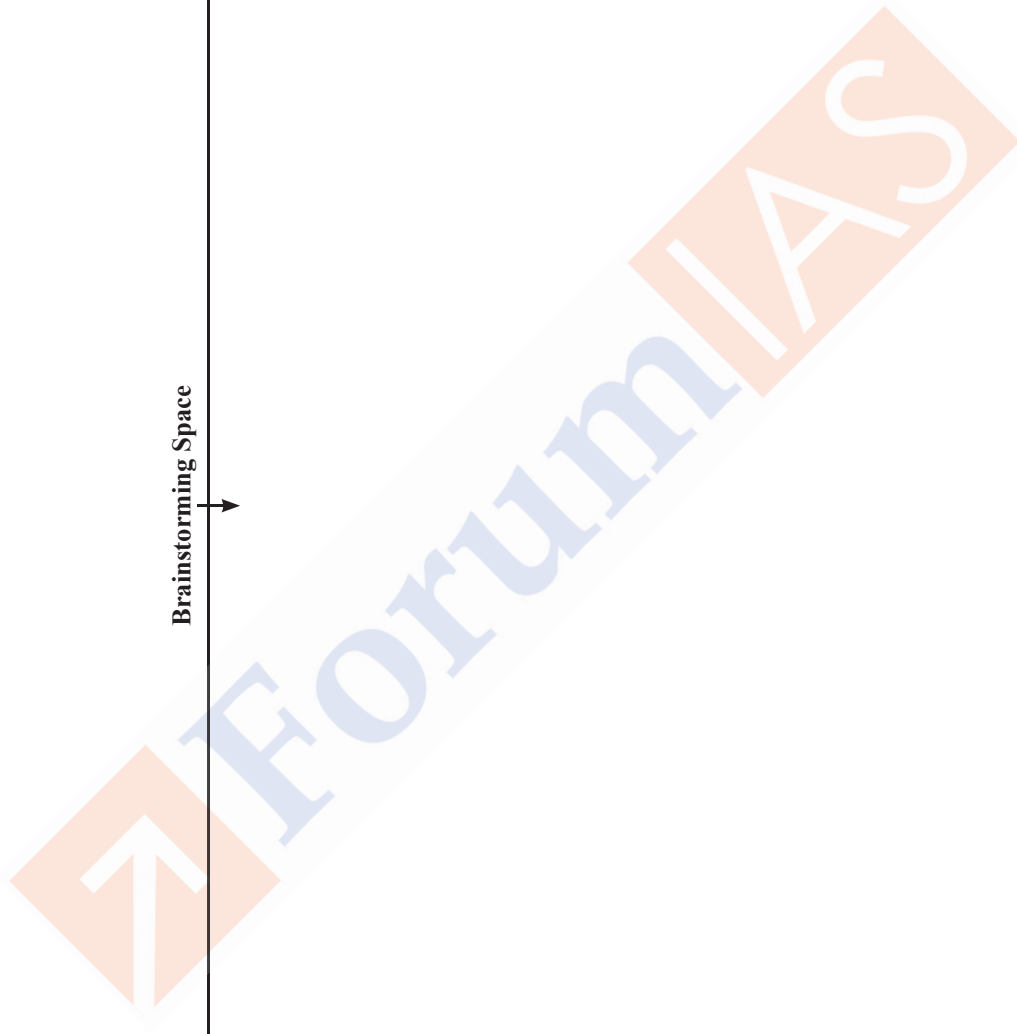
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Q.26) 'The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has a very vital role to play.' Explain how this is reflected in the method and terms of his appointment as well as the range of powers he can exercise.

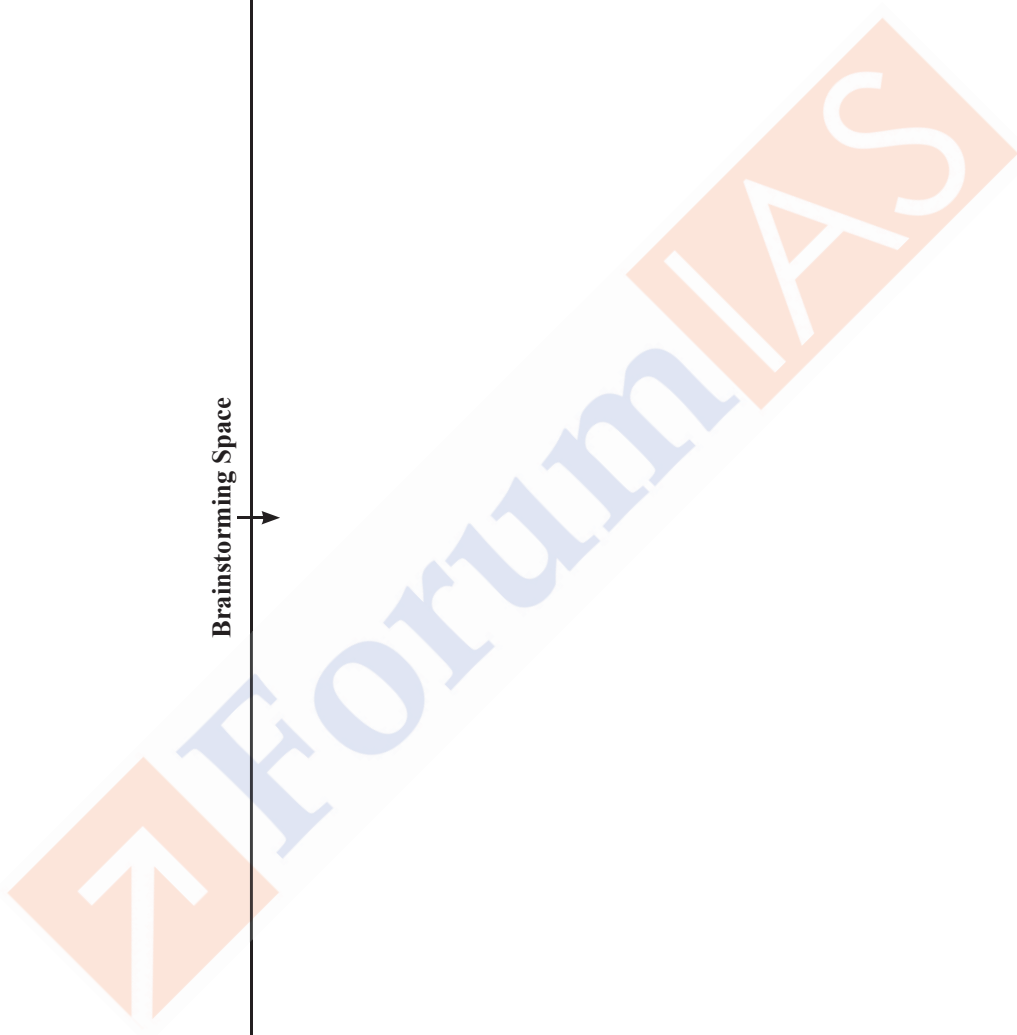
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

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Q.27) How is the Finance Commission of India constituted? What do you know about the terms of reference of the recently constituted Finance Commission? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2018]

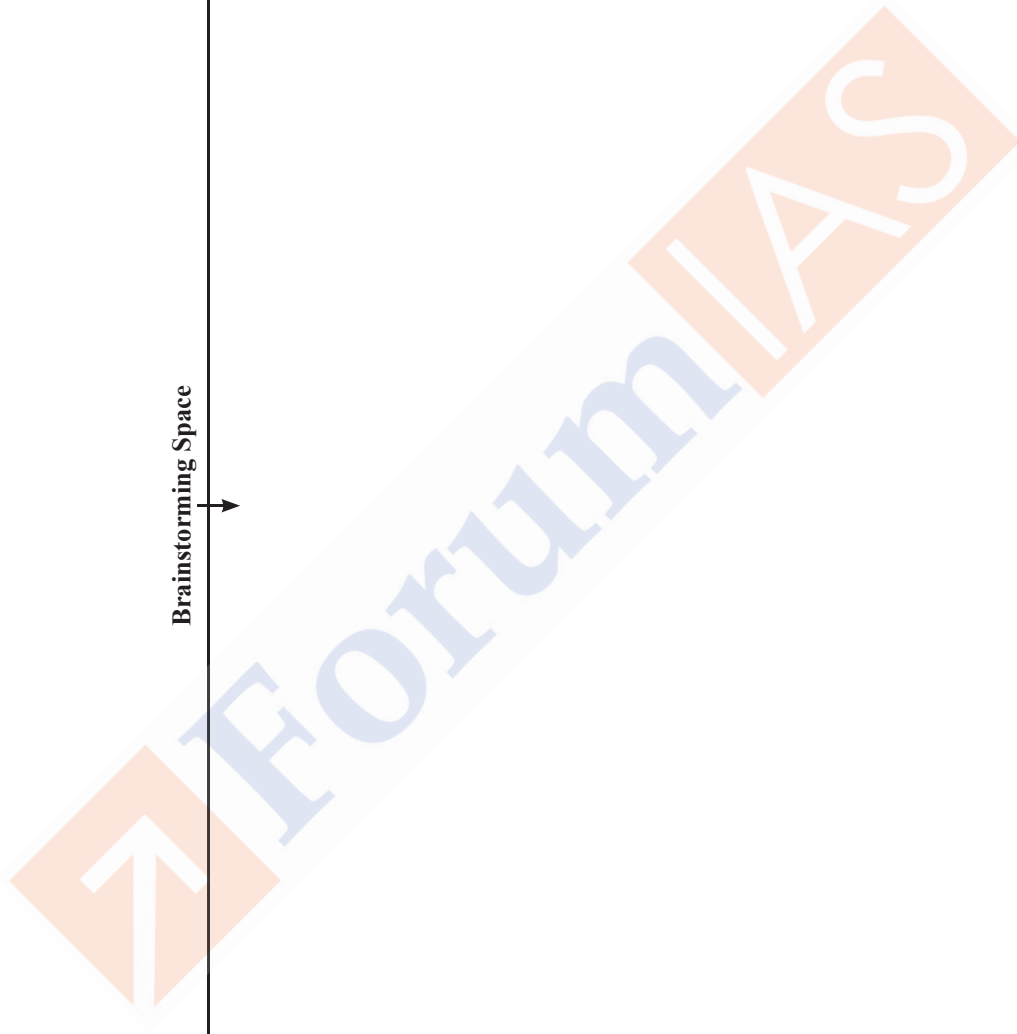
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Q.28) To enhance the quality of democracy in India the Election Commission of India has proposed electoral reforms in 2016. What are the suggested reforms and how far are they significant?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2017]

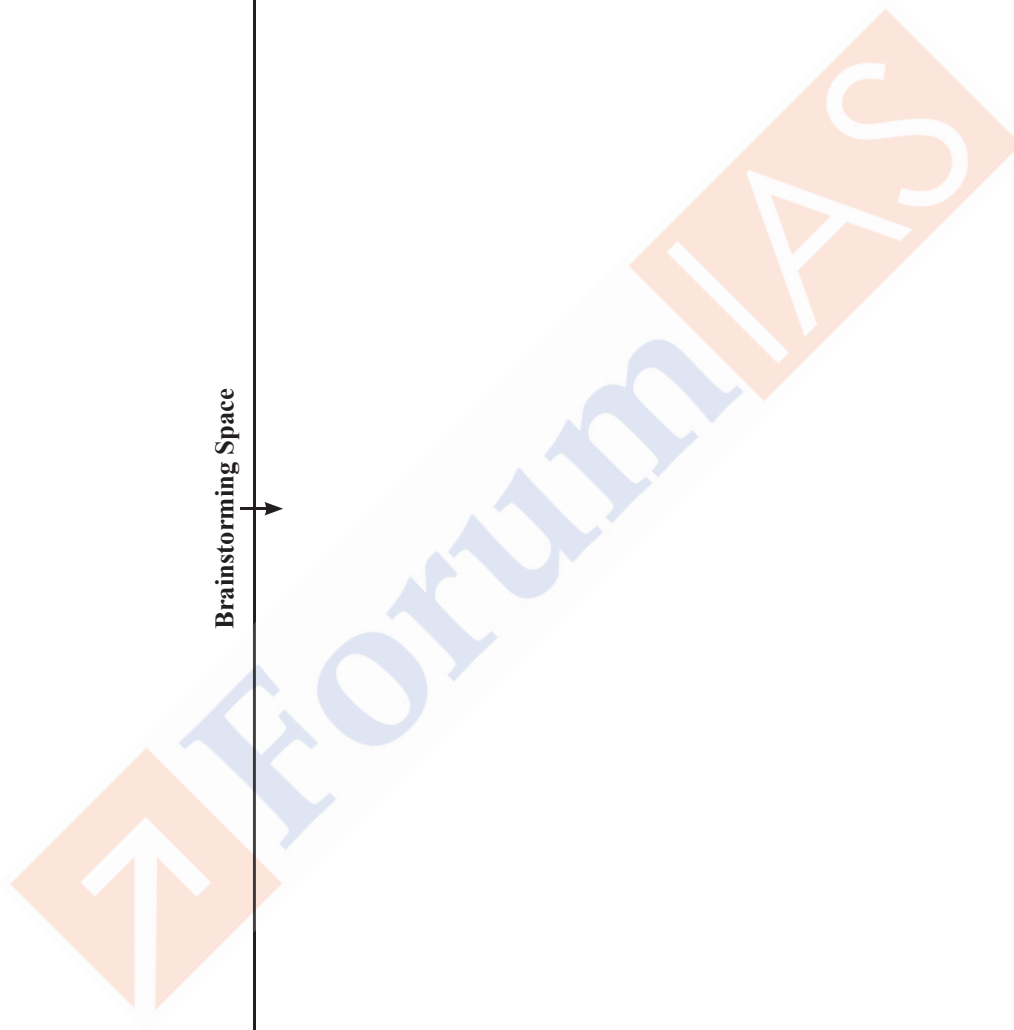
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Q.29) Is the National Commission for Women able to strategize and tackle the problems that women face at both public and private spheres?

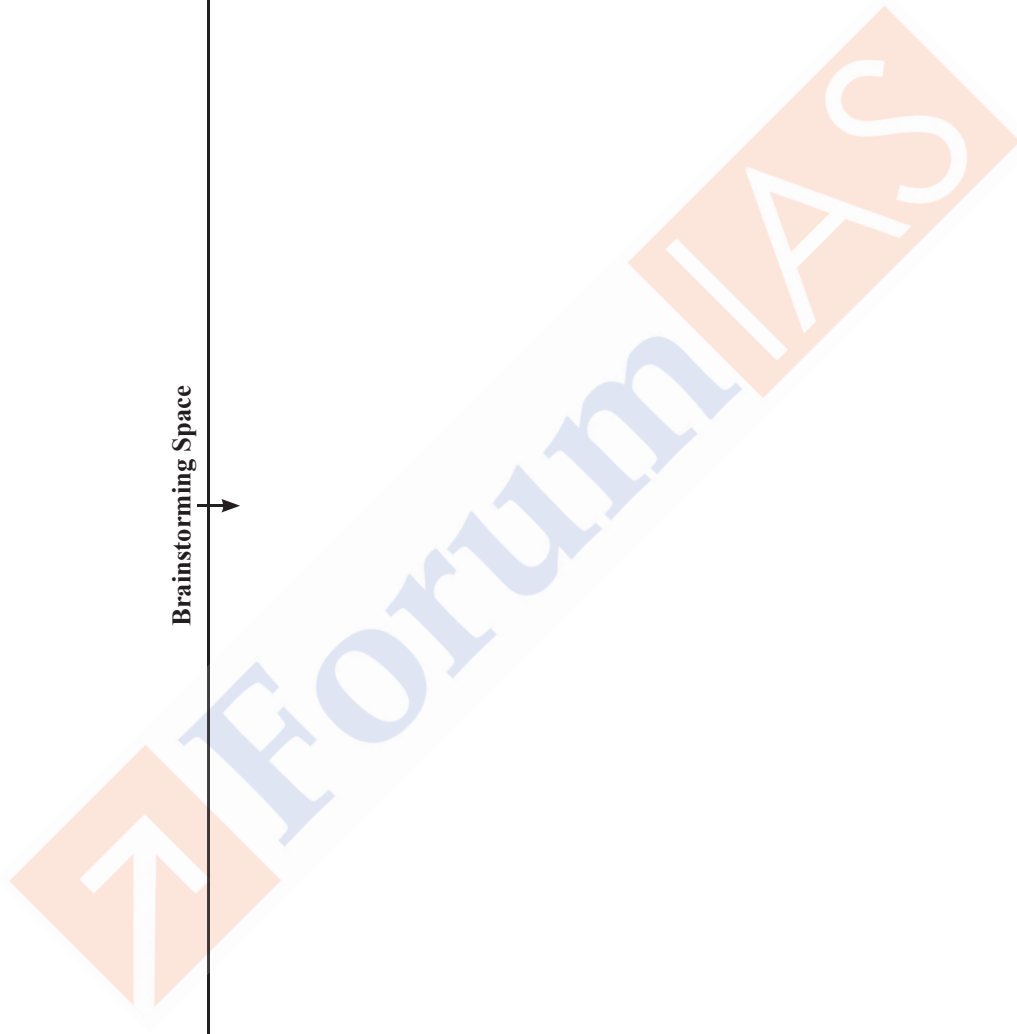
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2017]

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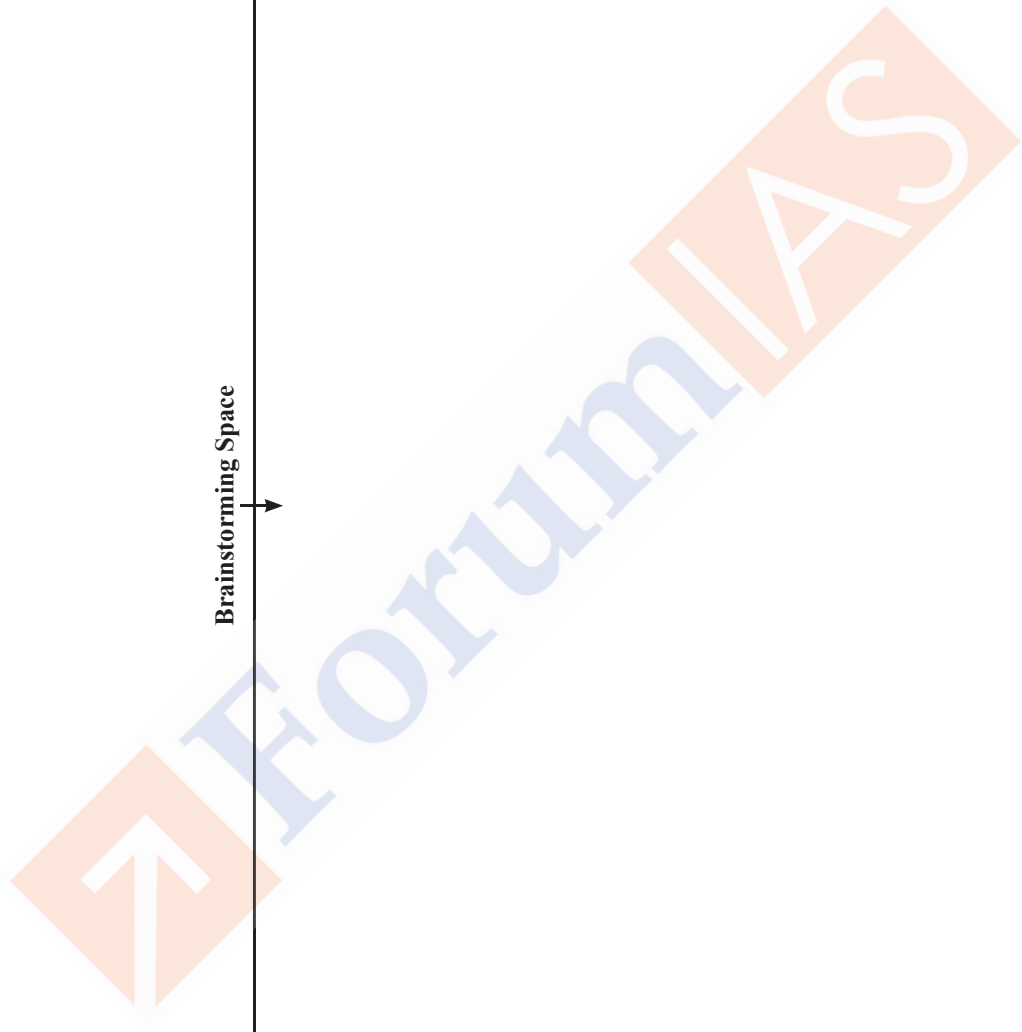
Q.30) Exercise of CAG's powers in relation to the accounts of the Union and the States is derived from Article 149. Discuss whether audit of the Government's Policy implementation could amount to overstepping its own jurisdiction. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

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Q.31) What is a quasi-judicial body? Explain with the help of concrete examples. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

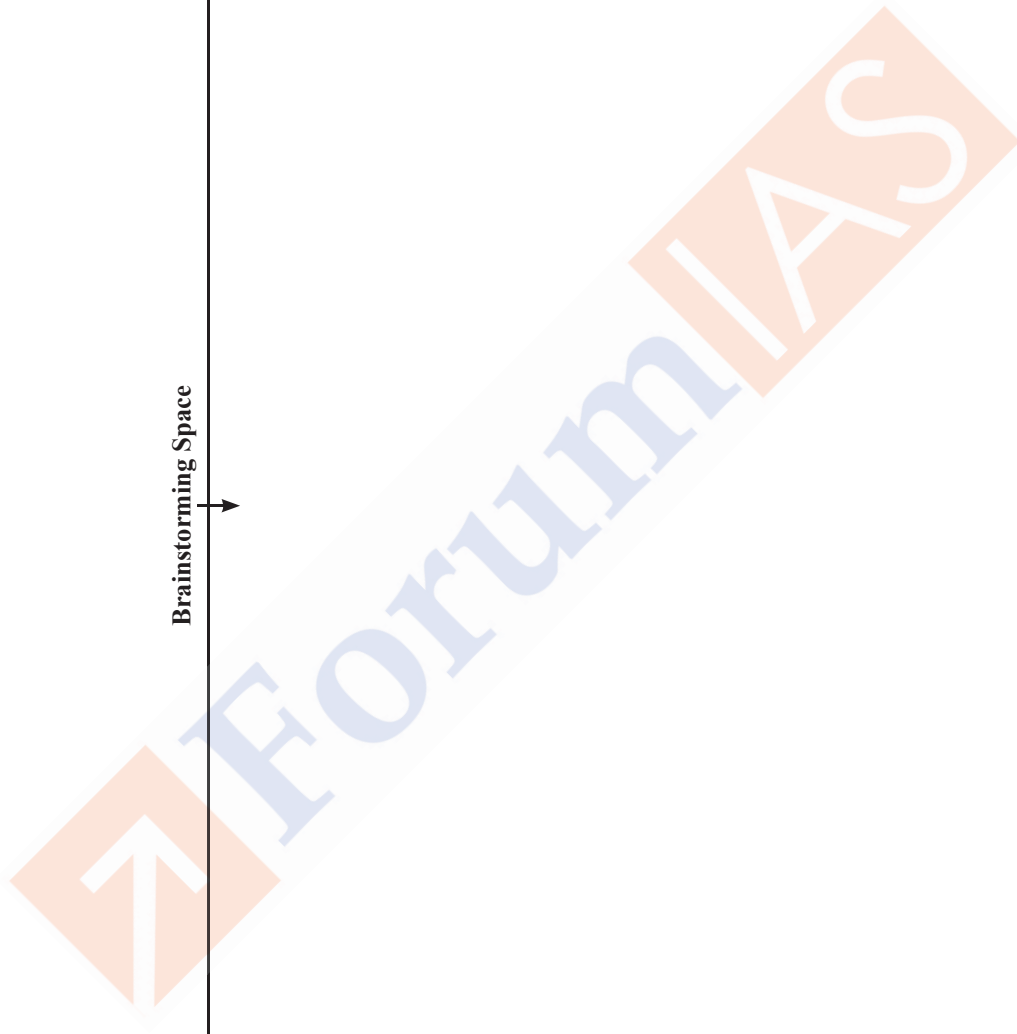
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Q.32) 'For achieving the desired objectives, it is necessary to ensure that the regulatory institutions remain independent and autonomous.' Discuss in the light of the experiences in recent past.

(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

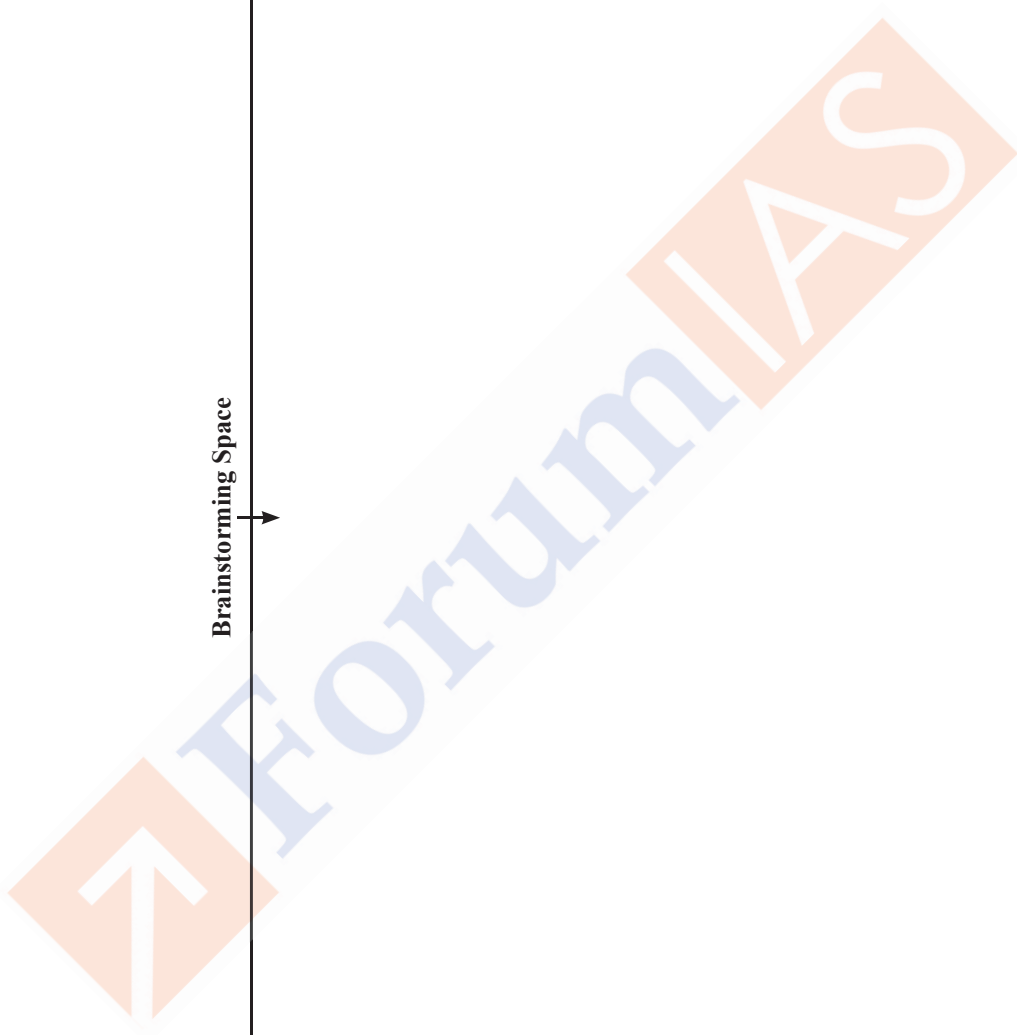
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Q.33) The setting up of a Rail Tariff Authority to regulate fares will subject the cash strapped Indian Railways to demand subsidy. Taking into account the experience in the power sector, discuss if the proposed reform is expected to benefit the consumers.

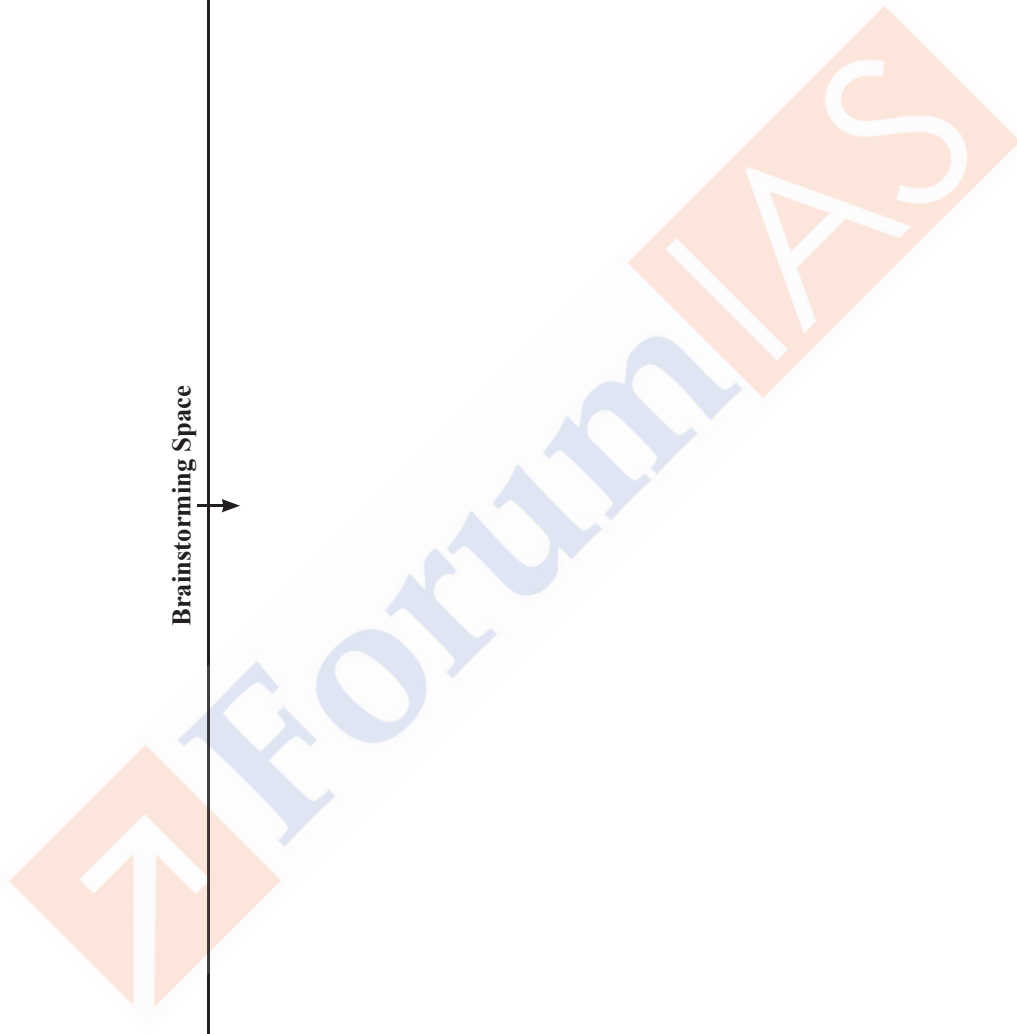
(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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Q.34) National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in India can be most effective when its tasks are adequately supported by other mechanisms. Assess the role of NHRC as an effective complement to the judiciary. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

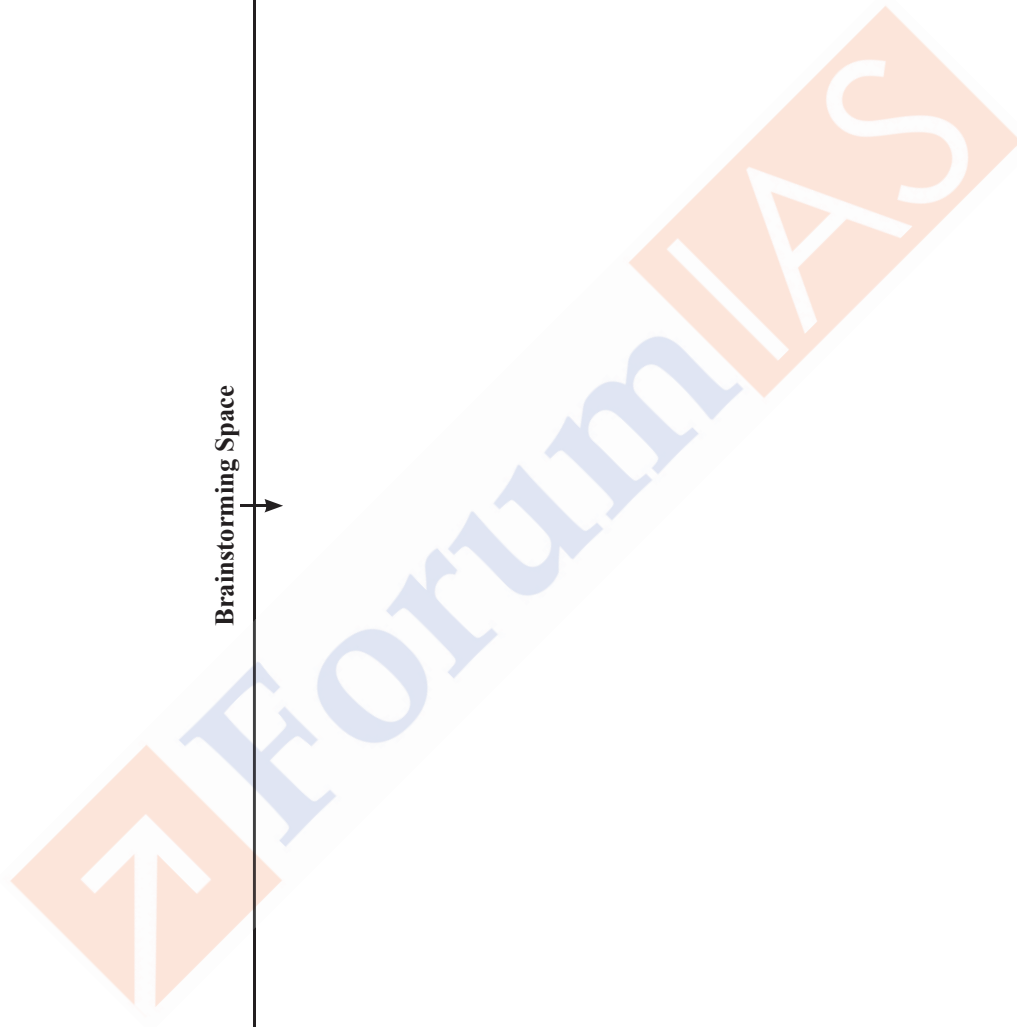
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Q.35) Discuss the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission which have been a departure from the previous commissions for strengthening the local government finances.

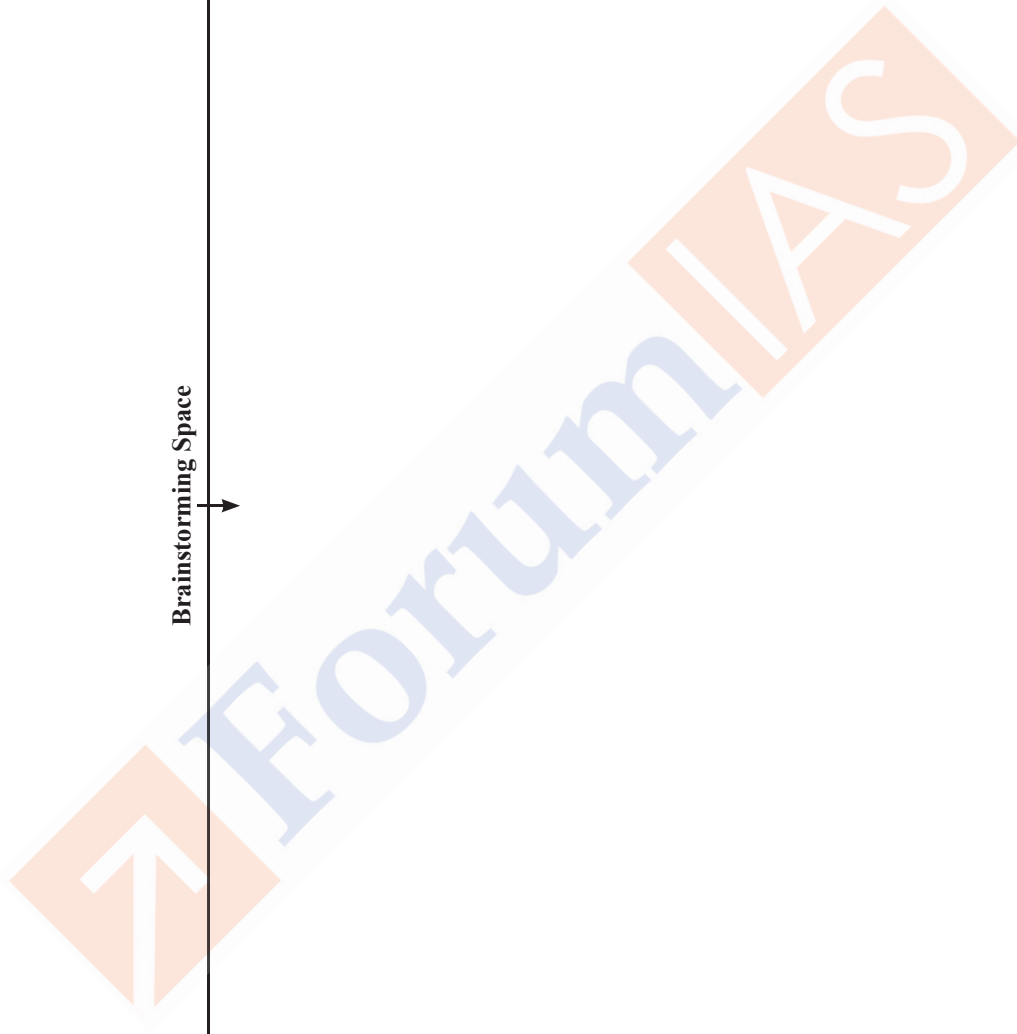
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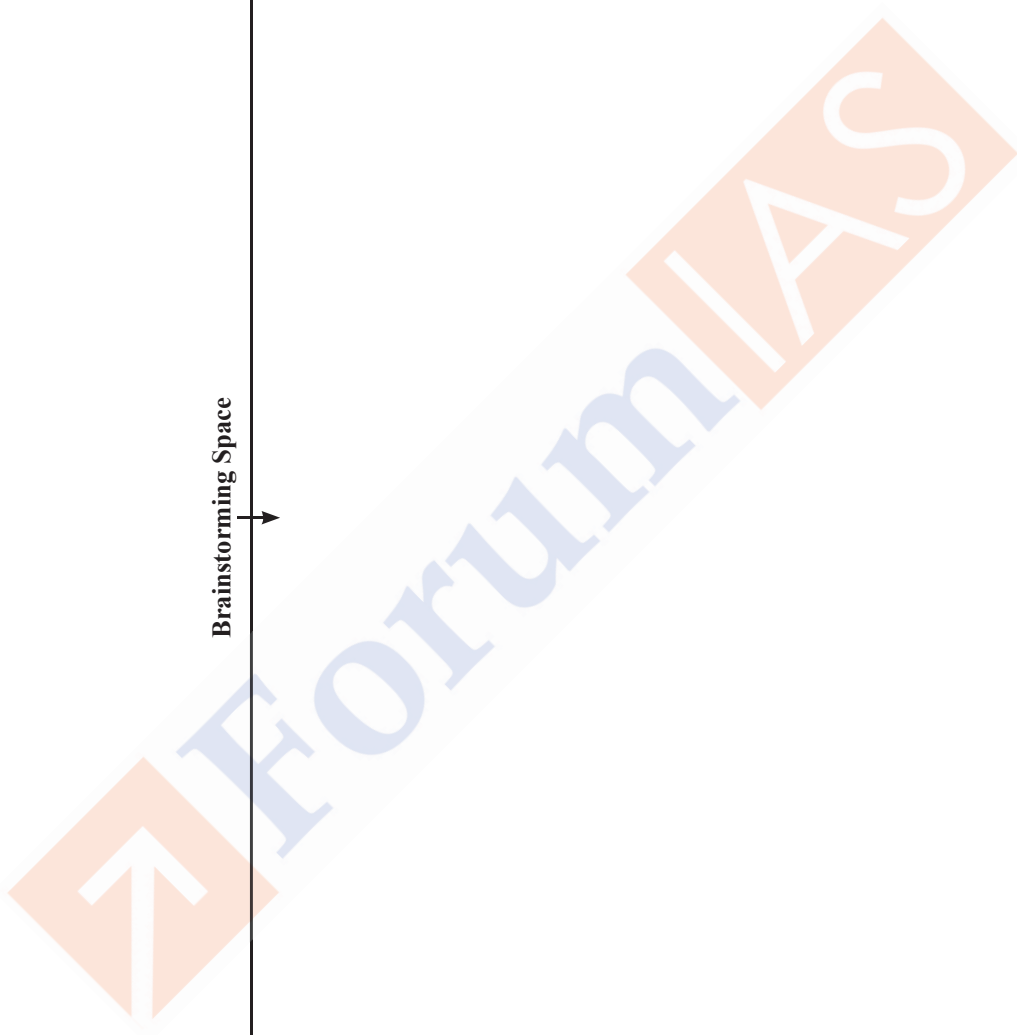
Q.36) Discuss the composition and functions of Union Public Service Commission. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2008]

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Q.37) How does the Inter-State Council establish co-ordination between States? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2006]

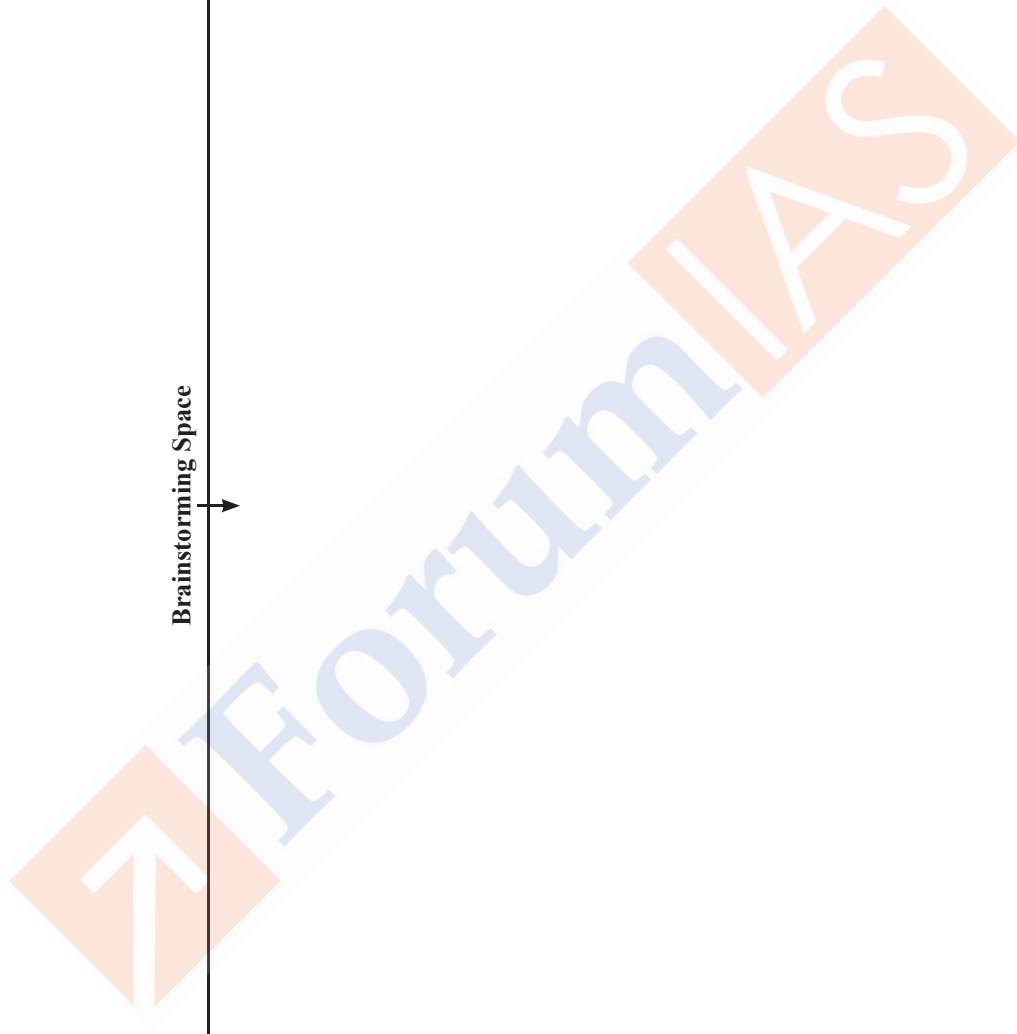
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Q.38) What are the steps that the Election Commission may take if a recalcitrant State Government wants to put off Assembly Elections?

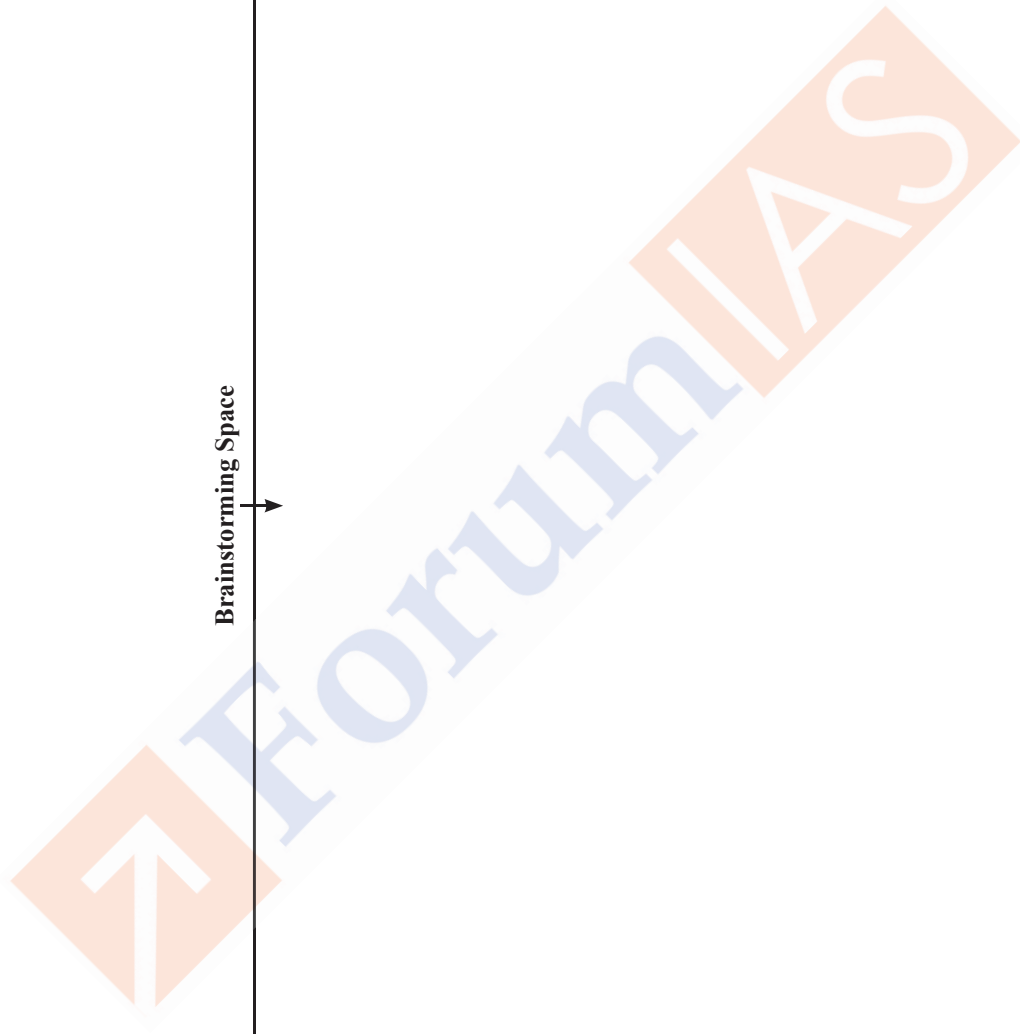
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2005]

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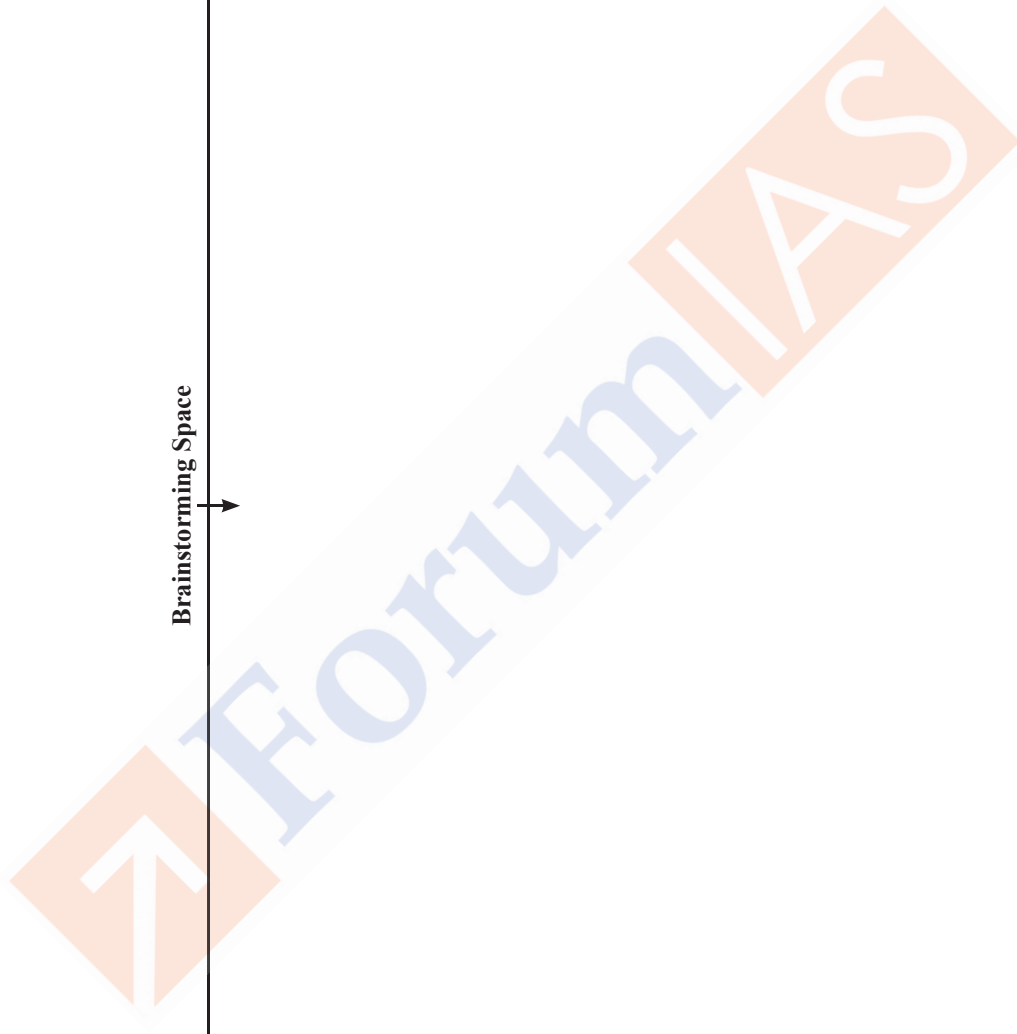
Q.39) How does the Indian Constitution Seek to maintain independence of the Public Service Commission? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2004]

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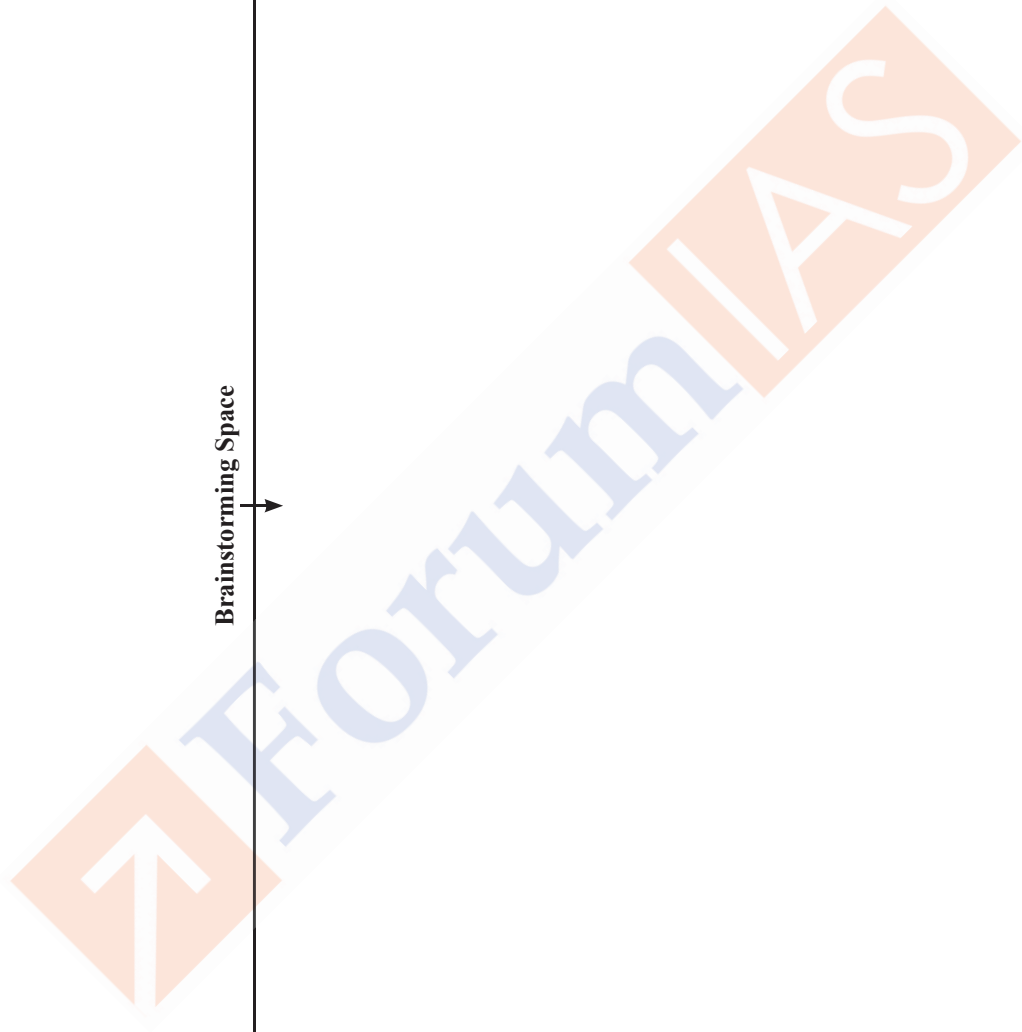
Q.40) What is a Finance Commission? Discuss the main functions of the State Finance Commission. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2004]

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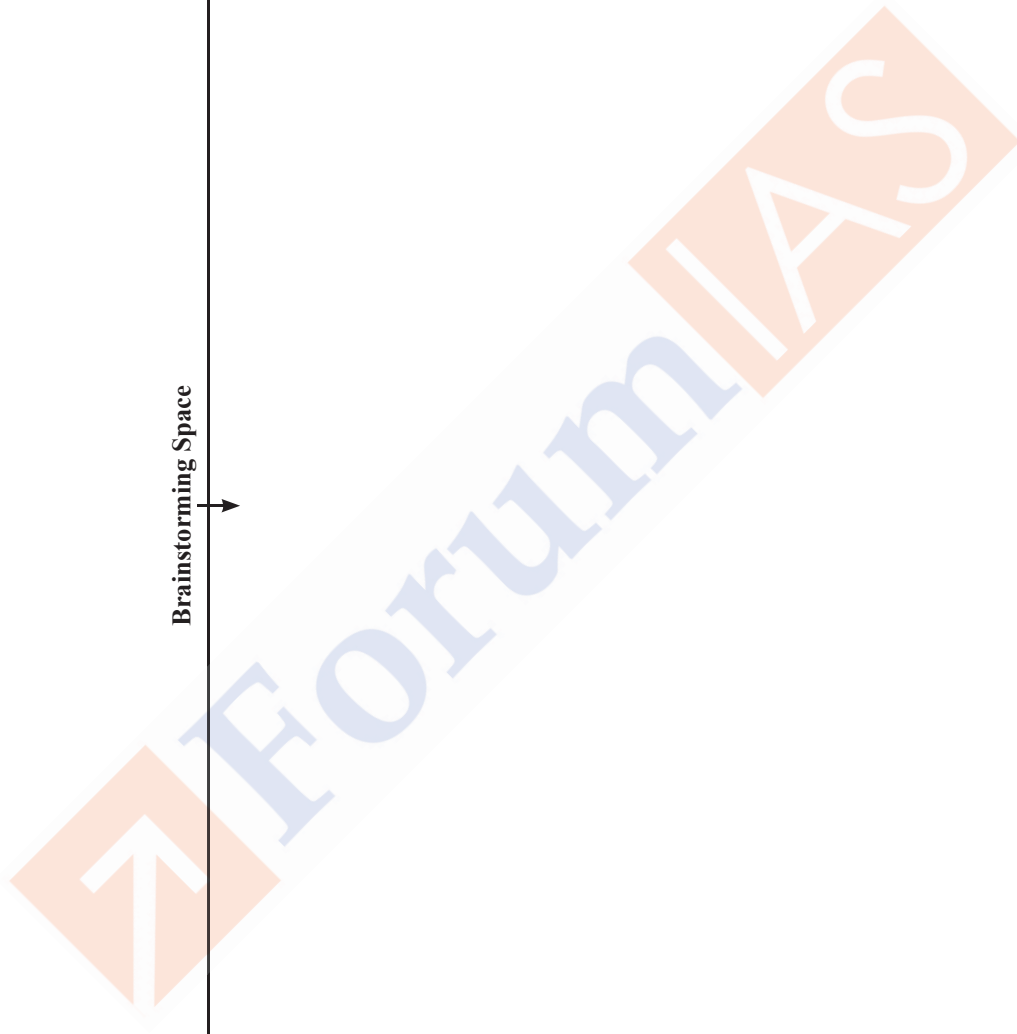
Q.41) What is a Finance Commission? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2003]

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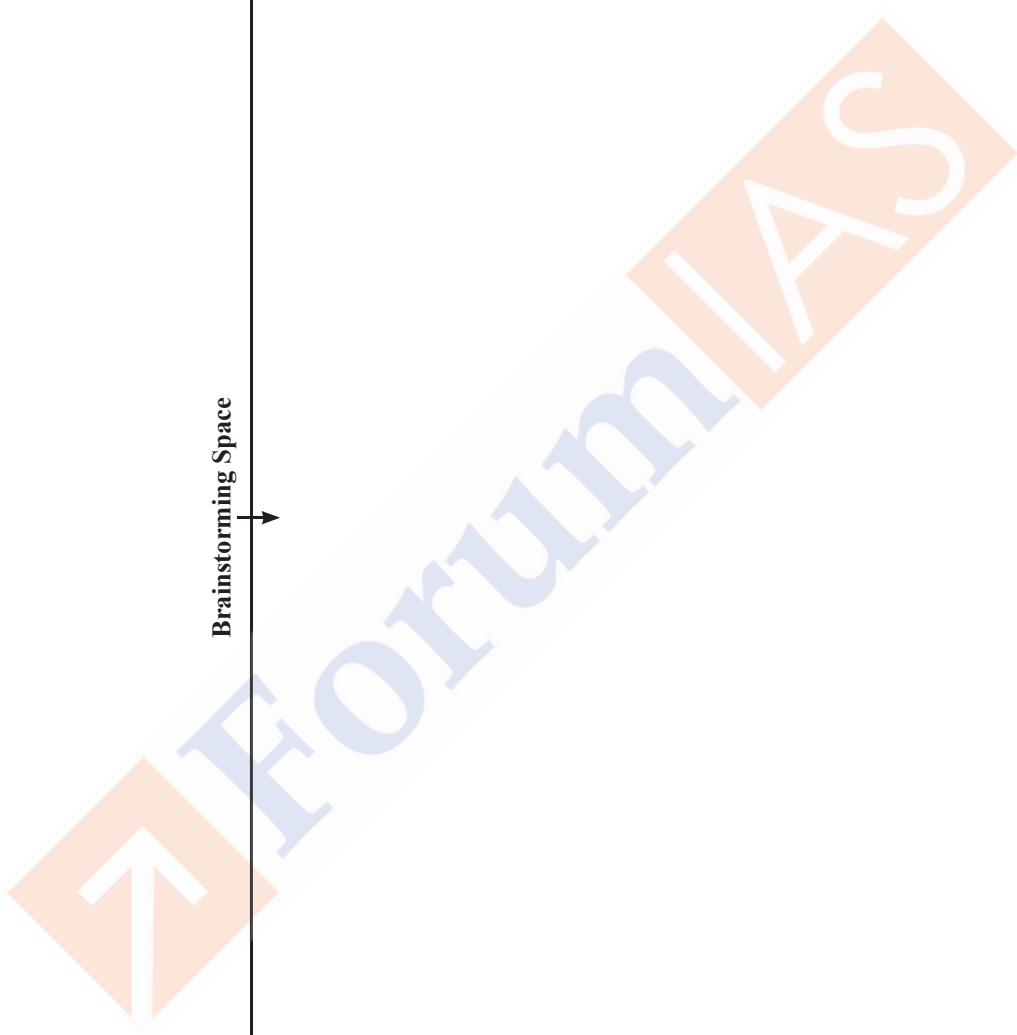
Q.42) Discuss the composition and functions of the National Security Council.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1999]

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Q.43) Present your views for and against the creation of an All India Judicial Service. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1997]

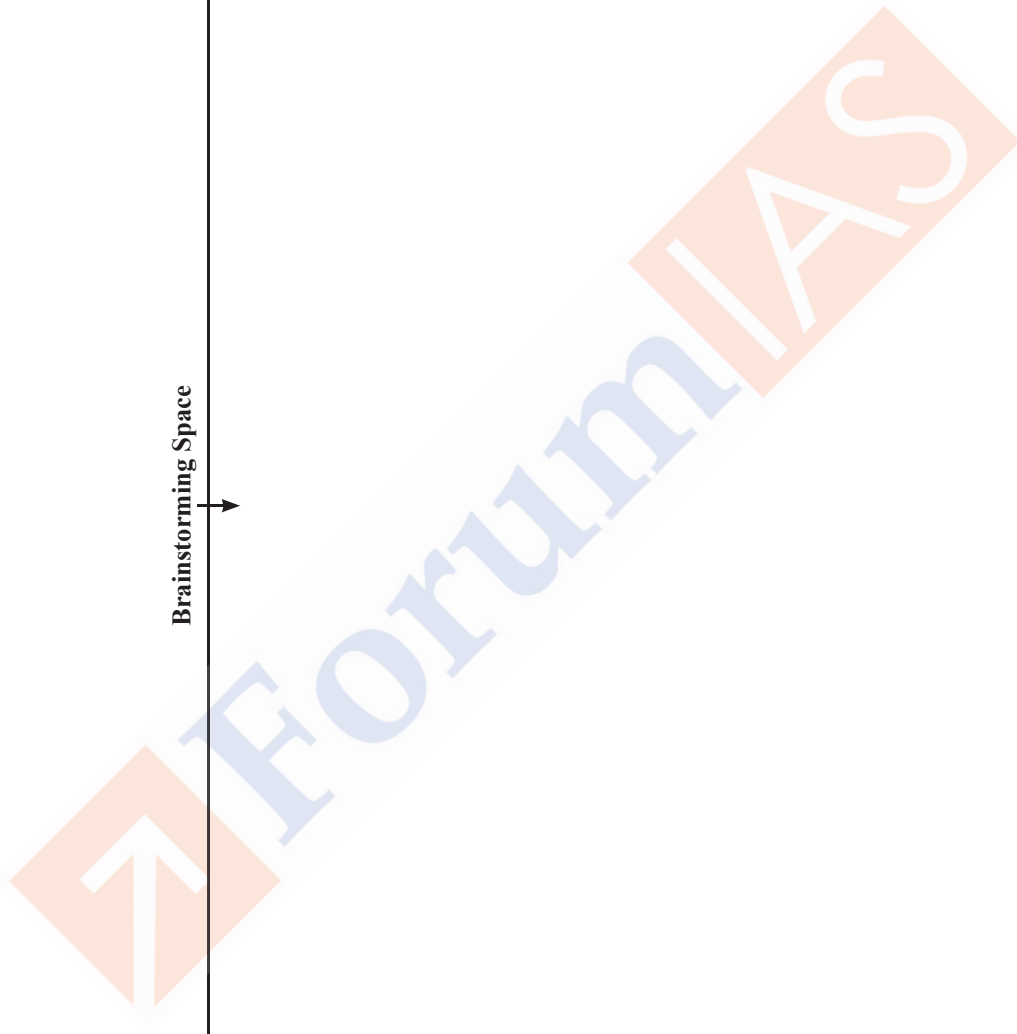
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Q.44) What is the stand of the Election Commission on the residential qualification of the members of the Rajya Sabha?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1994]

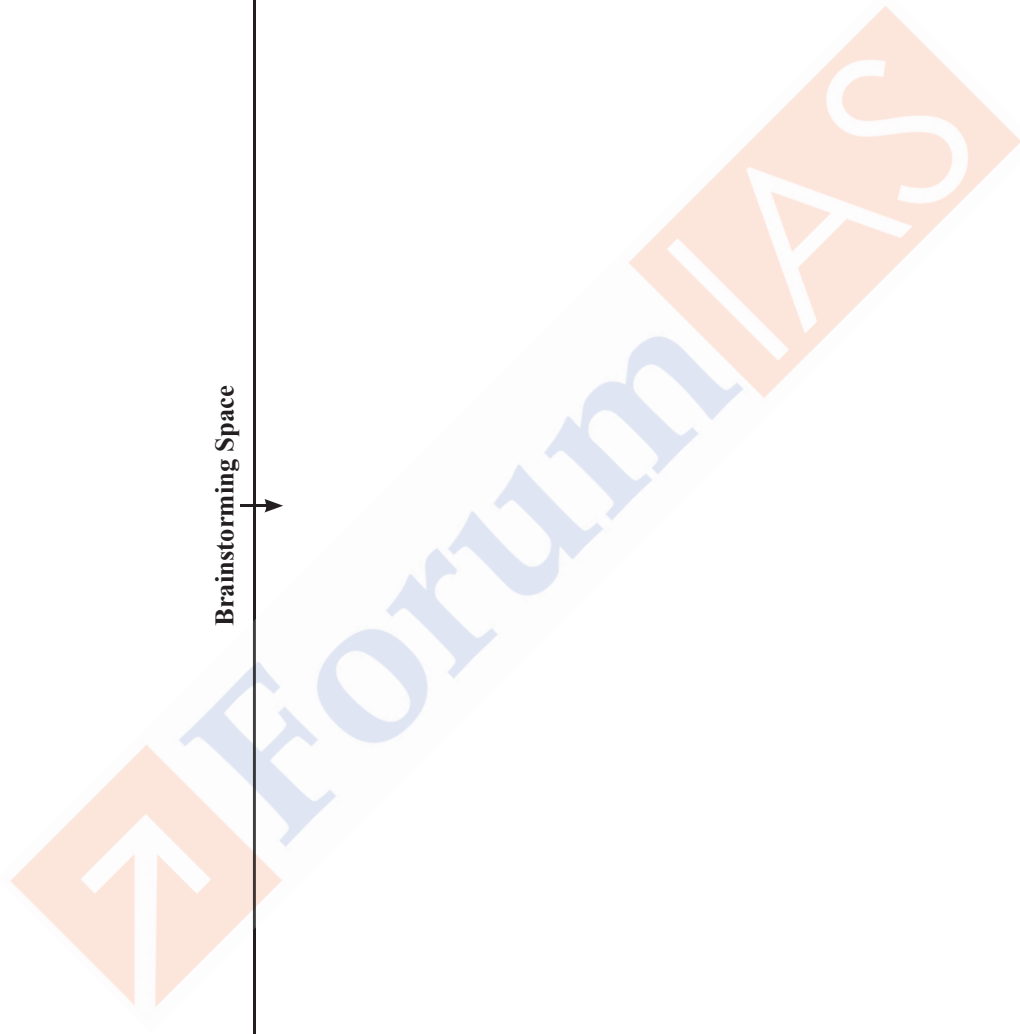
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Q.45) Explain the role of the Planning Commission and the National Development Council in the formulation of public policy in India.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1994]

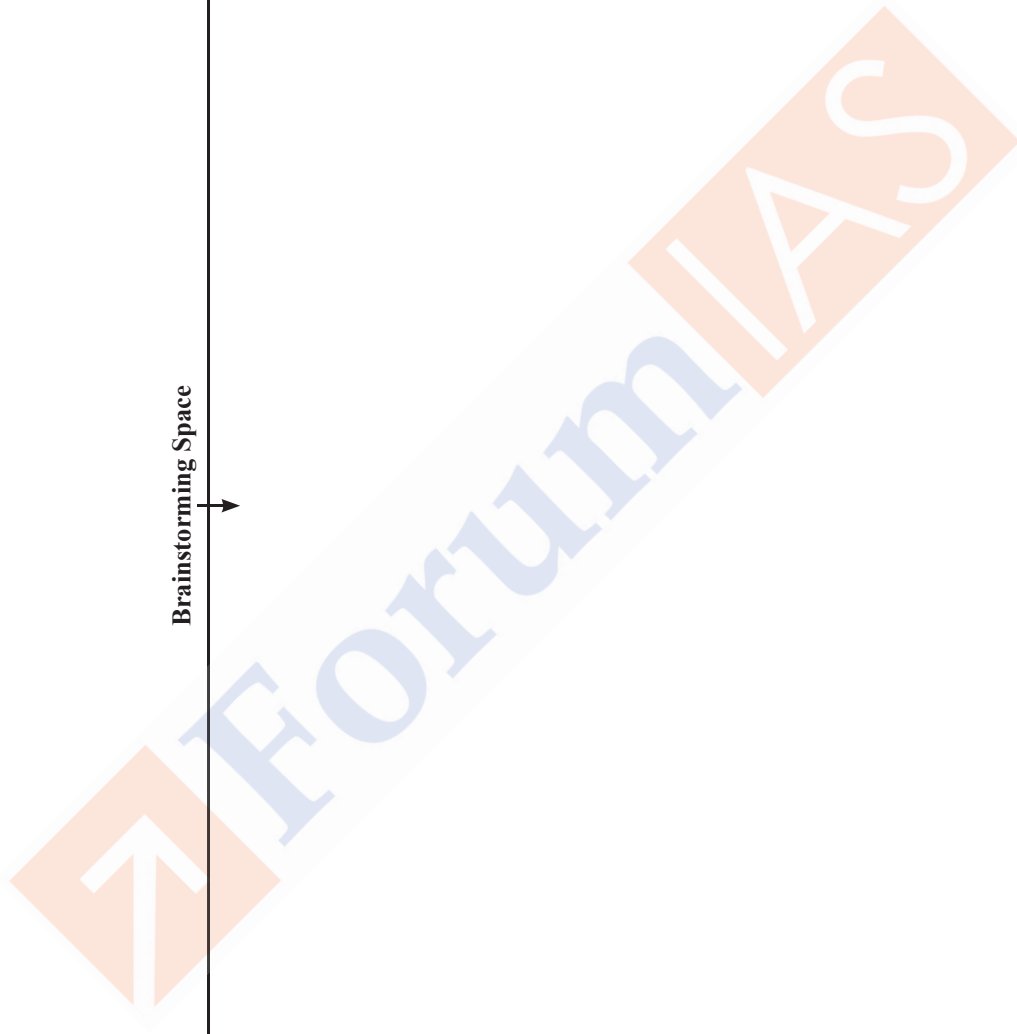
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Q.46) Explain the position of the Election Commission with regard to the residential qualification of the members of the Council of States.

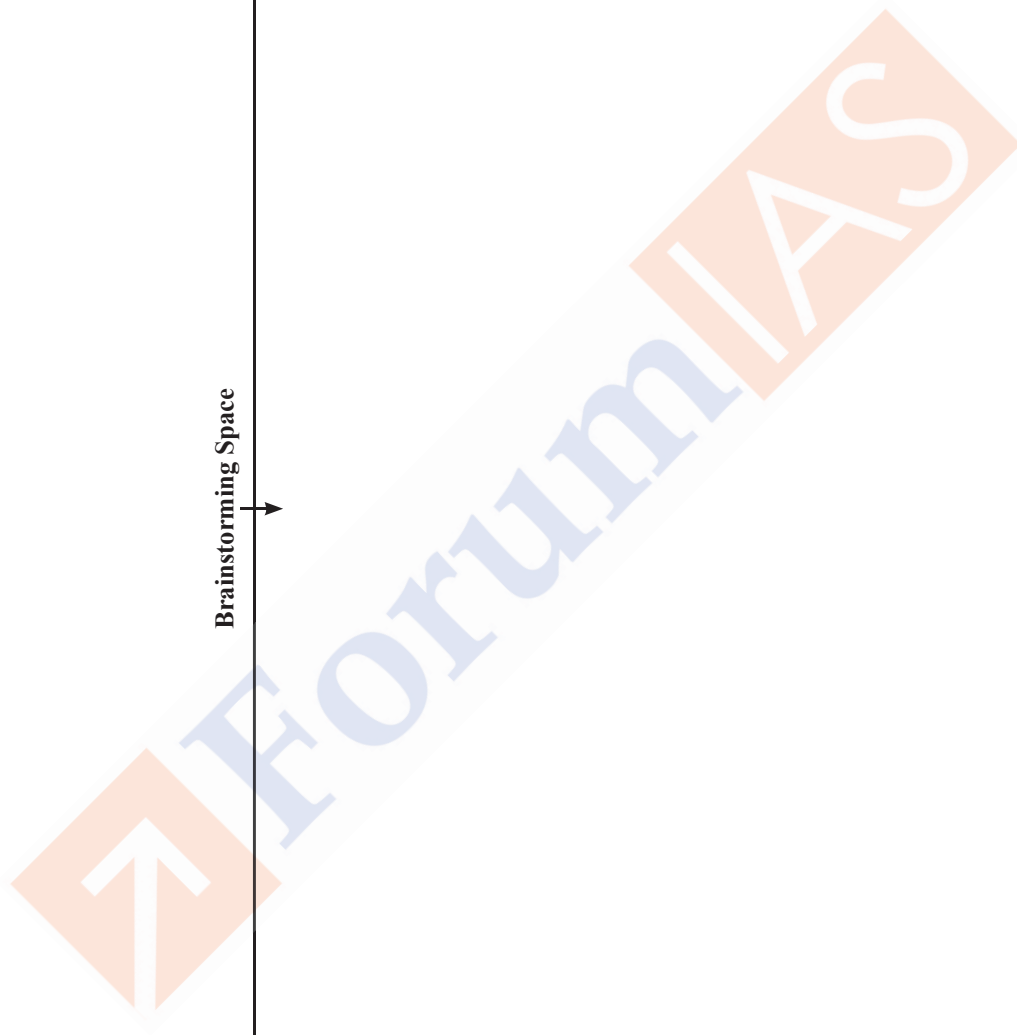
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1994]

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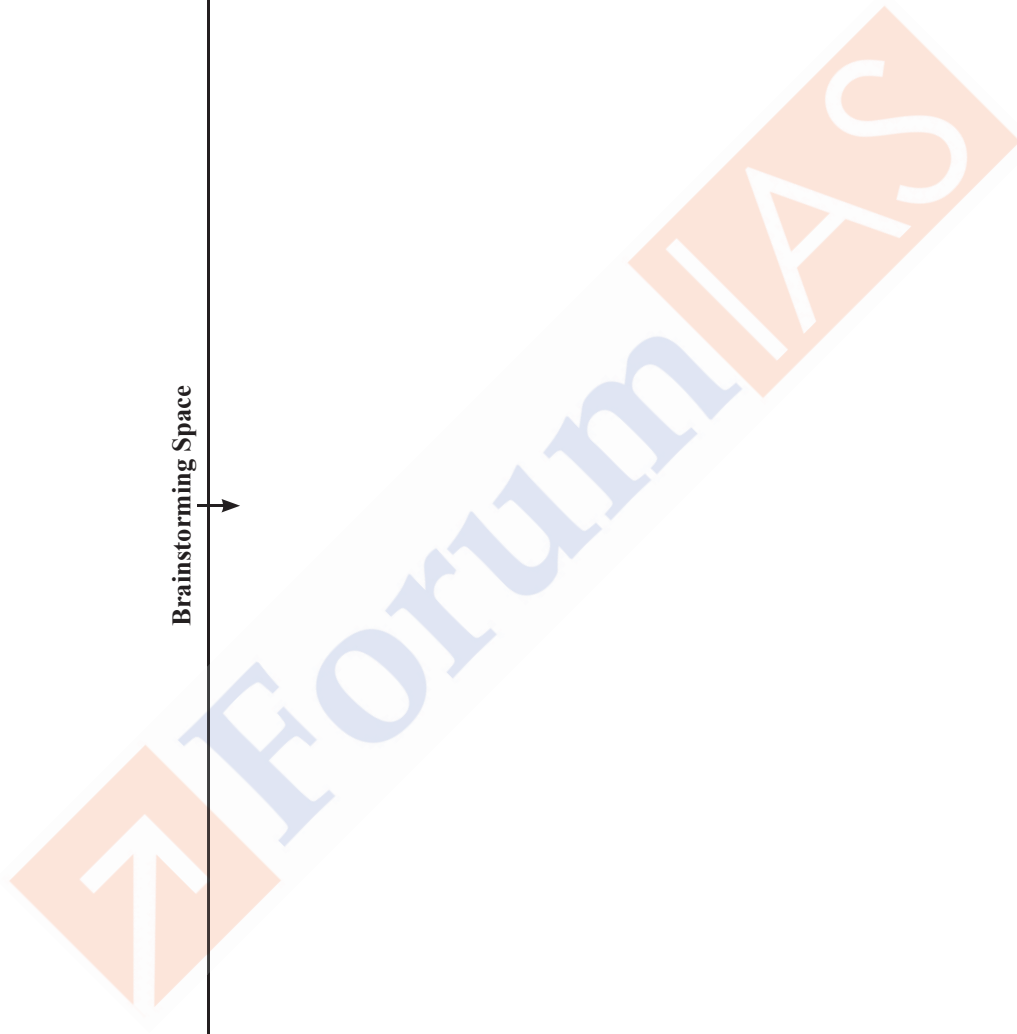
Q.47) Describe the composition and functions of the Election Commission of India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

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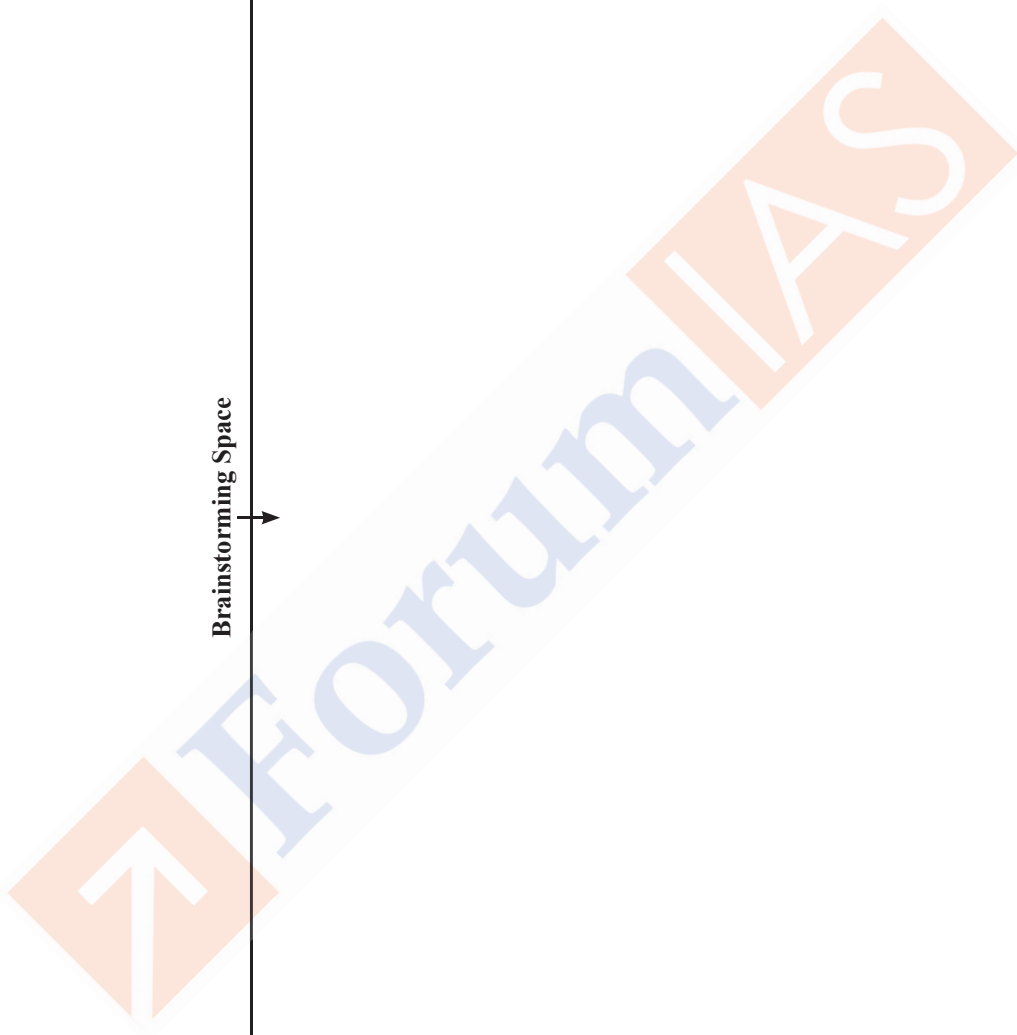
Q.48) Describe the composition and functions of the National Development Council.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

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Q.49) What is National Integration Council? Is there a need for it? What was the major outcome of the recent meeting of the National Integration Council?
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

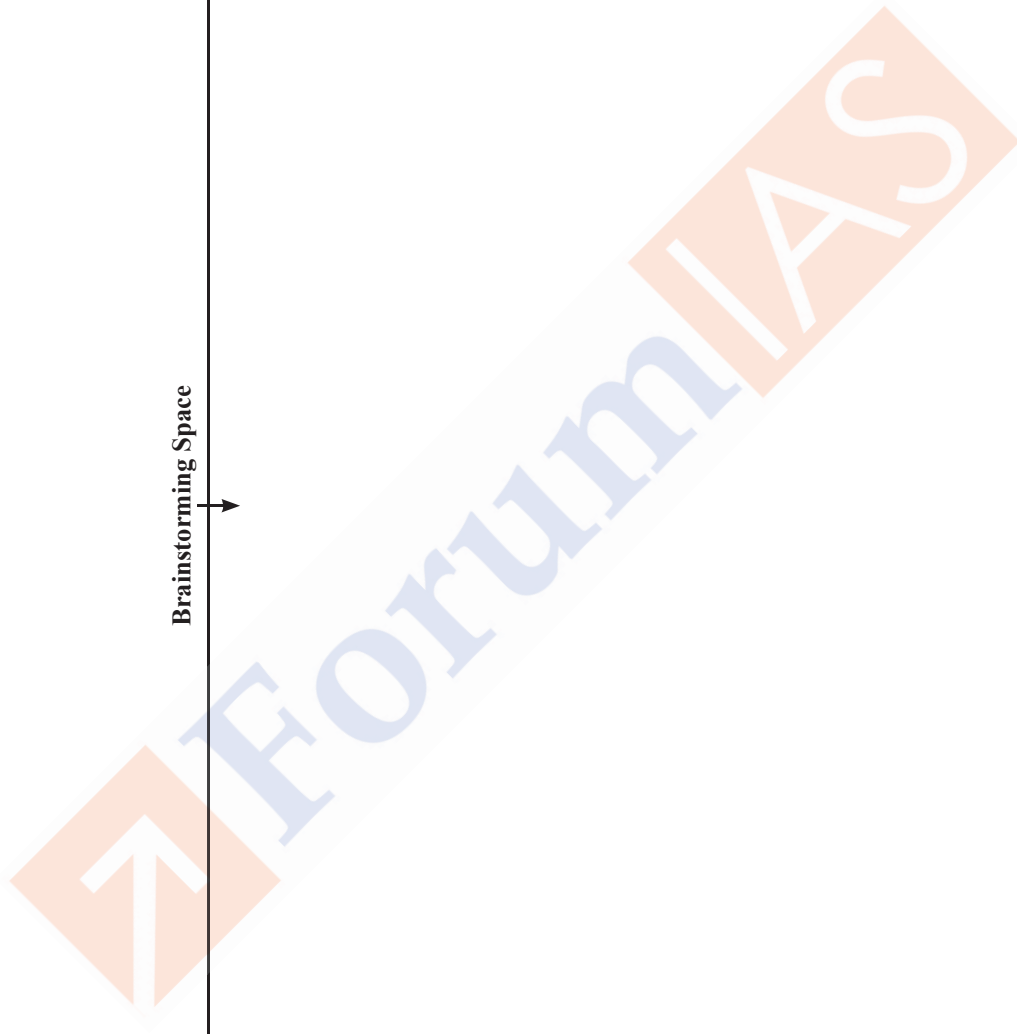
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Q.50) What are the constitutional provisions that ensure the independence of the Public Service Commissions in India?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

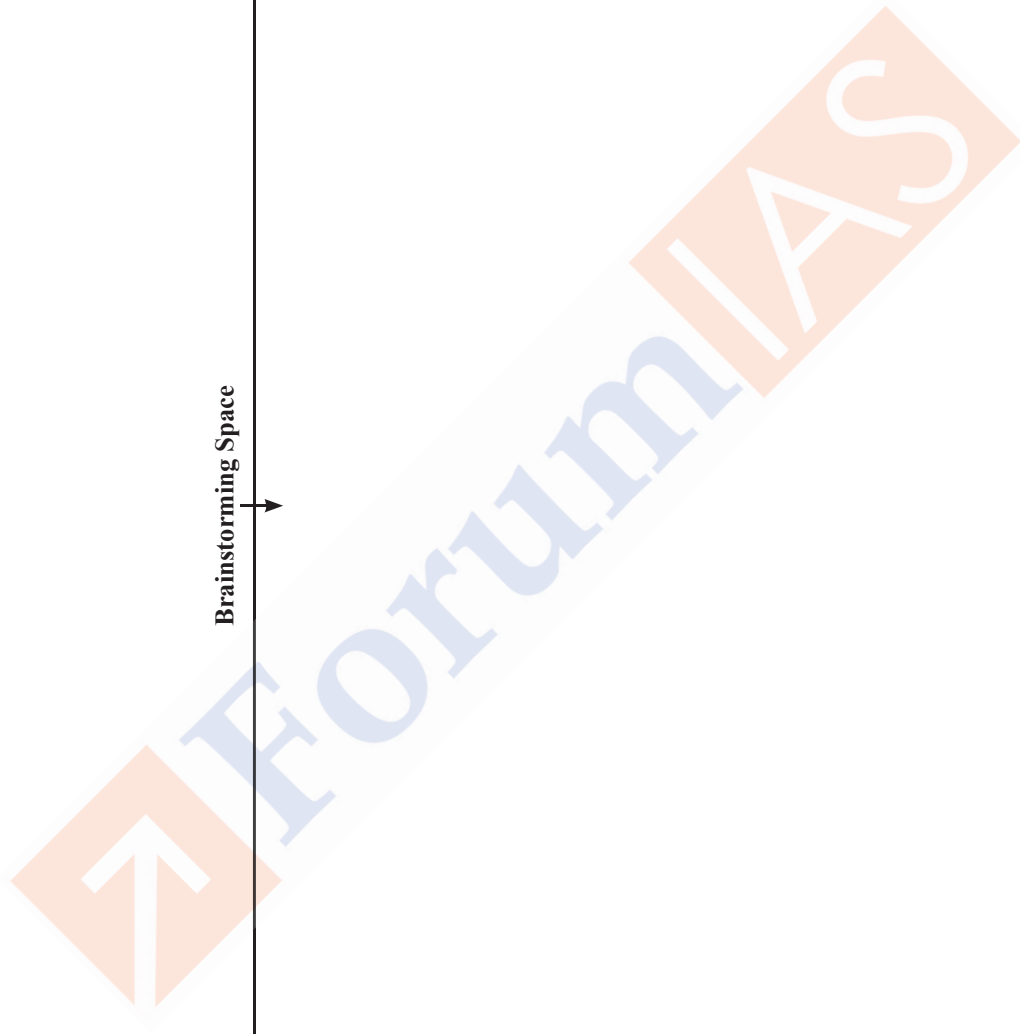
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Q.51) Define the duties and powers of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in regard to Audit and show how the Constitution provides for his independence from Executive Control.

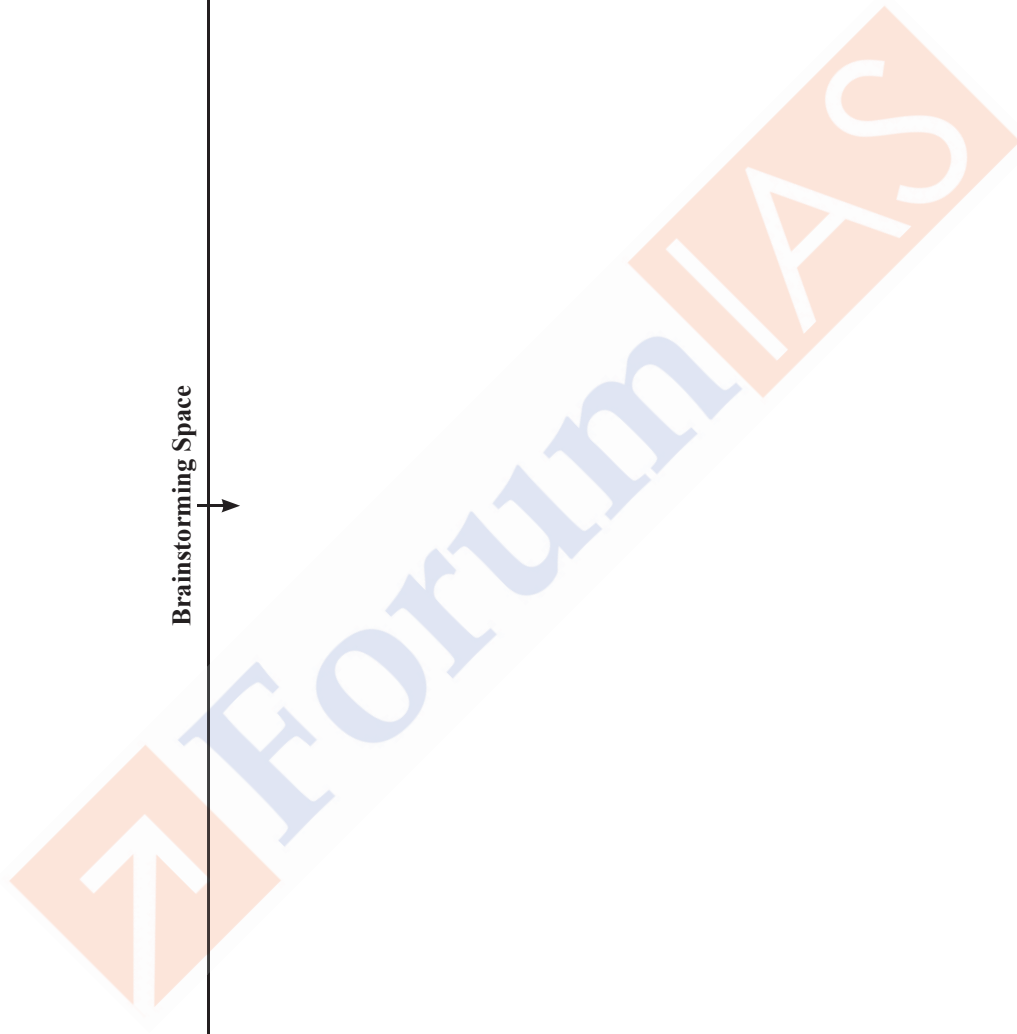
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1989]

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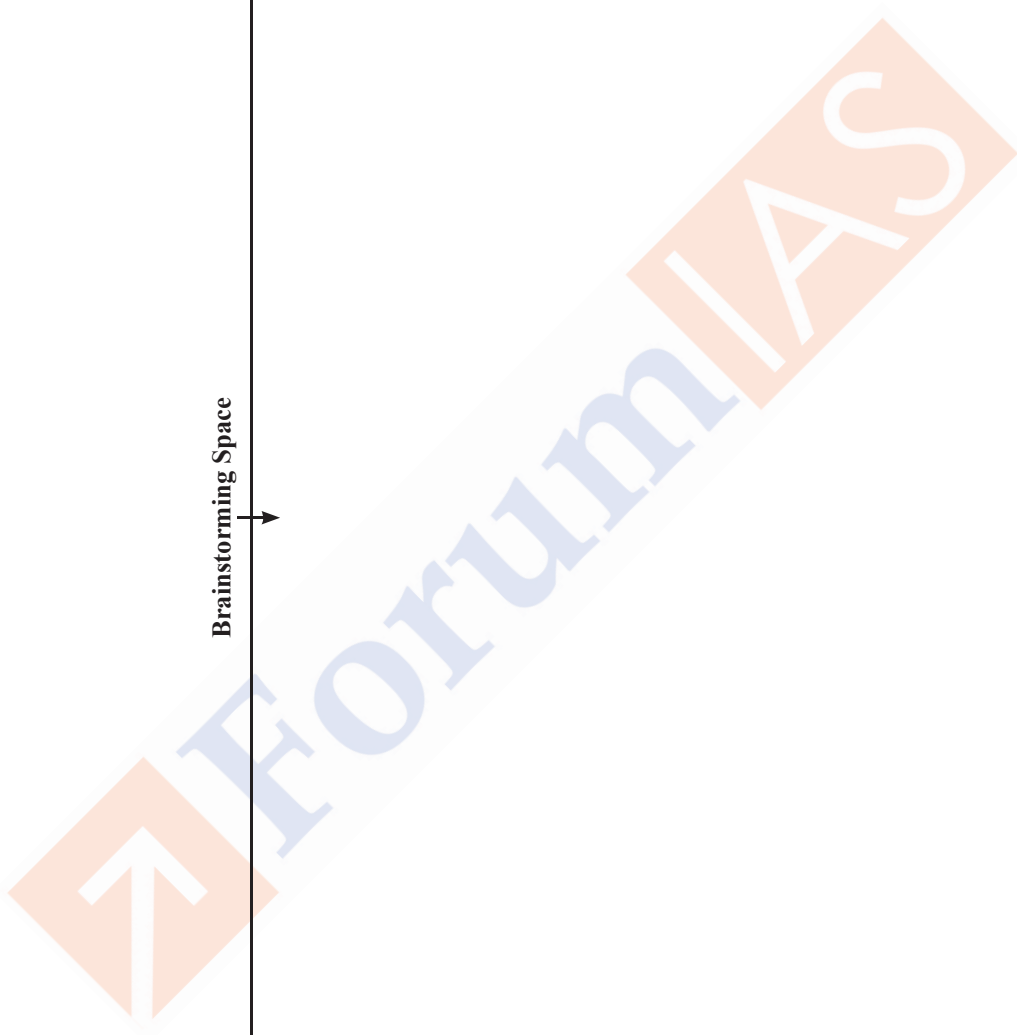
Q.52) Explain the Constitutional responsibilities of the Election Commission of India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1988]

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Q.53) The Indian Constitution has conferred the amending power on the ordinary legislative institutions with a few procedural hurdles. Examine the procedural and substantive limitations on the amending power of Parliament. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2025]

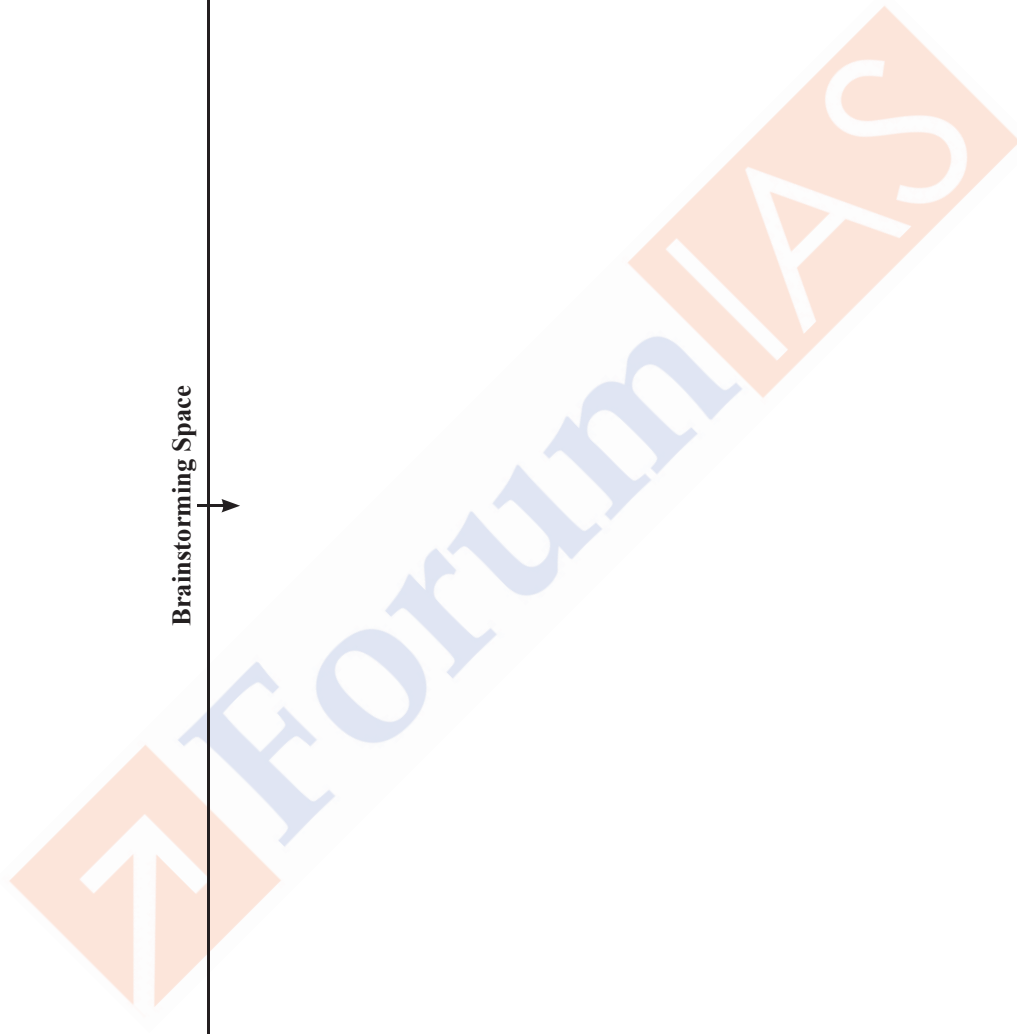
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Q.54) Explain the significance of the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act. To what extent does it reflect the accommodative spirit of federalism.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2023]

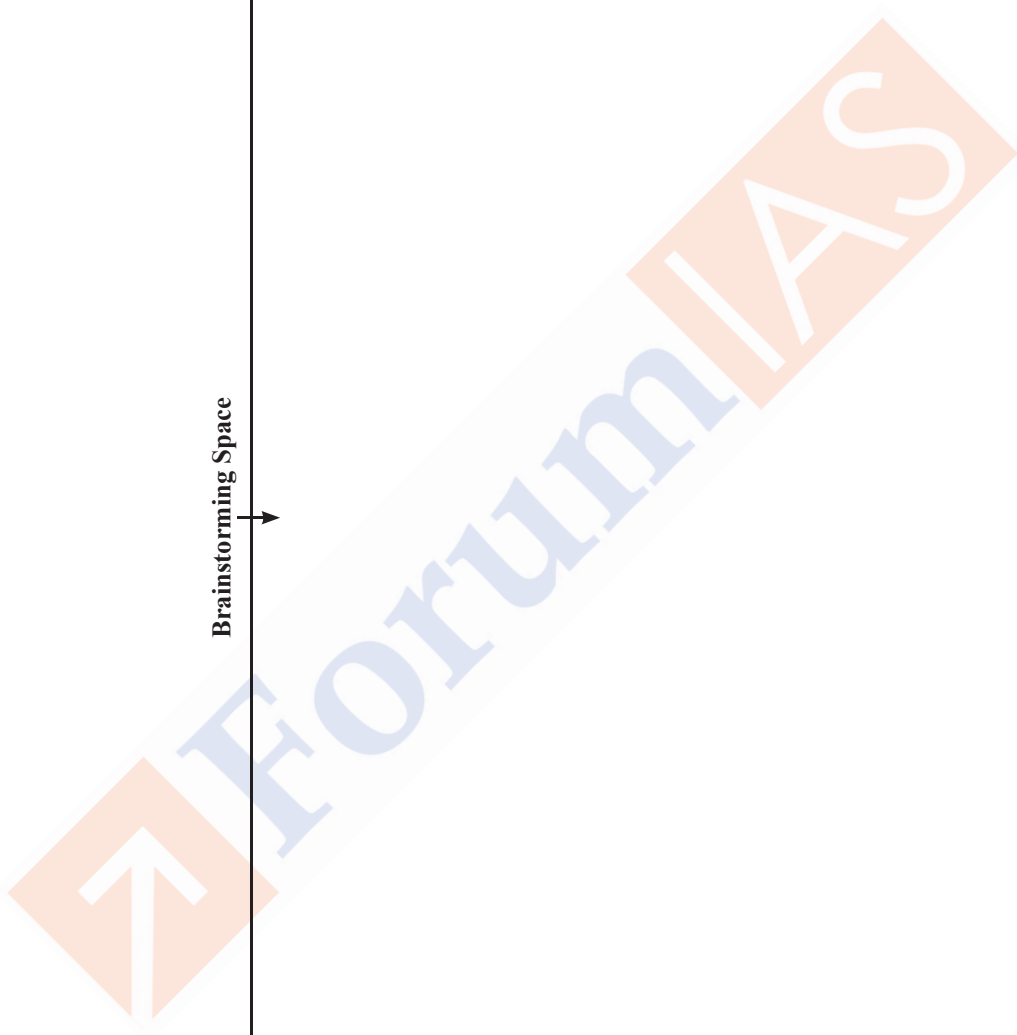
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Q.55) 'Parliament's power to amend the constitution is a limited power and it cannot be enlarged into absolute power'. Explain whether Parliament under Article 368 can destroy the Basic Structure.

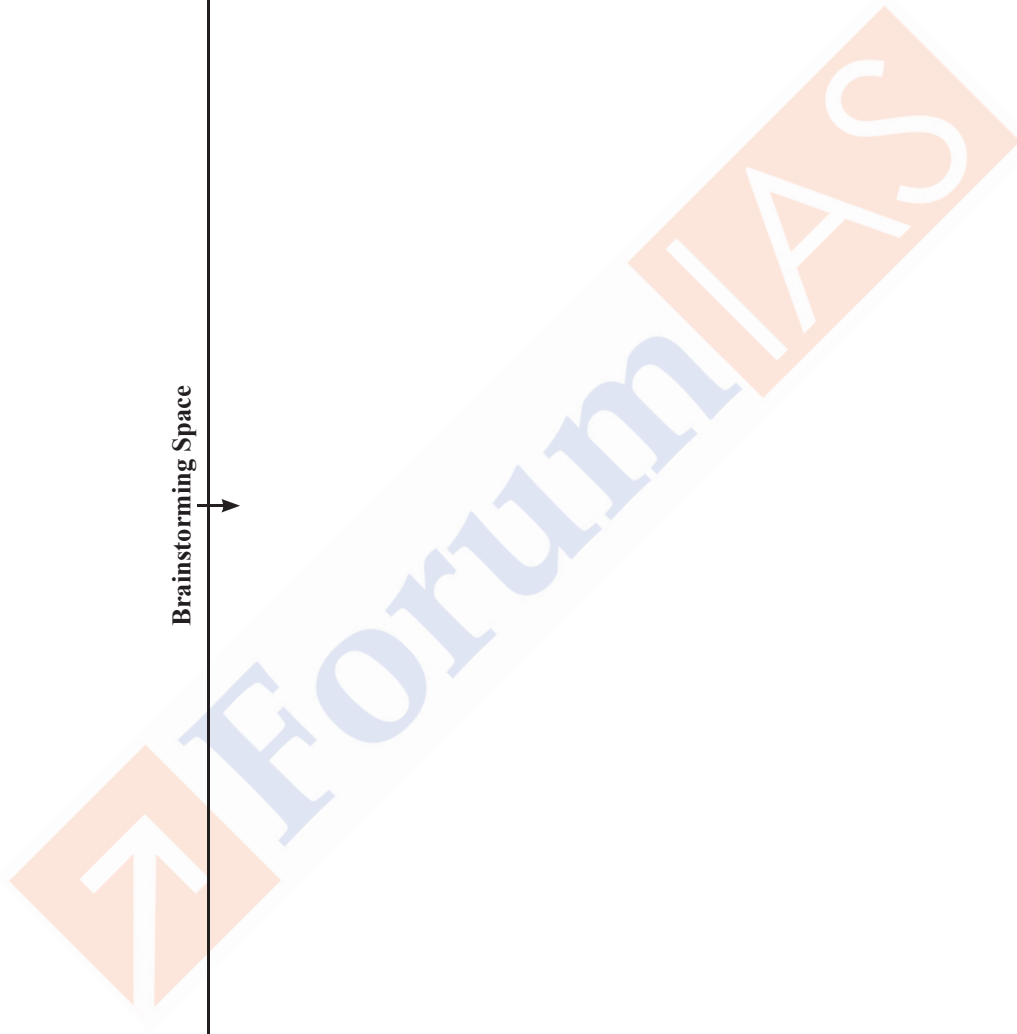
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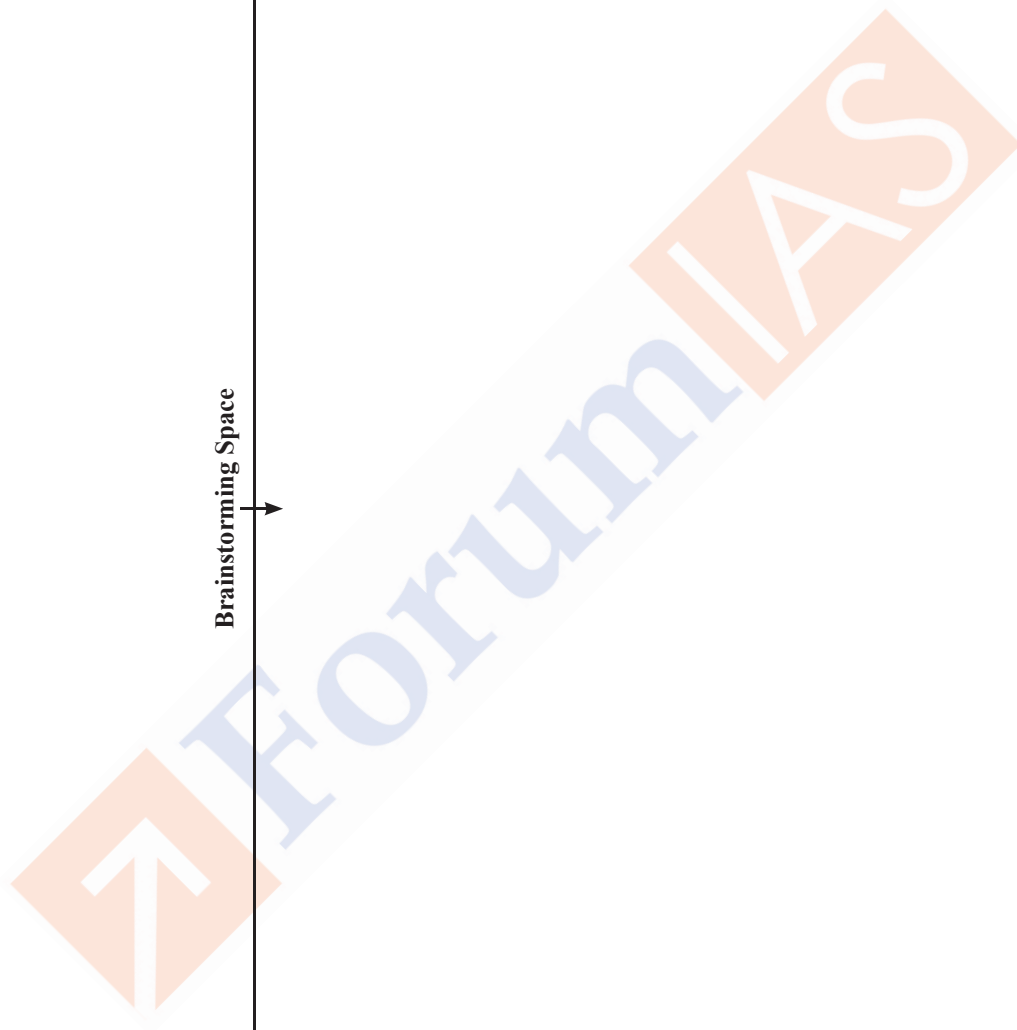
Q.56) Explain the salient features of the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016. Do you think it is efficacious enough to remove cascading effect of taxes? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2017]

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Q.57) 'If amendment bill to the Whistle-blowers Act, 2011 tabled in the Parliament is passed, there may be no one left to protect.' Critically evaluate. (15 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

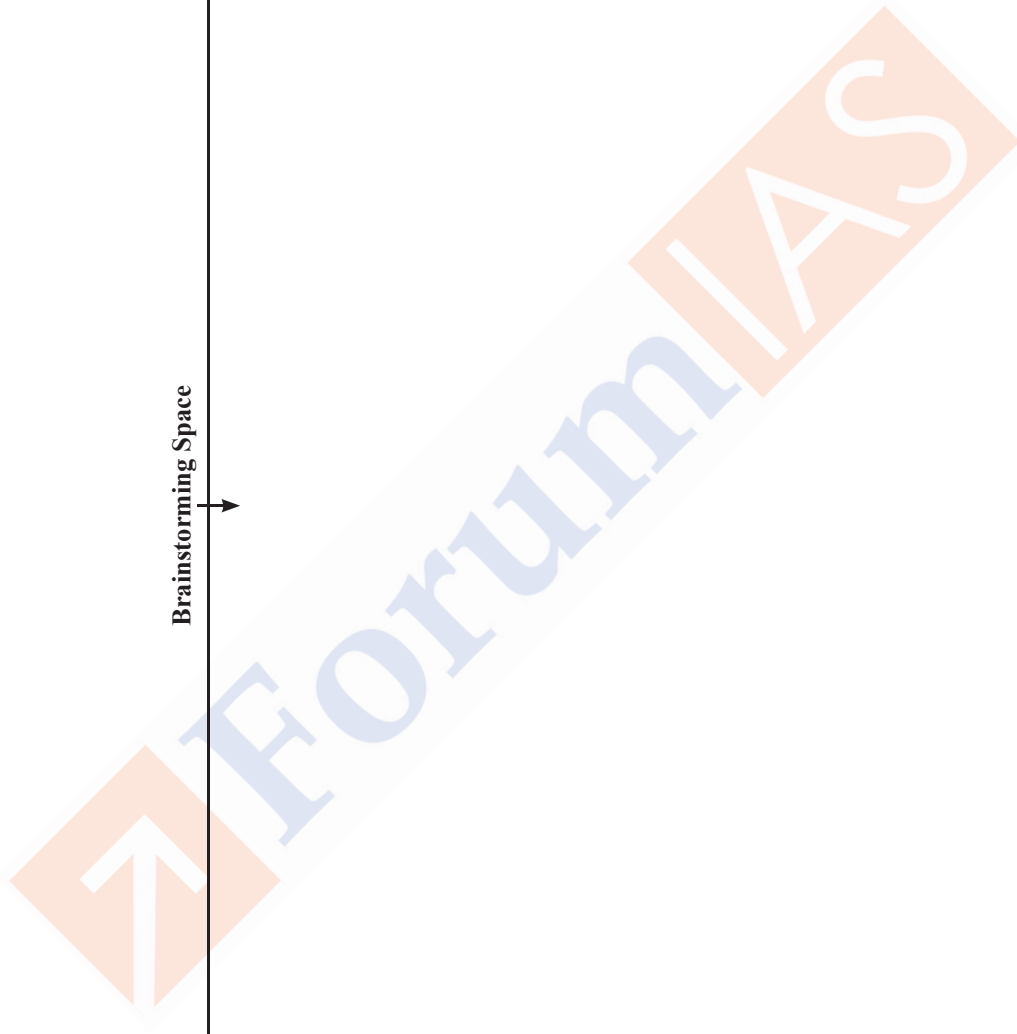
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Q.58) How would you differentiate between the passage of a Constitution Amendment Bill and of an Ordinary Legislative Bill?

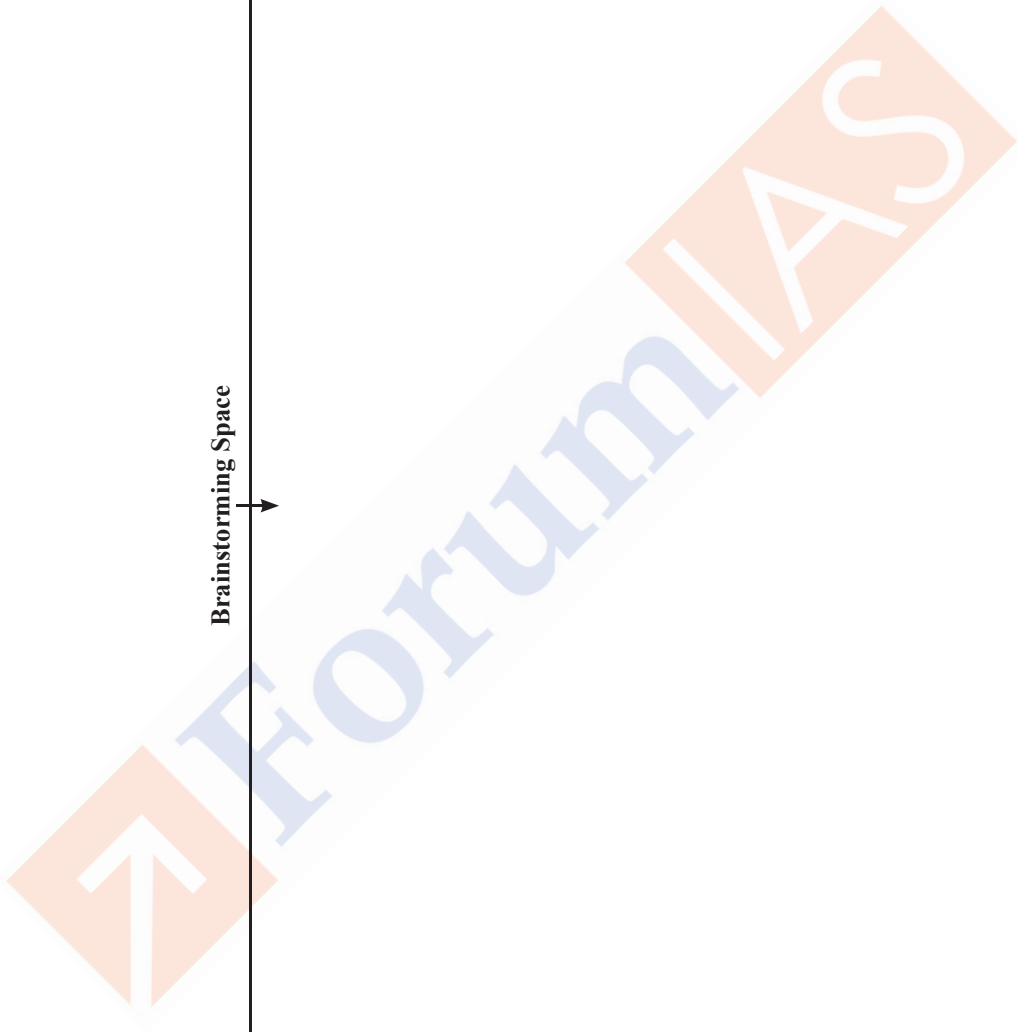
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2006]

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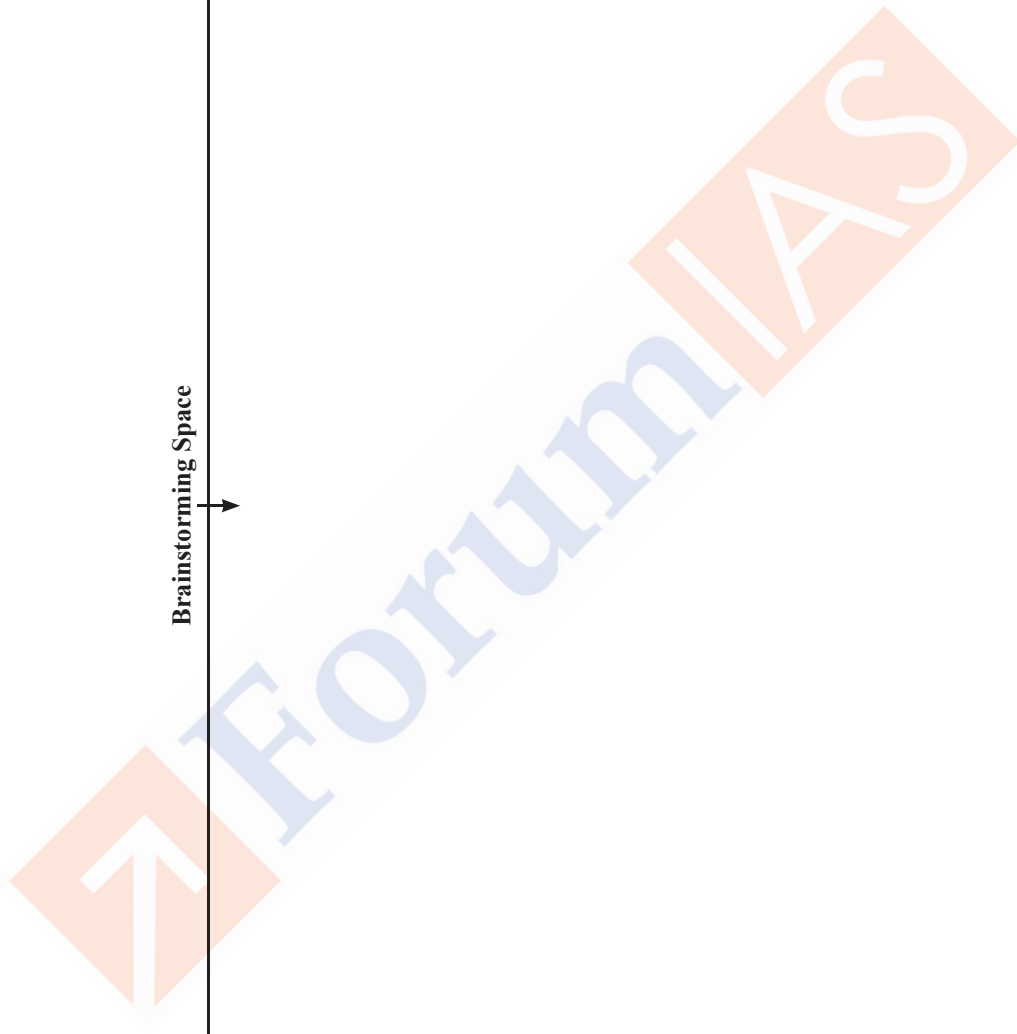
Q.59) Highlight the significance of Forty Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2003]

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Q.60) How is the Constitution of India amended? Do you think that the procedure for amendment makes the Constitution a plaything in the hands of the Centre?
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2002]

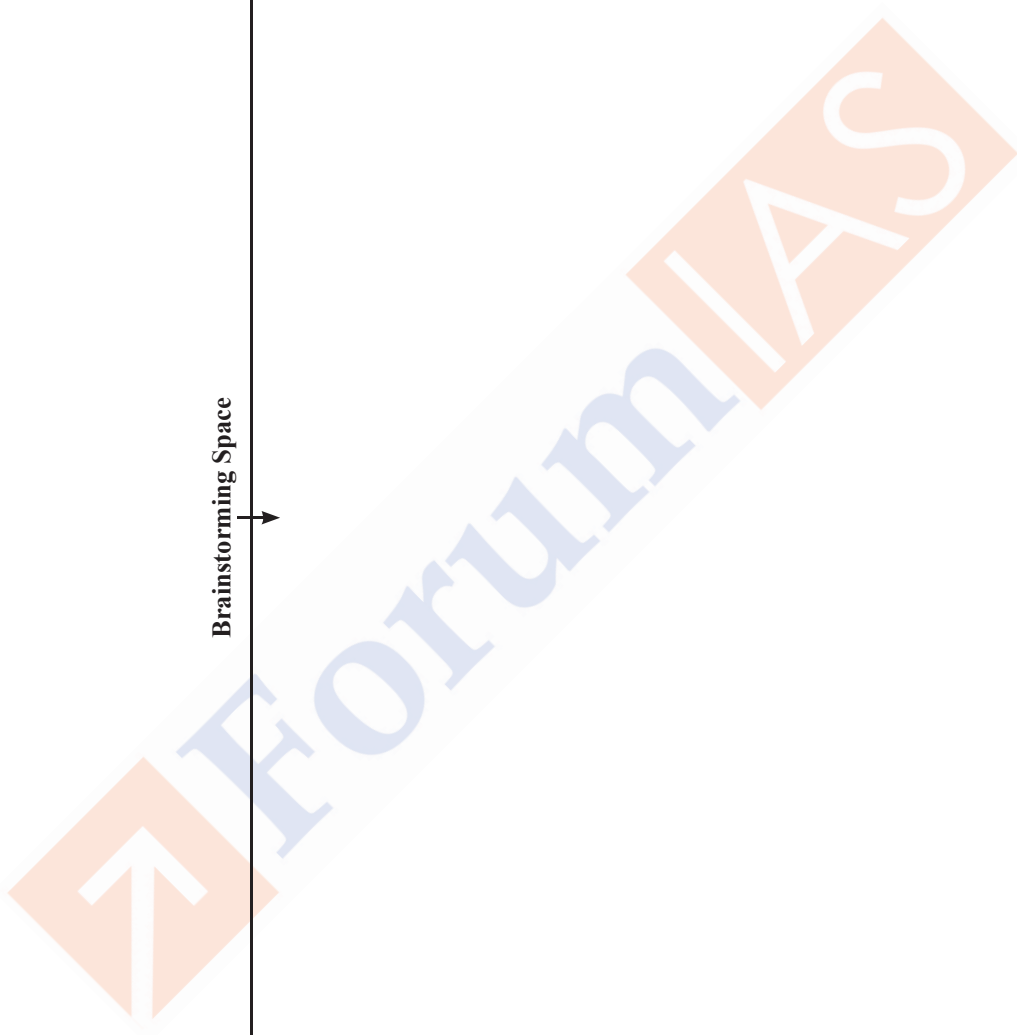
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Q.61) What are the main differences between the passage of a Constitution Amendment Bill and other Legislative Bills?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2001]

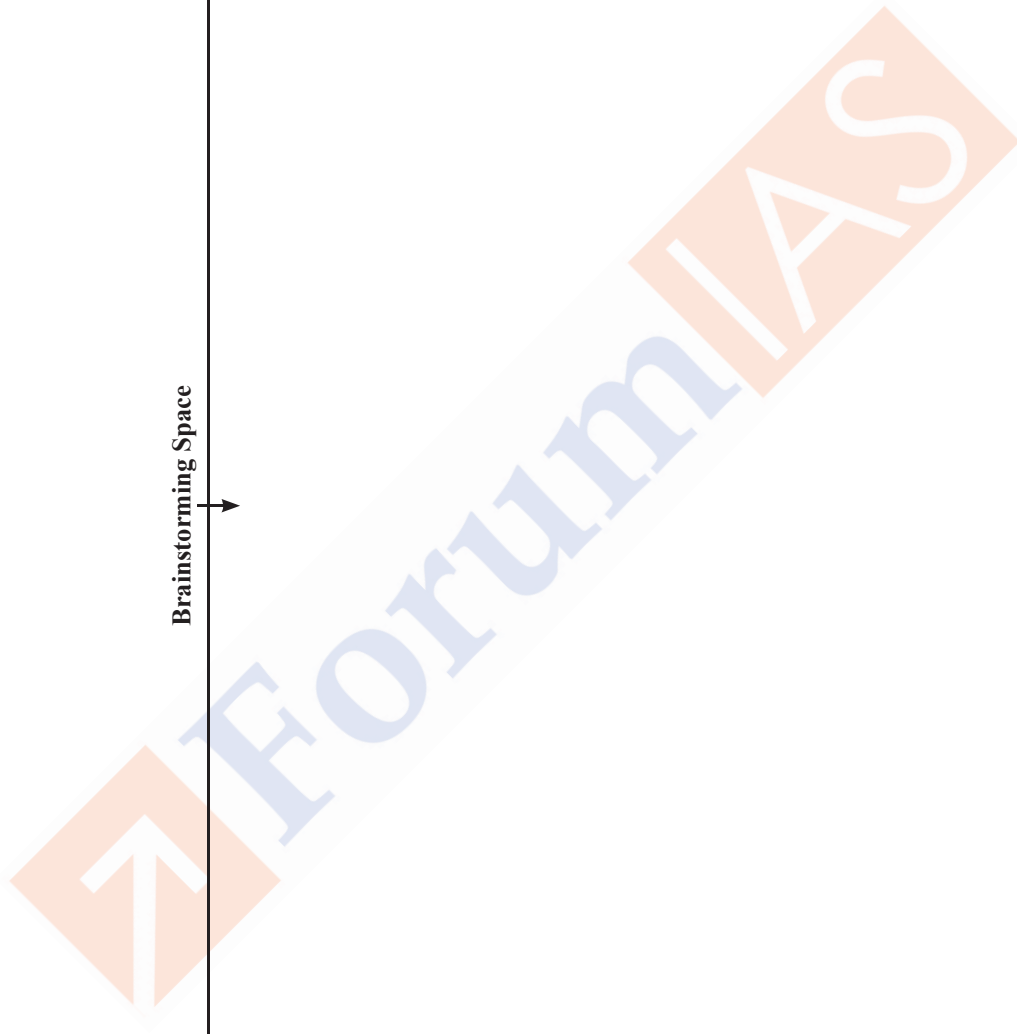
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Q.62) What constitutes the doctrine of 'basic features' as introduced into the Constitution of India by the Judiciary?

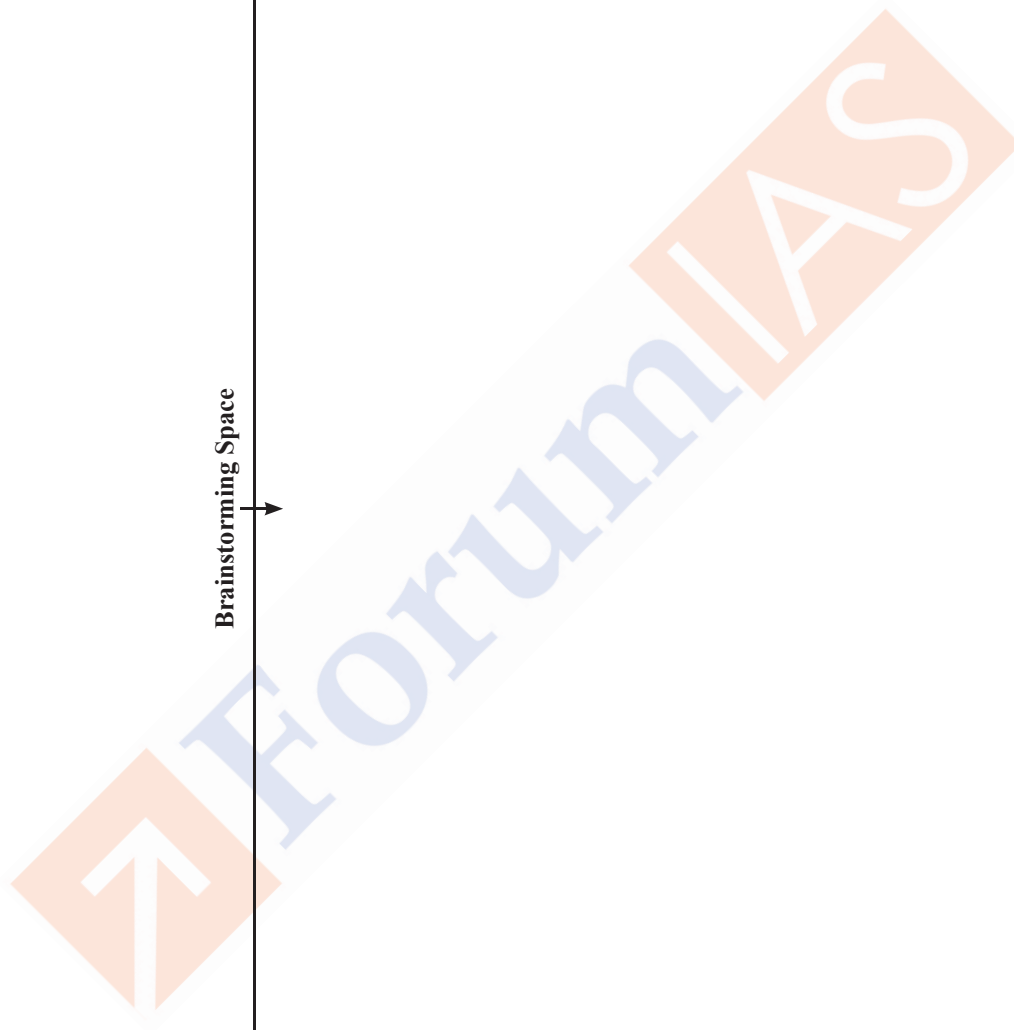
(20 Marks, 250 Words) [2000]

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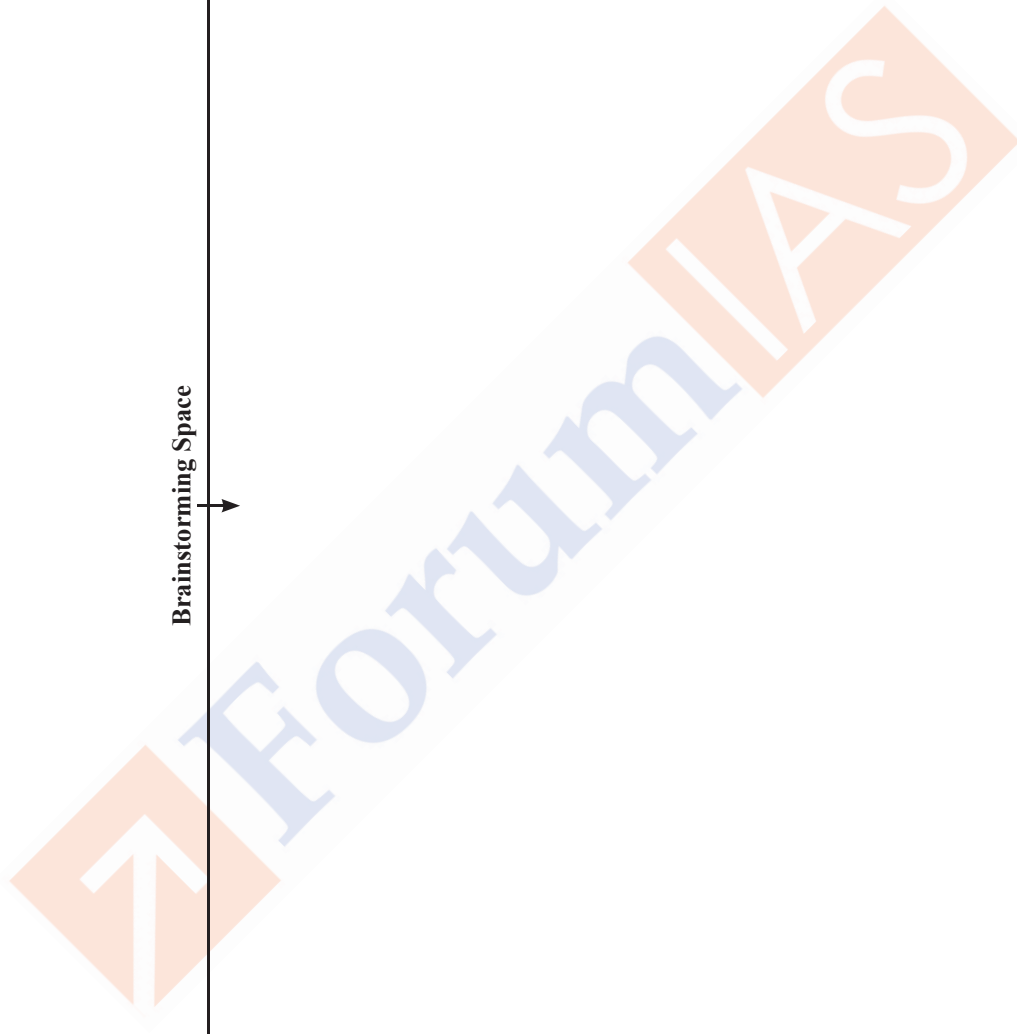
Q.63) Highlight the significance of the Twenty Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1999]

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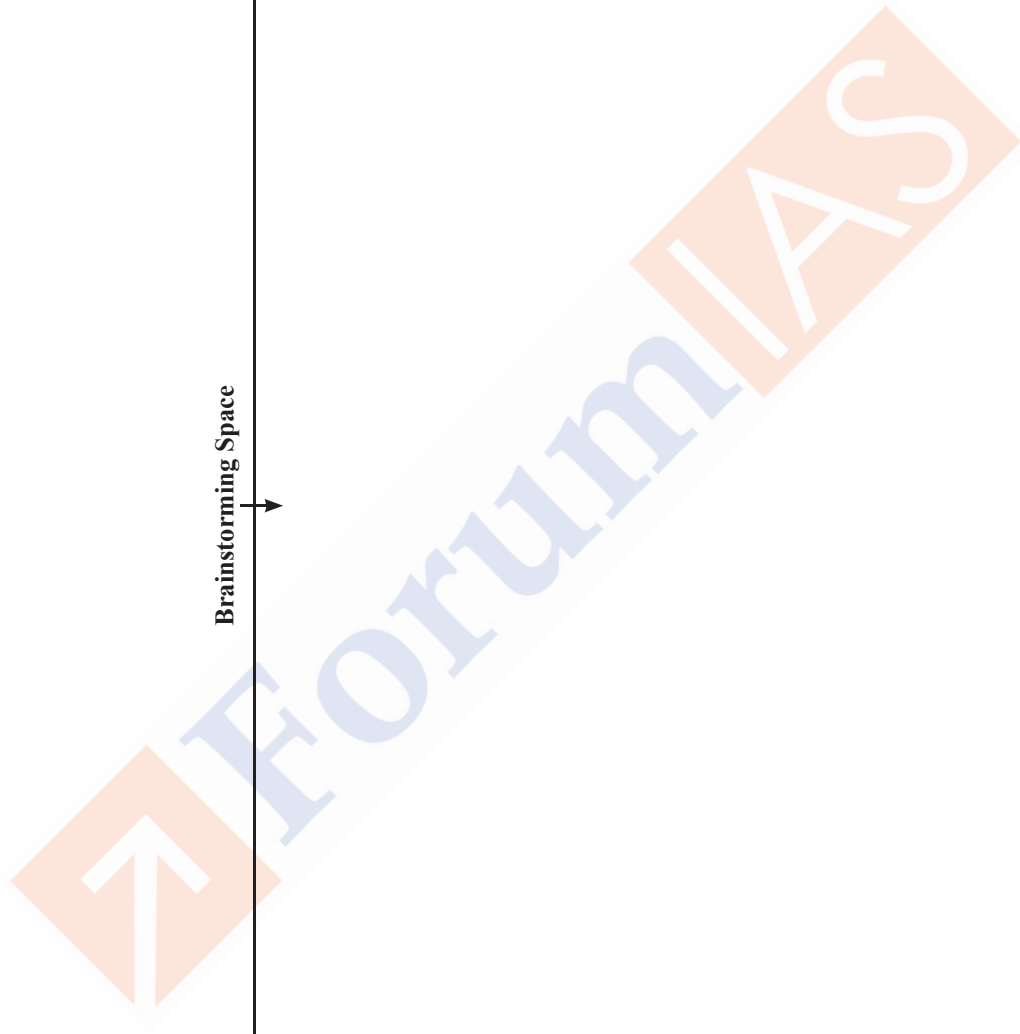
Q.64) Highlight the significance of the Seventy-third Amendment to the Constitution of India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1998]

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Q.65) Describe the emergence of Basic Structure concept in the Indian Constitution. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1994]

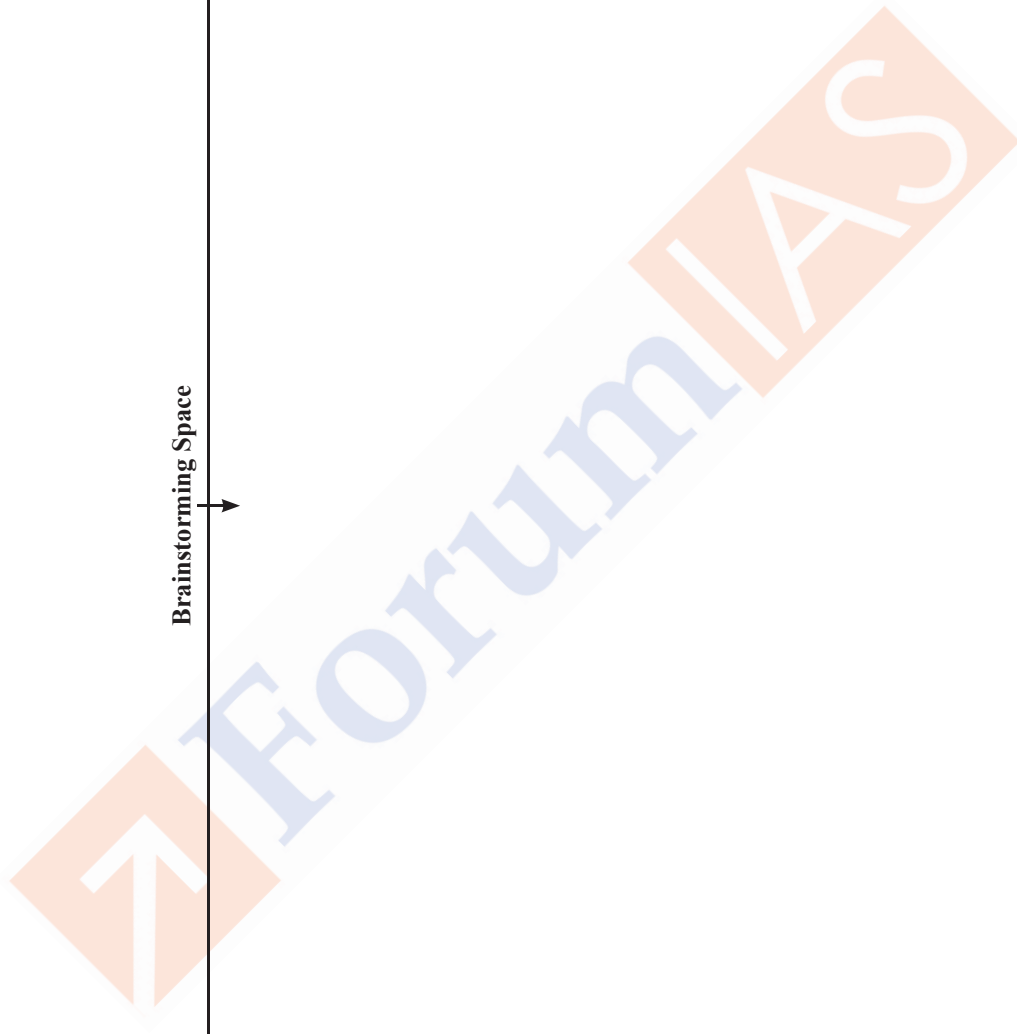
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Q.66) Four more languages were added to the 8th Schedule of the Constitution through two amendments. Give the names of these four languages as also the serial number of amendments.

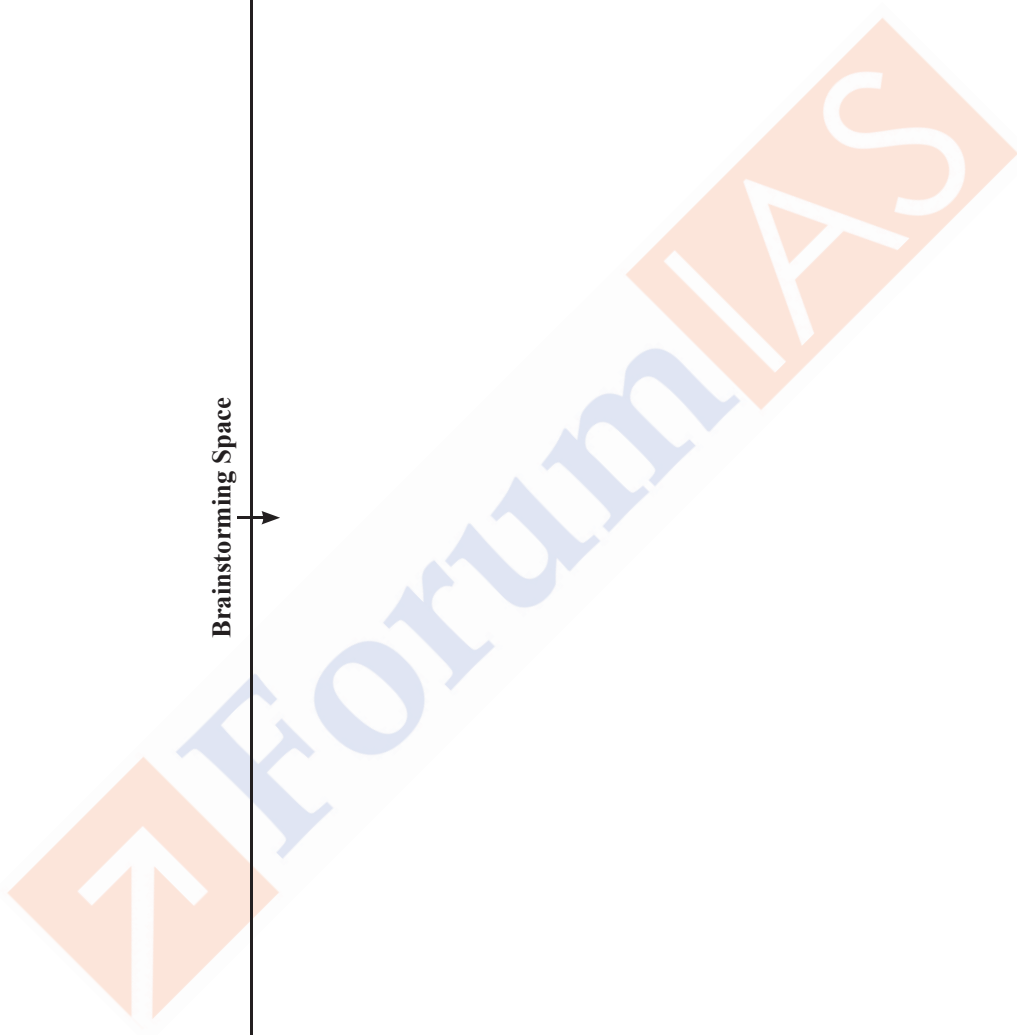
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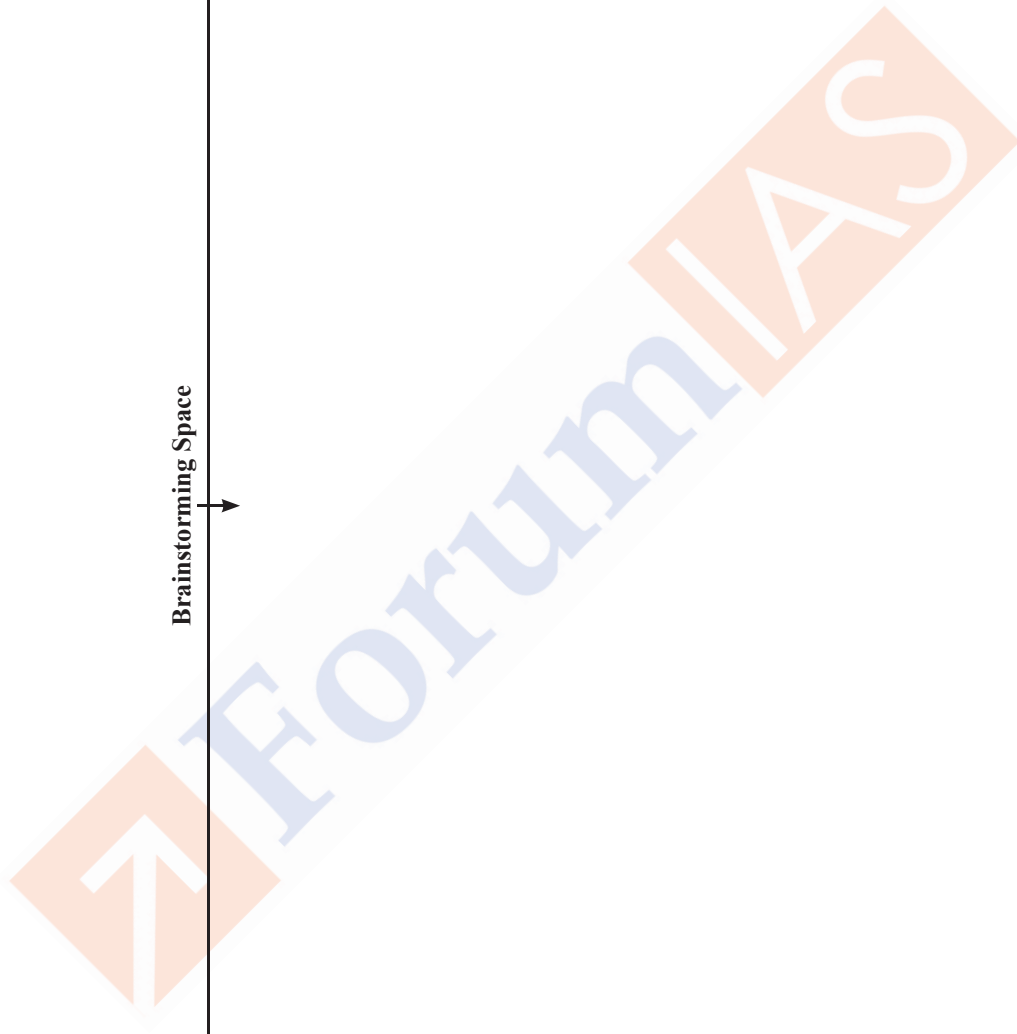
Q.67) What are the general features of the amending procedures of the Constitution of India? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1992]

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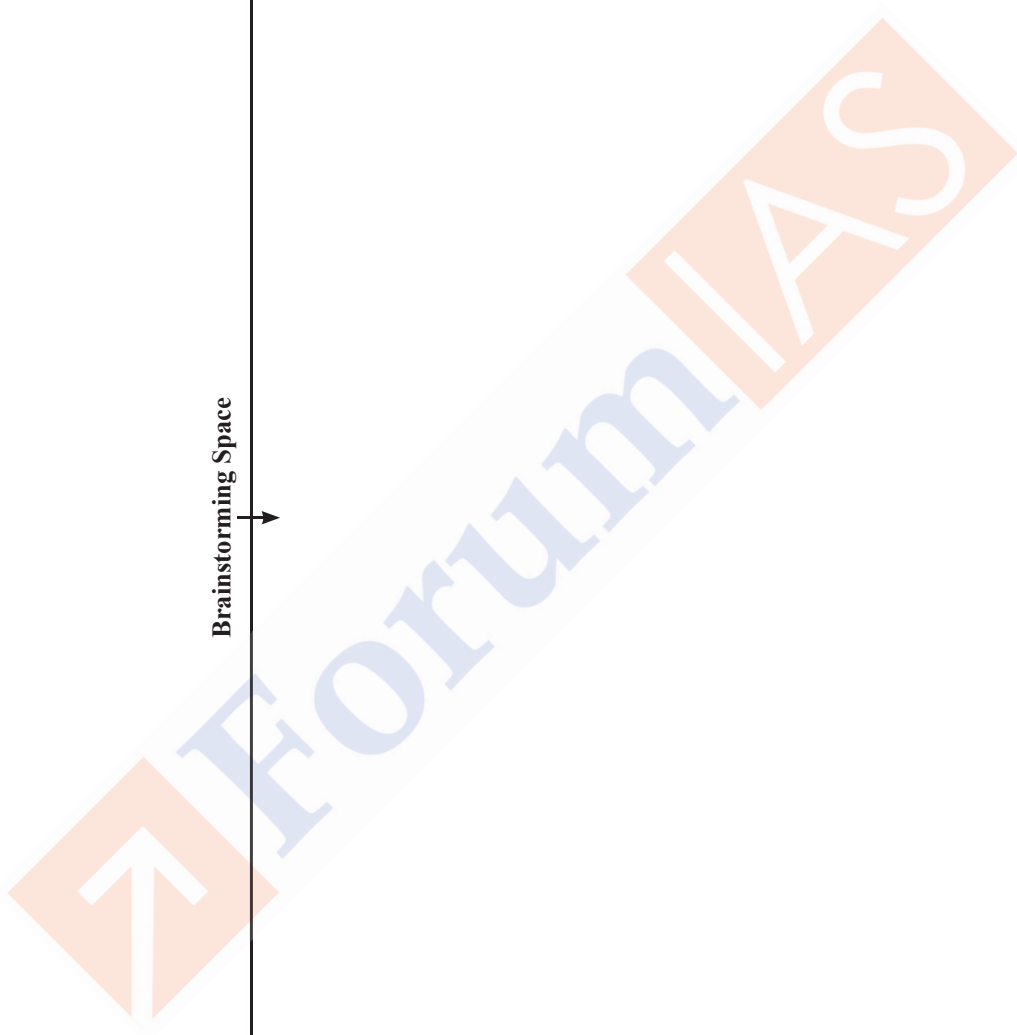
Q.68) What are the major recommendations of the National Perspective Plan for women, 1988 and what are the relevant recommendations as envisaged in the Constitutional Amendment Bill (64th Amendment)?
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2017]

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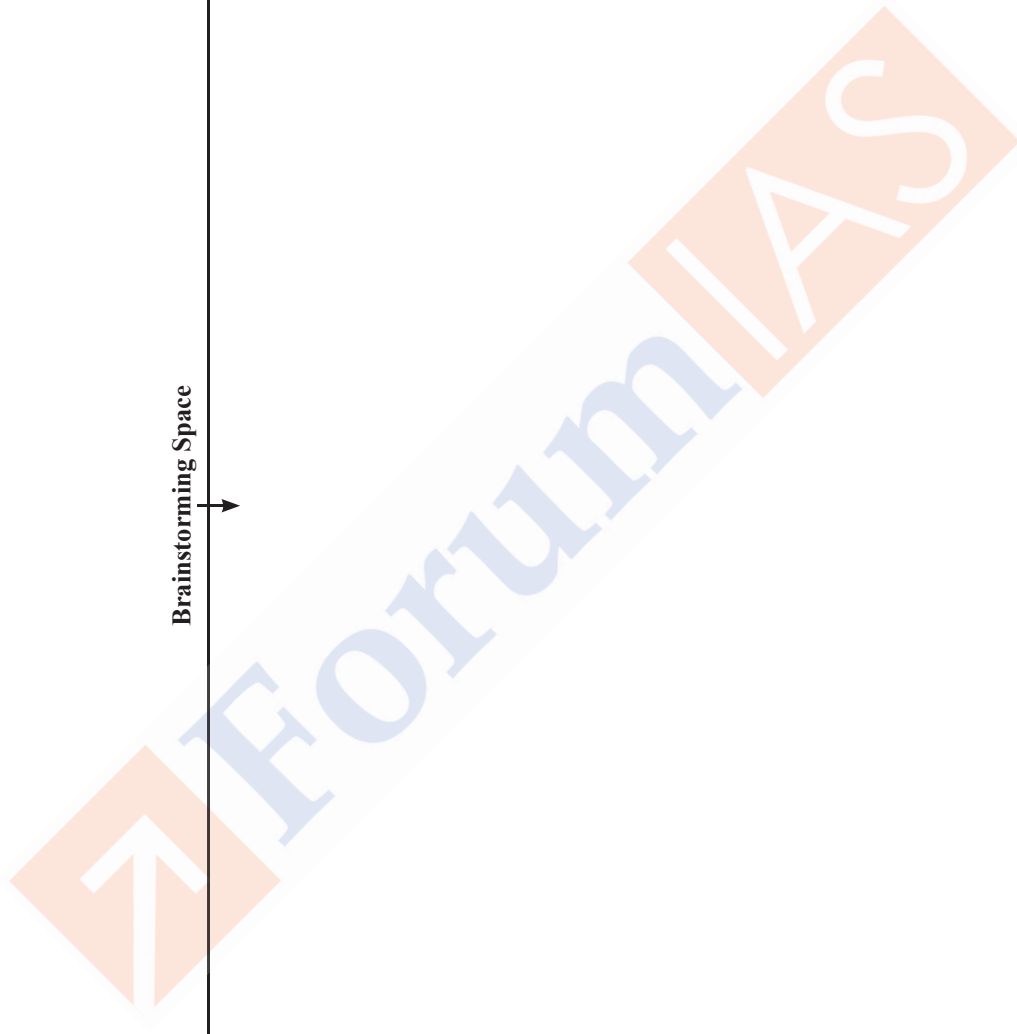
Q.69) Discuss the 'corrupt practices' for the purpose of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Analyze whether increase in assets of legislators disproportionate to known sources of income would constitute 'undue influence'. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2025]

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Q.70) Examine the need for electoral reforms as suggested by various committees with particular reference to 'one nation – one election' principle. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

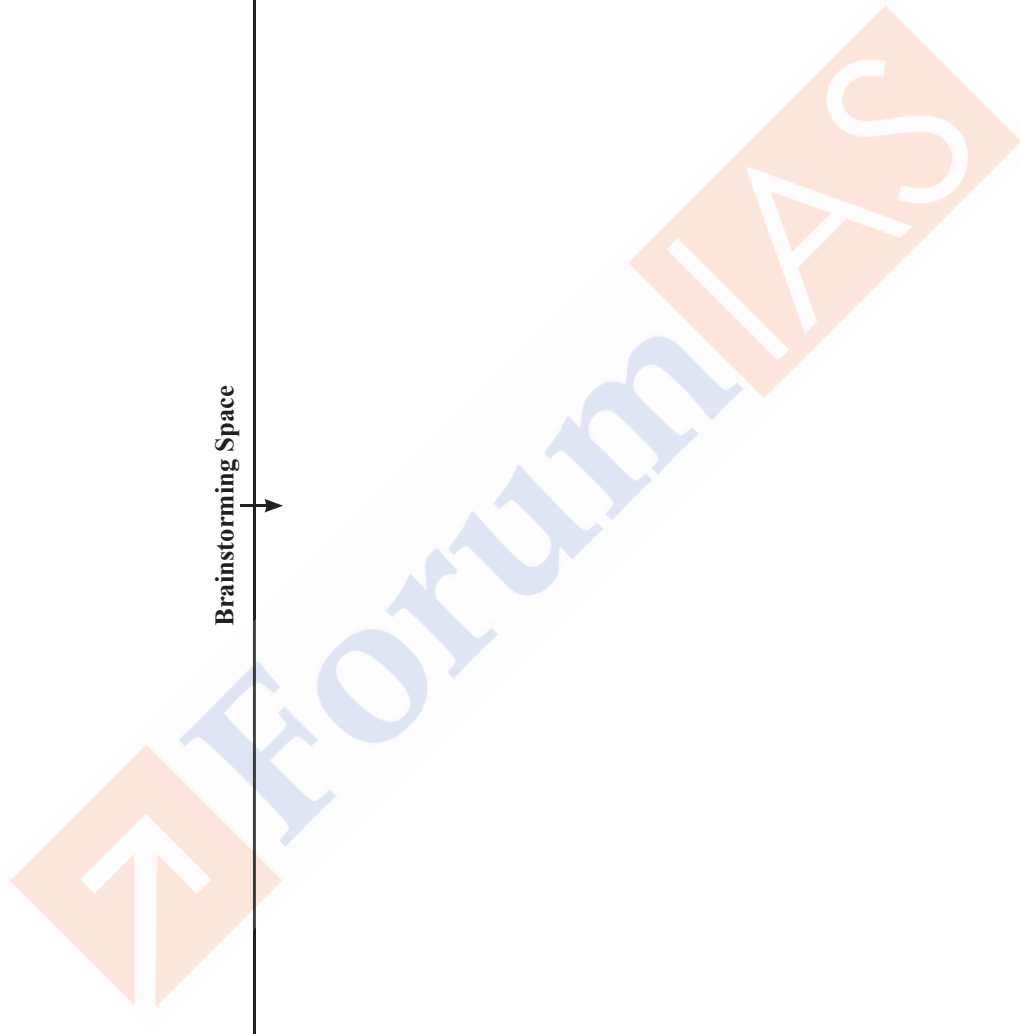
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Q.71) Discuss the procedures to decide the disputes arising out of the election of a Member of the Parliament or a State Legislature under the Representation of People Act 1951. What are the grounds on which the election of any returned candidate may be declared void?

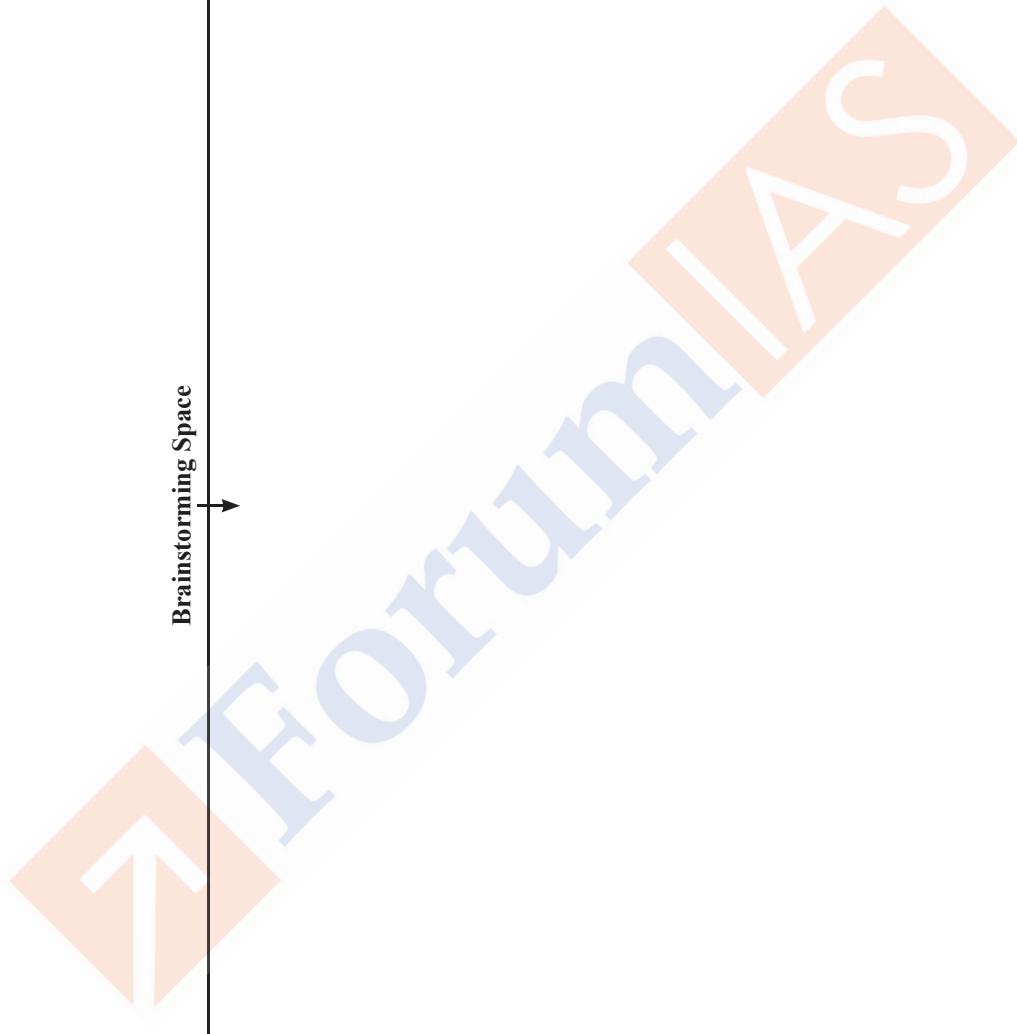
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Q.72) There is a need for simplification of Procedure for disqualification of persons found guilty of corrupt practices under the Representation of Peoples Act. Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2020]

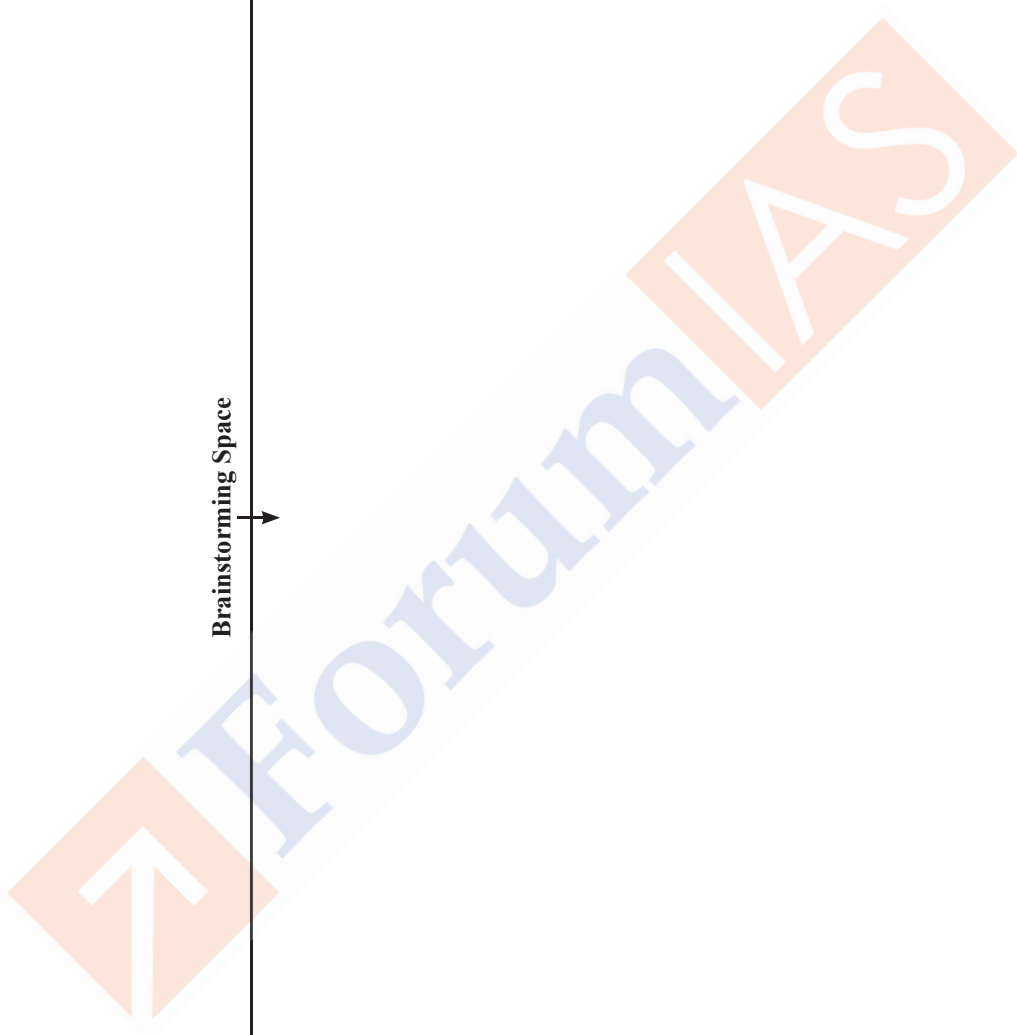
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Q.73) On what grounds a people's representative can be disqualified under the Representation of People Act, 1951? Also mention the remedies available to such person against his disqualification.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2019]

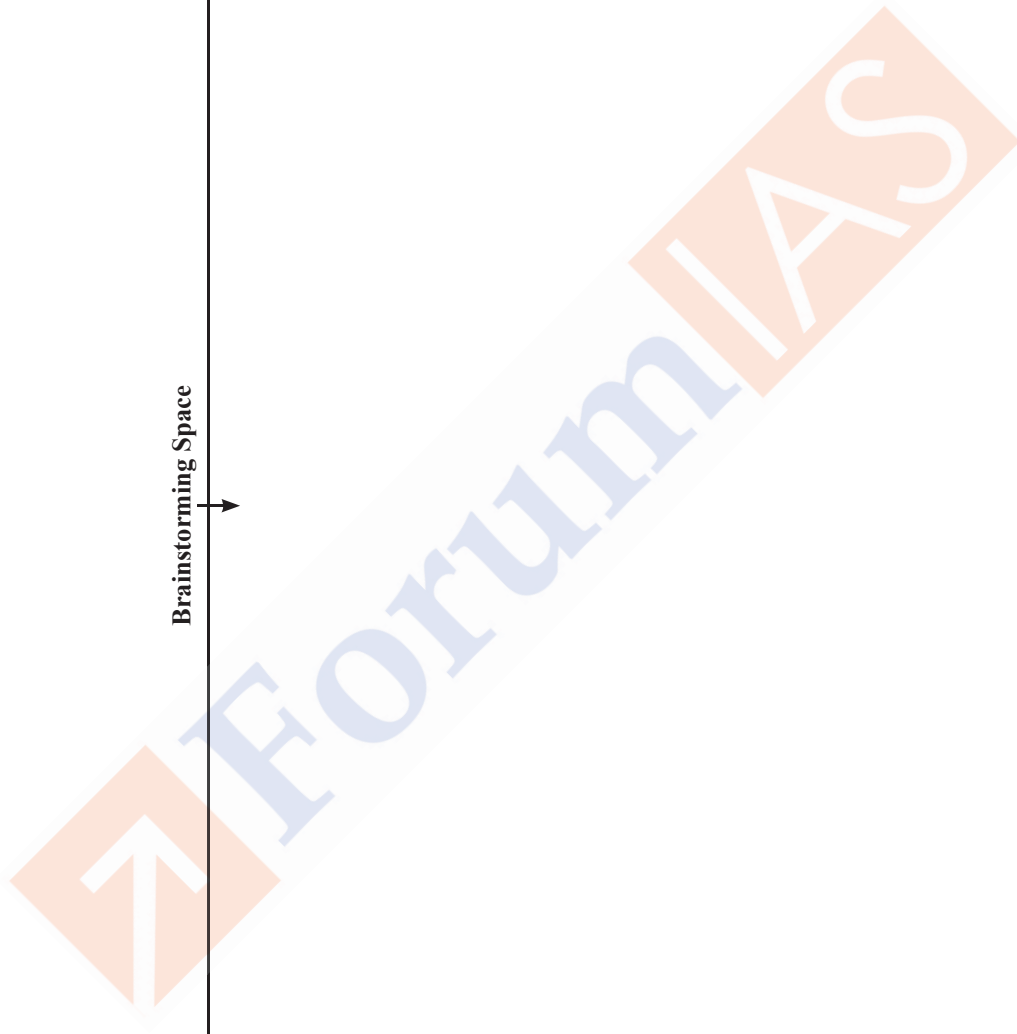
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Q.74) In the light of recent controversy regarding the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM), what are the challenges before the Election Commission to ensure the trustworthiness of elections in India?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

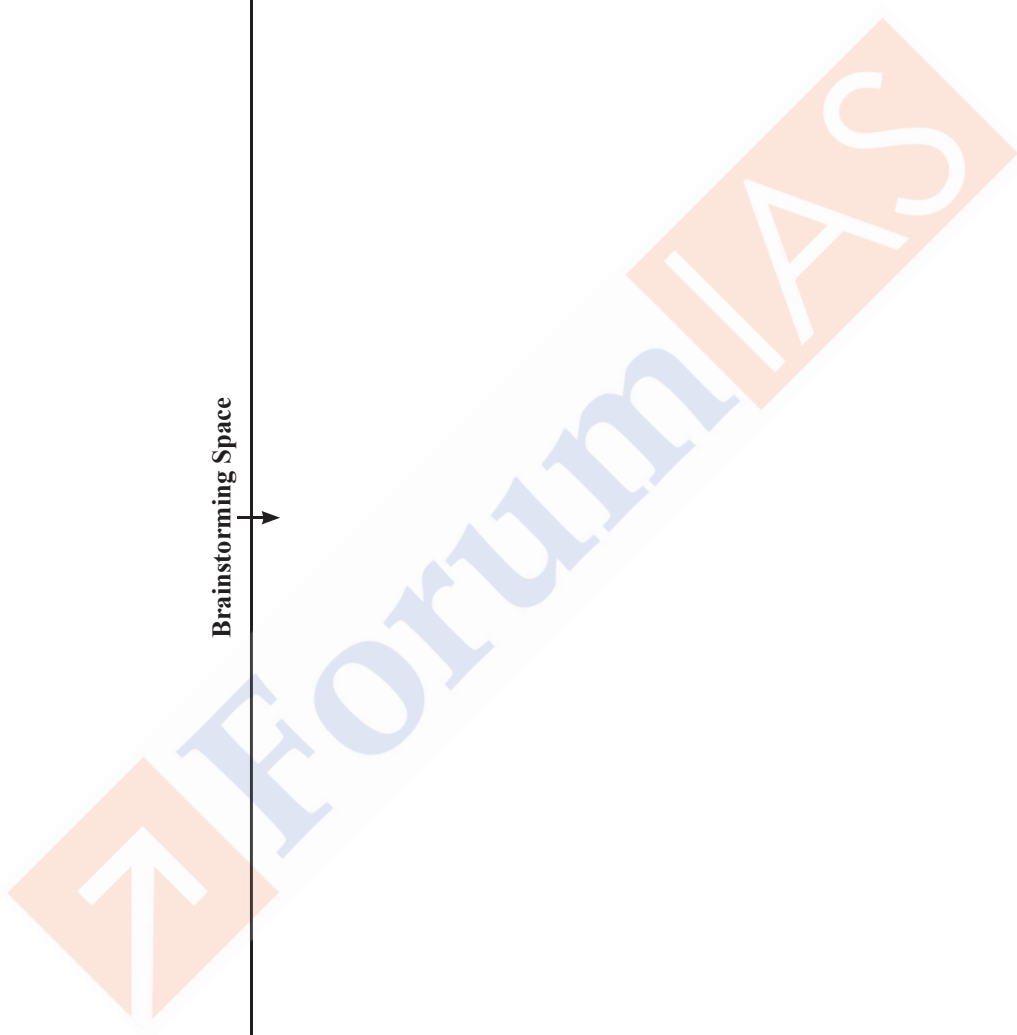
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Q.75) 'Simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies will limit the amount of time and money spent in electioneering but it will reduce the government's accountability to the people.' Discuss.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

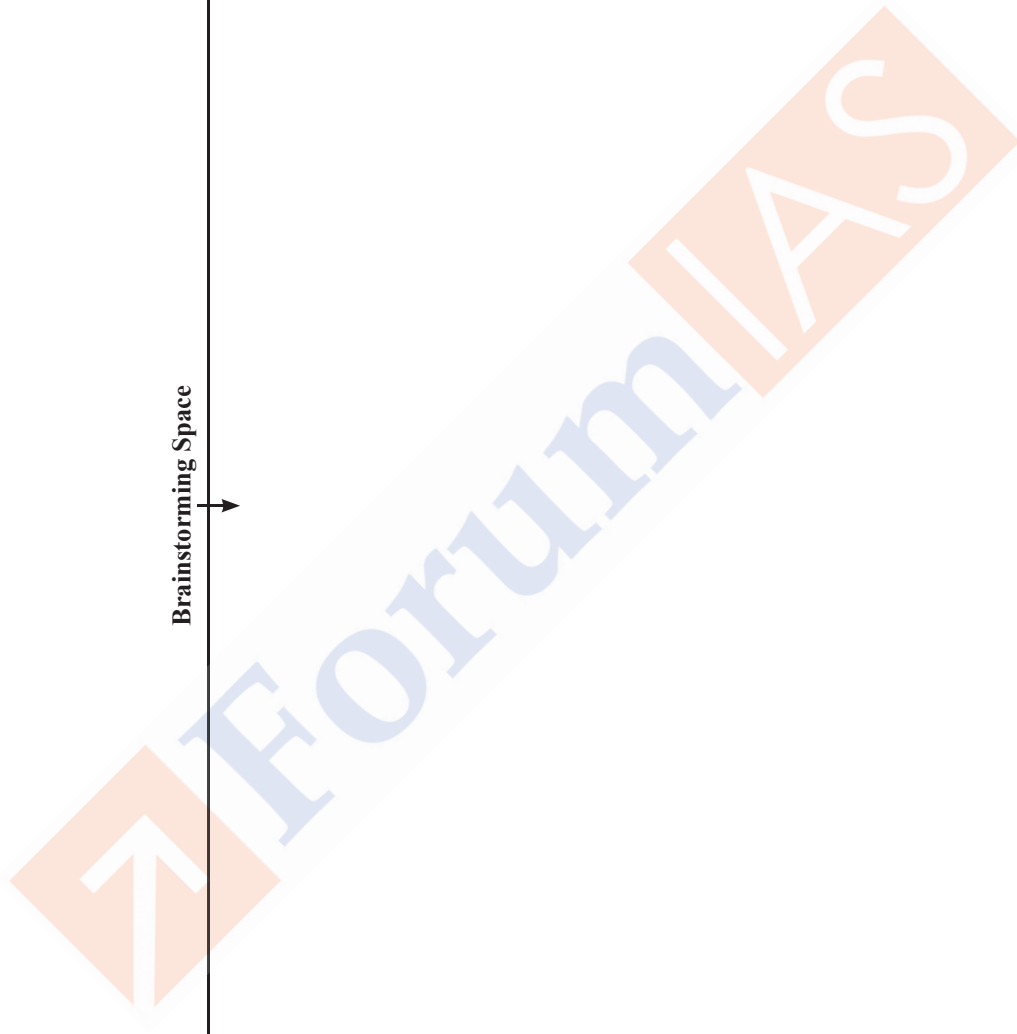
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Q.76) Examine the impact of Regional Political Parties in Indian politics.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2008]

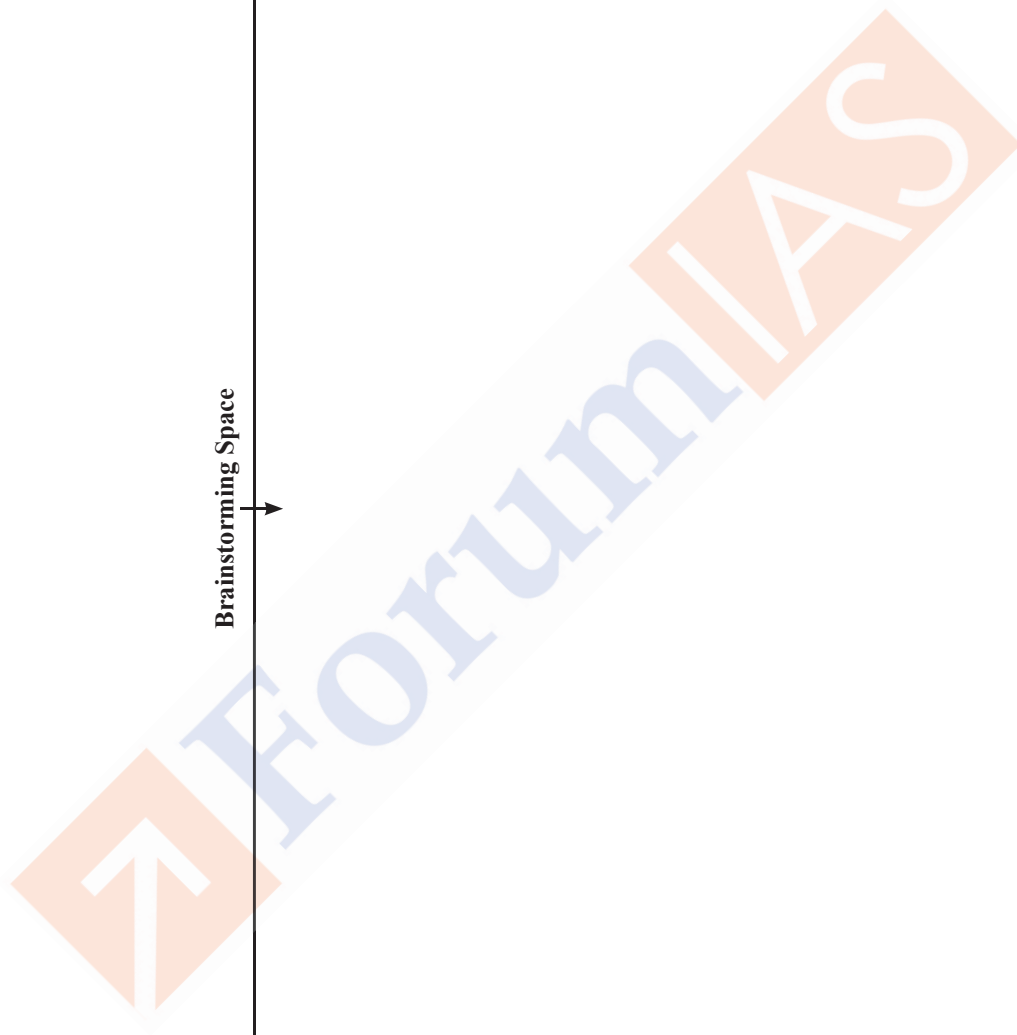
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Q.77) What are the Main determinants of voting behaviour in India?

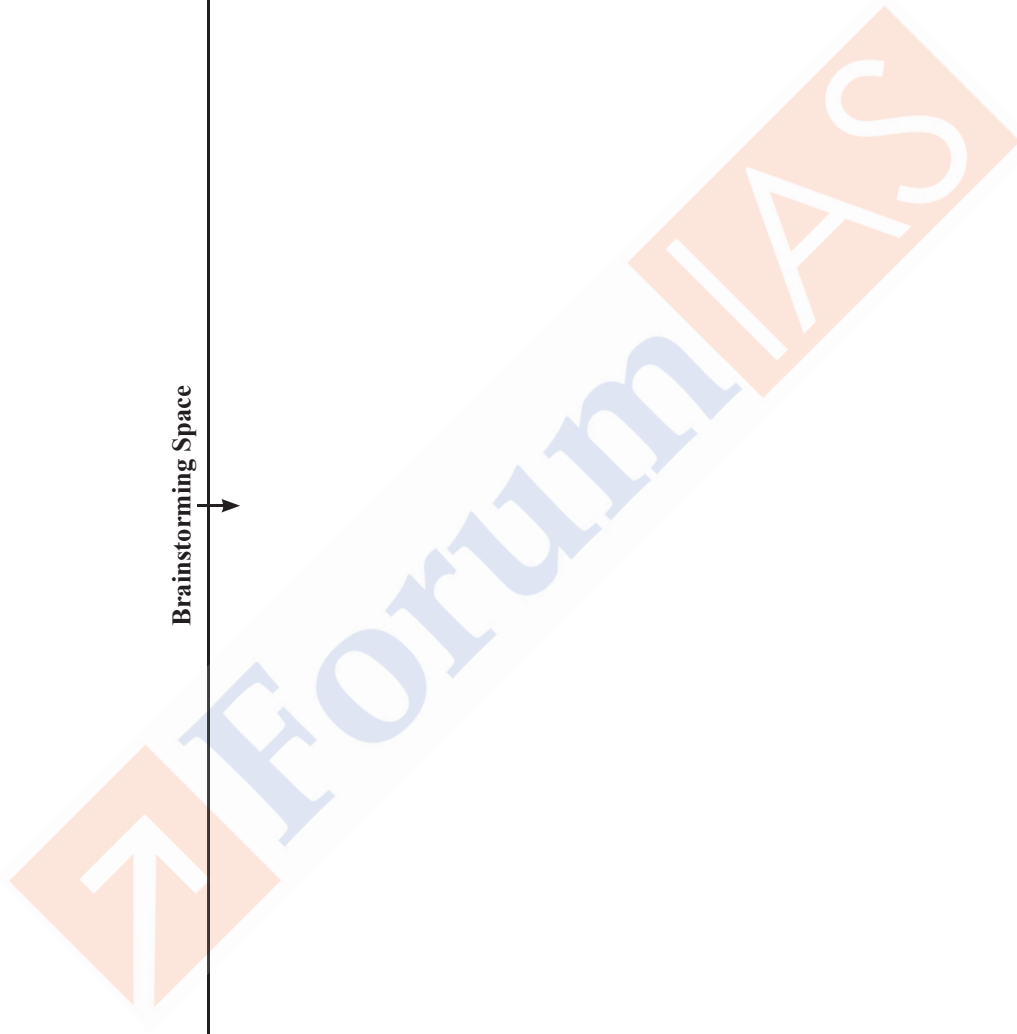
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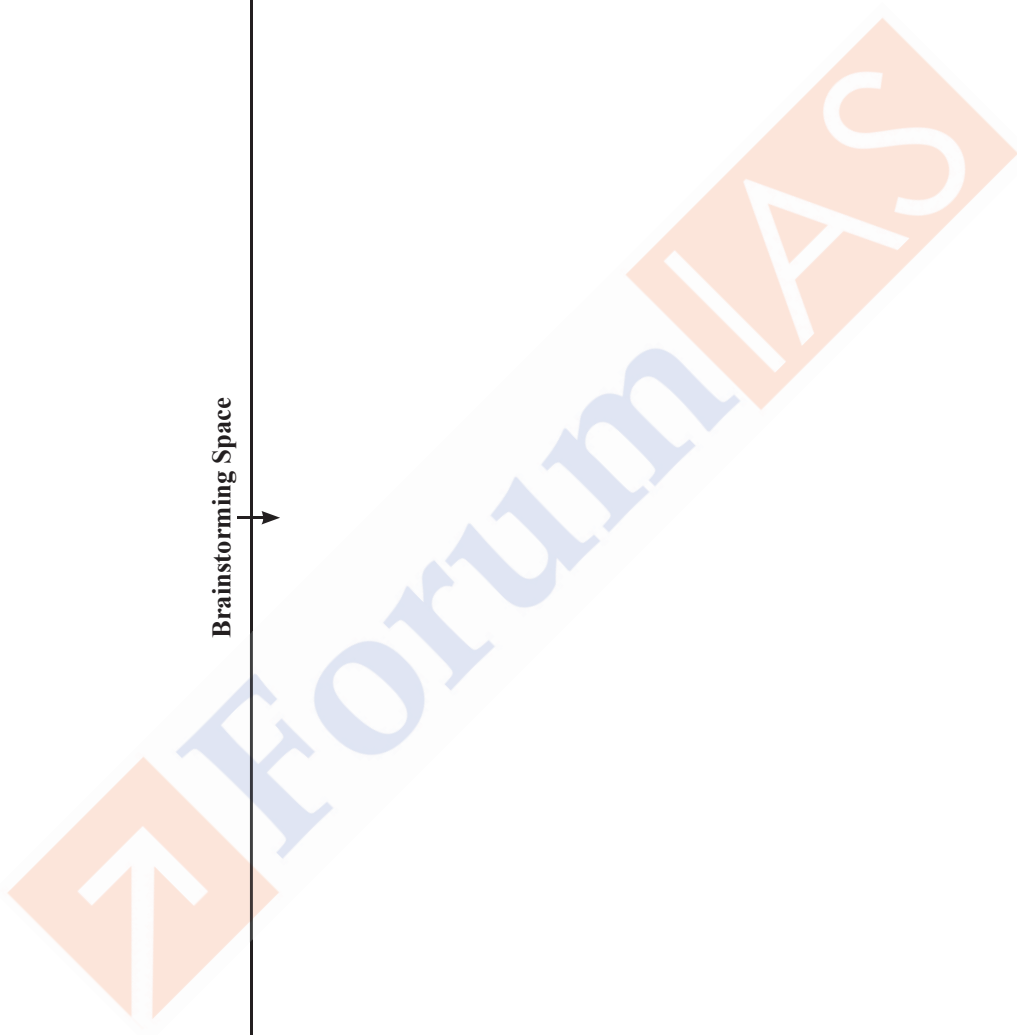
Q.78) Describe the methods of delimiting constituencies for parliamentary elections in India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2002]

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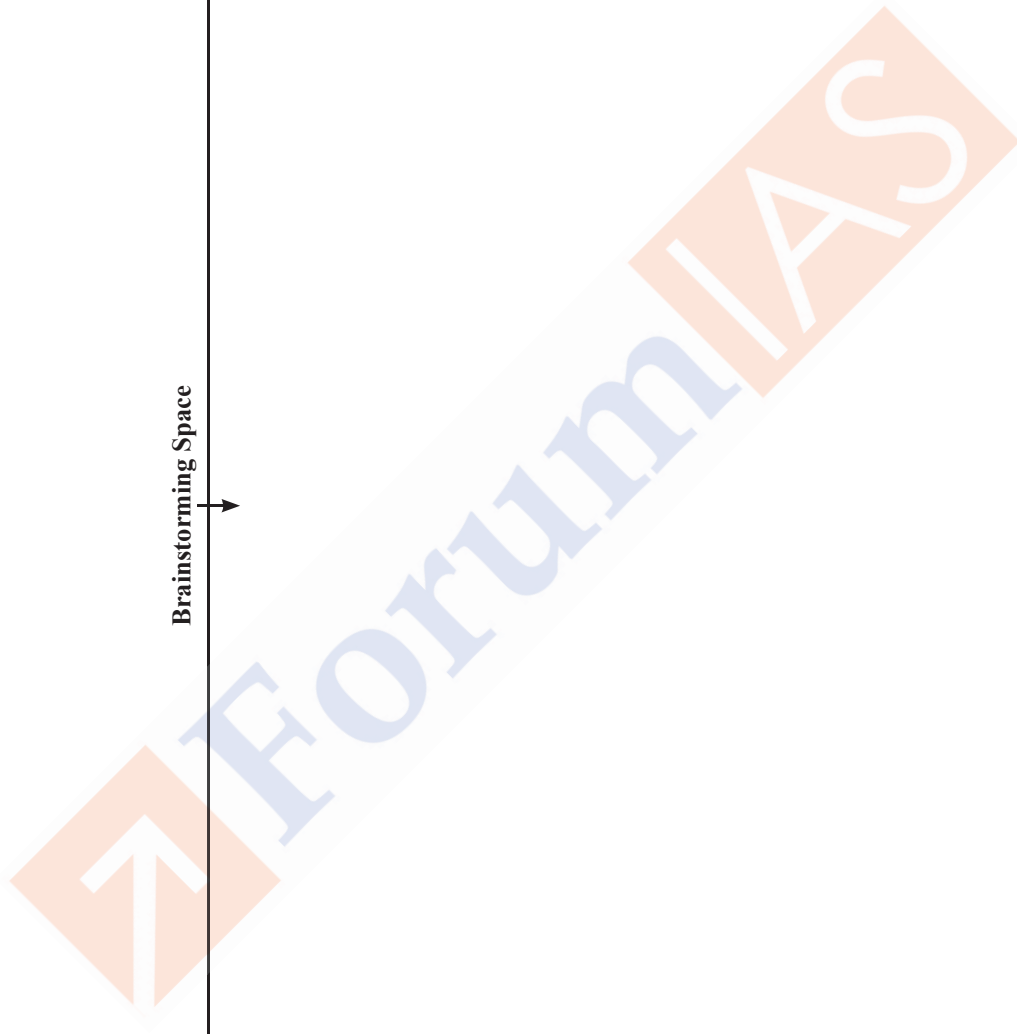
Q.79) Identify the major electoral reforms which are necessary in the Indian Political System. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2000]

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Q.80) Differentiate and state the significance of general election, mid-term election and by-election. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1998]

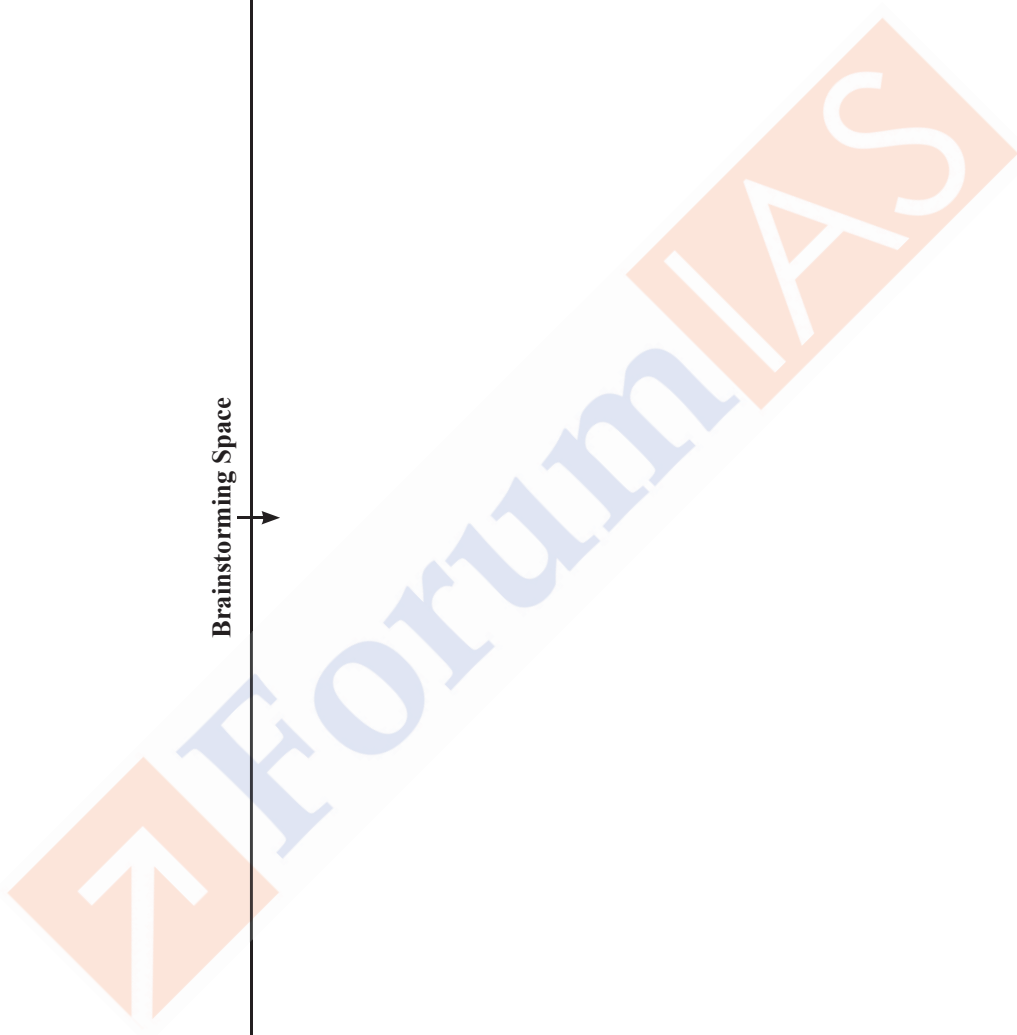
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Q.81) Review the present Electoral System in India and suggest modifications to ensure better and healthier Policy.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1990]

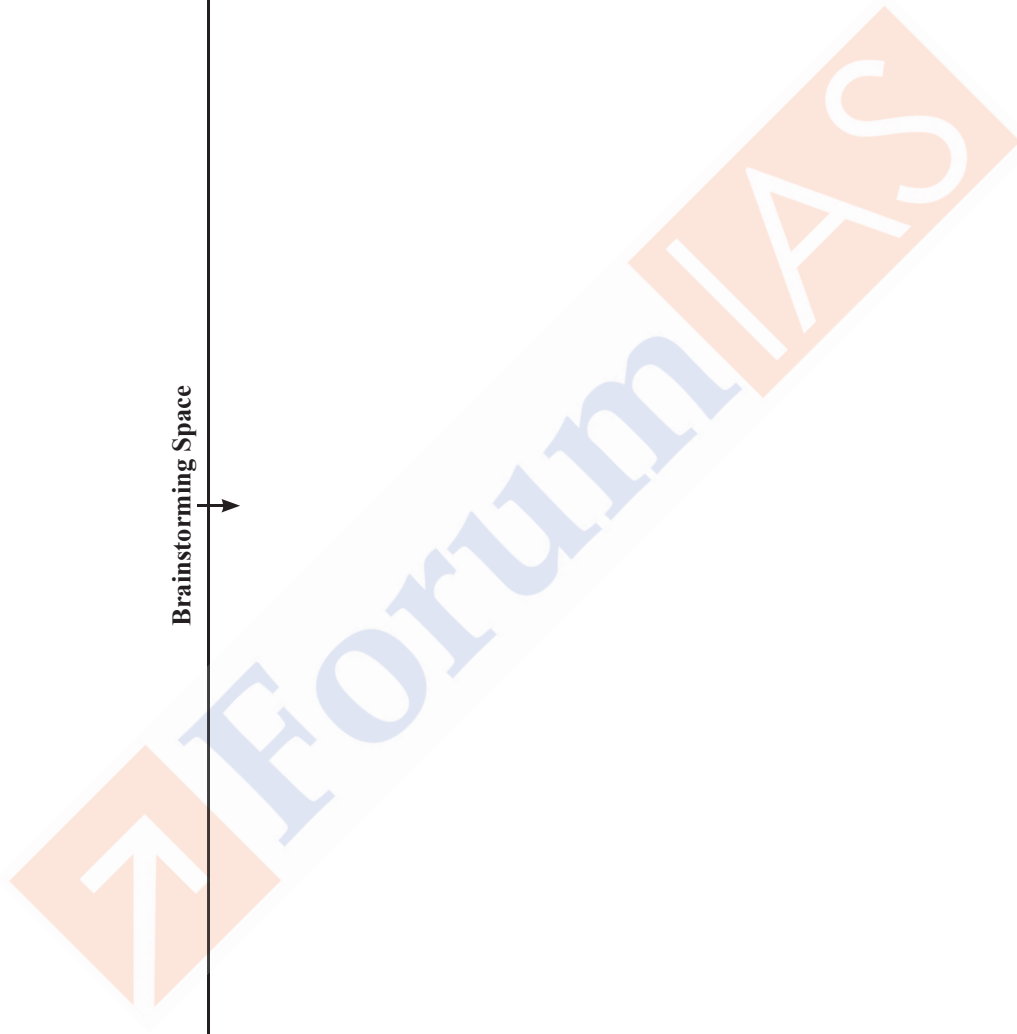
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Q.82) Is it correct to describe the party system in India as One party Dominant system? Give reasons for your answer.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1985]

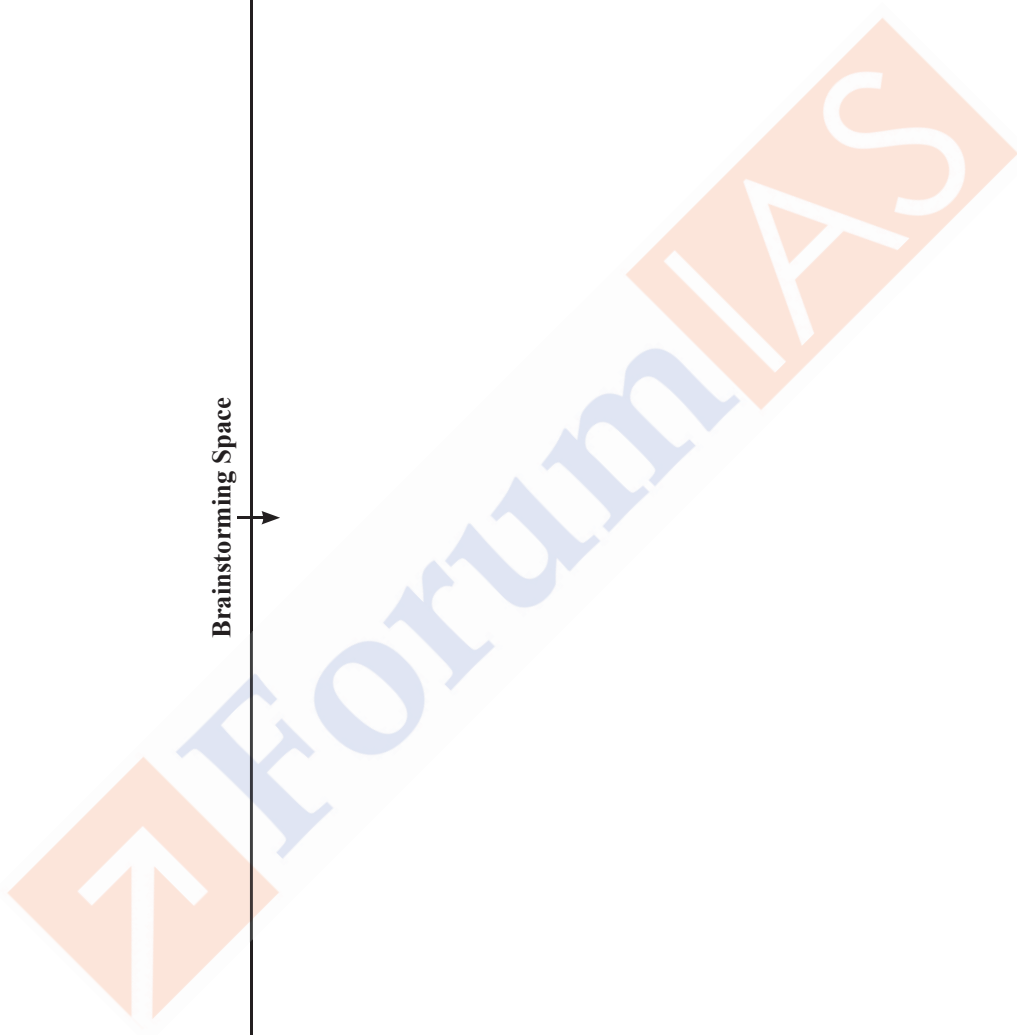
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Q.83) To what extent, in your view, the Parliament is able to ensure accountability of the executive in India?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2021]

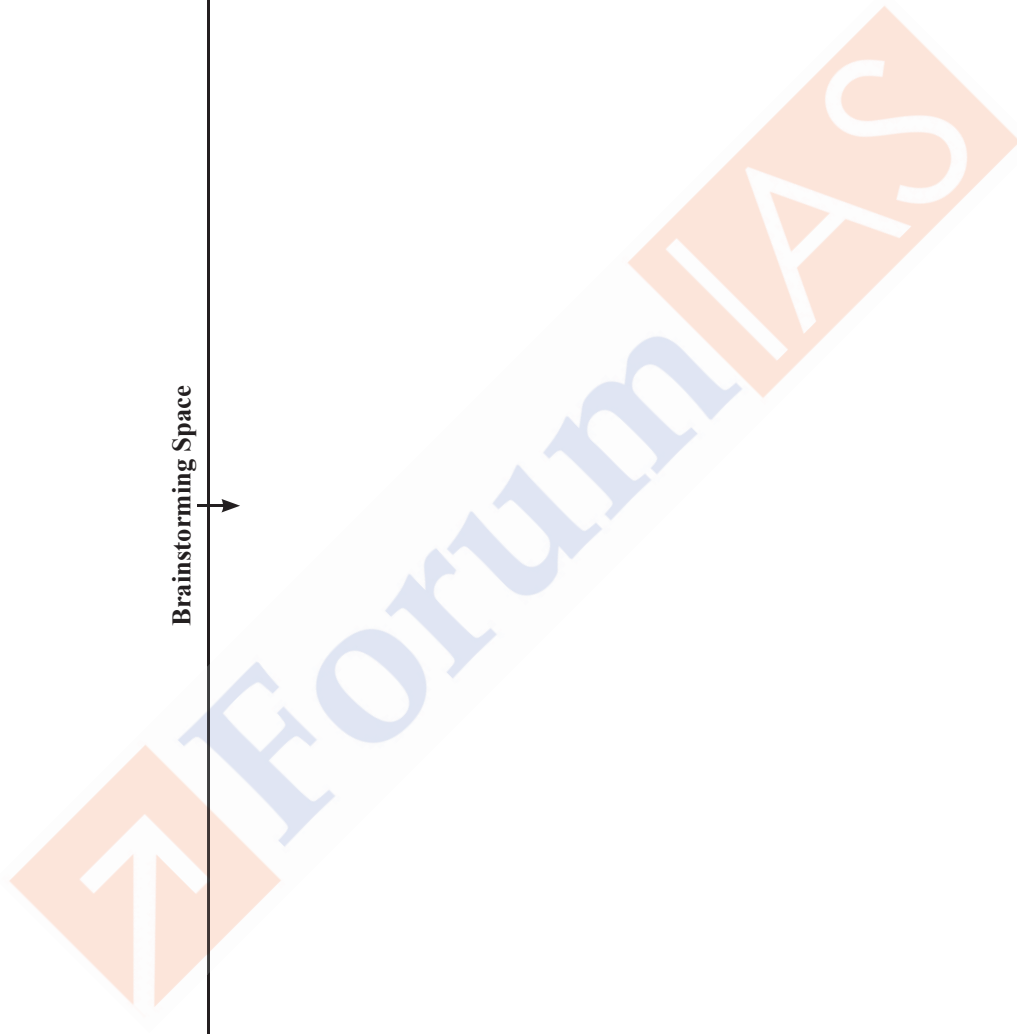
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Q.84) Do Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees keep the administration on its toes and inspire reverence for parliamentary control? Evaluate the working of such committees.

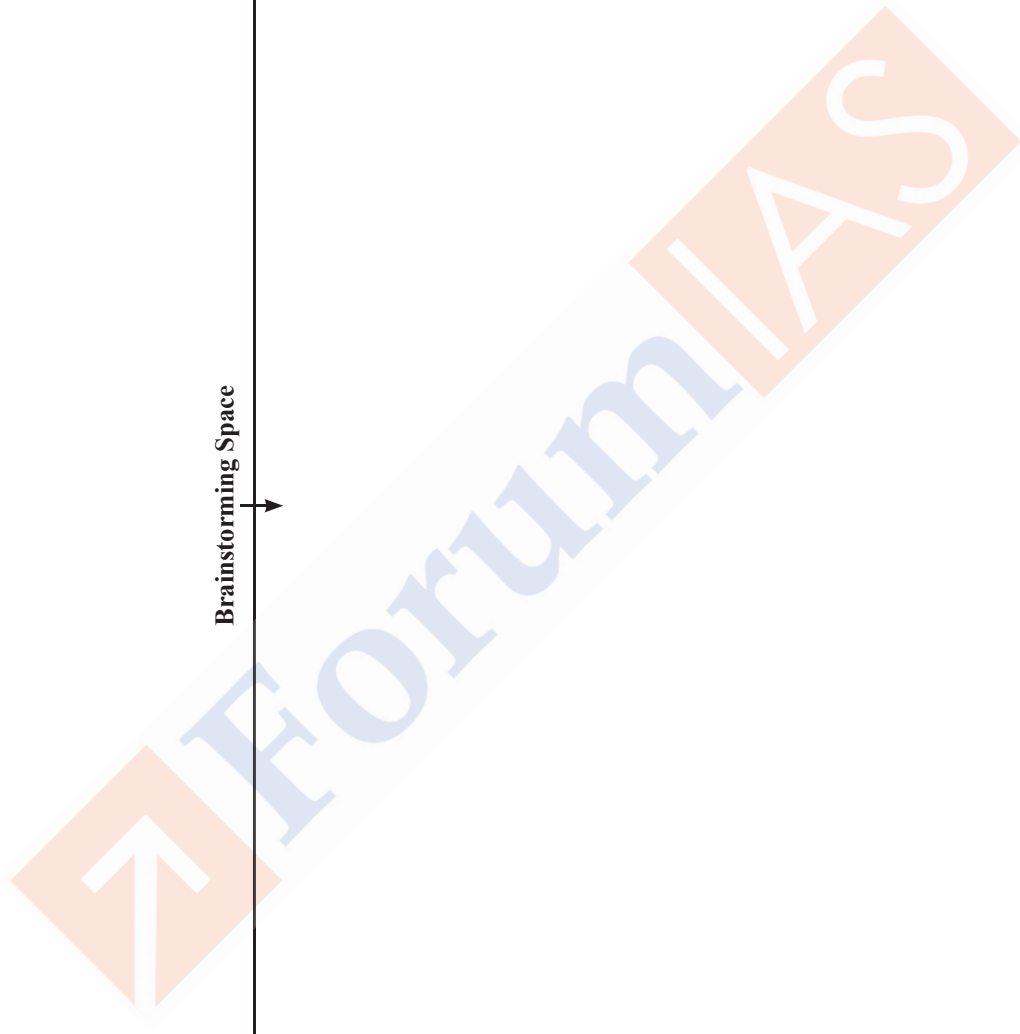
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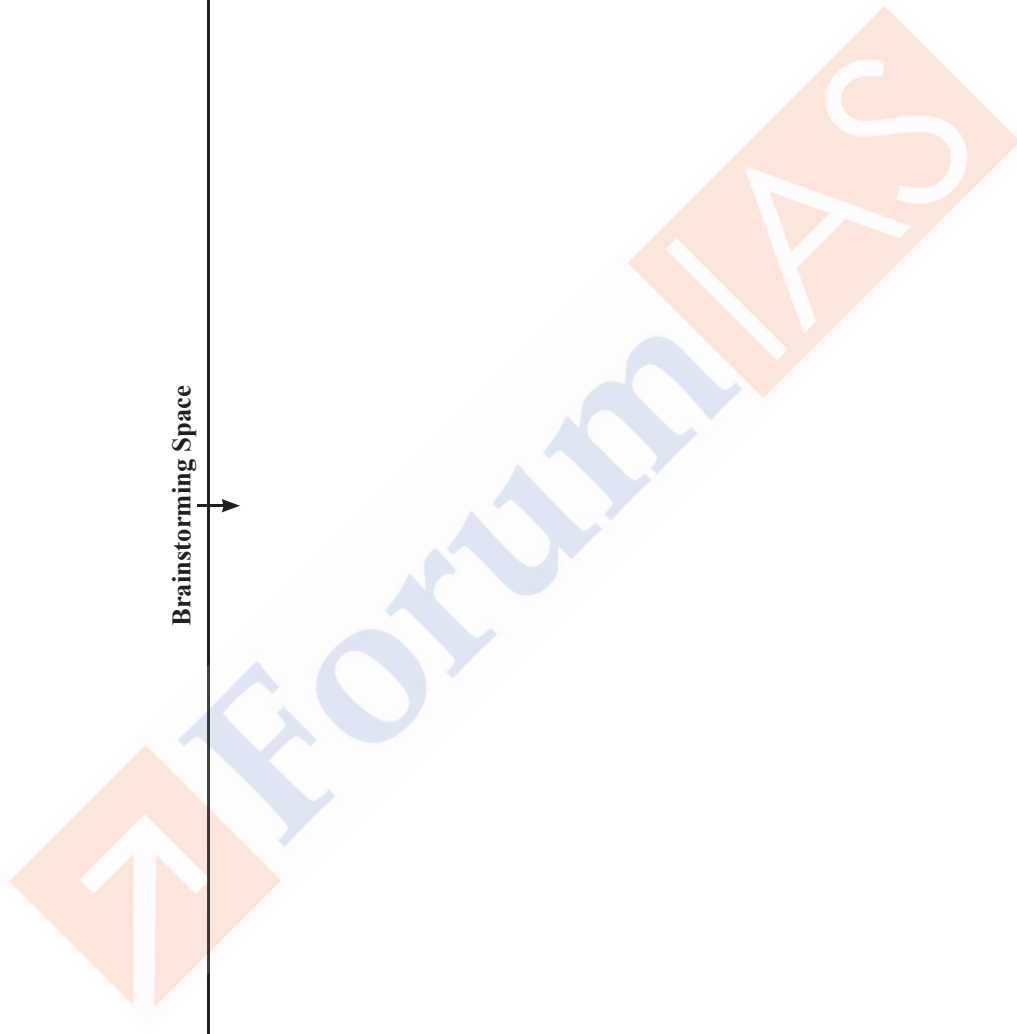
Q.85) Instances of President's delay in commuting death sentences has come under public debate as denial of justice. Should there be a time limit specified for the President to accept/reject such petitions? Analyse. (10 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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Q.86) The size of the cabinet should be as big as governmental work justifies and as big as the Prime Minister can manage as a team. How far is the efficacy of a government then inversely related to the size of the cabinet? Discuss. (10 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

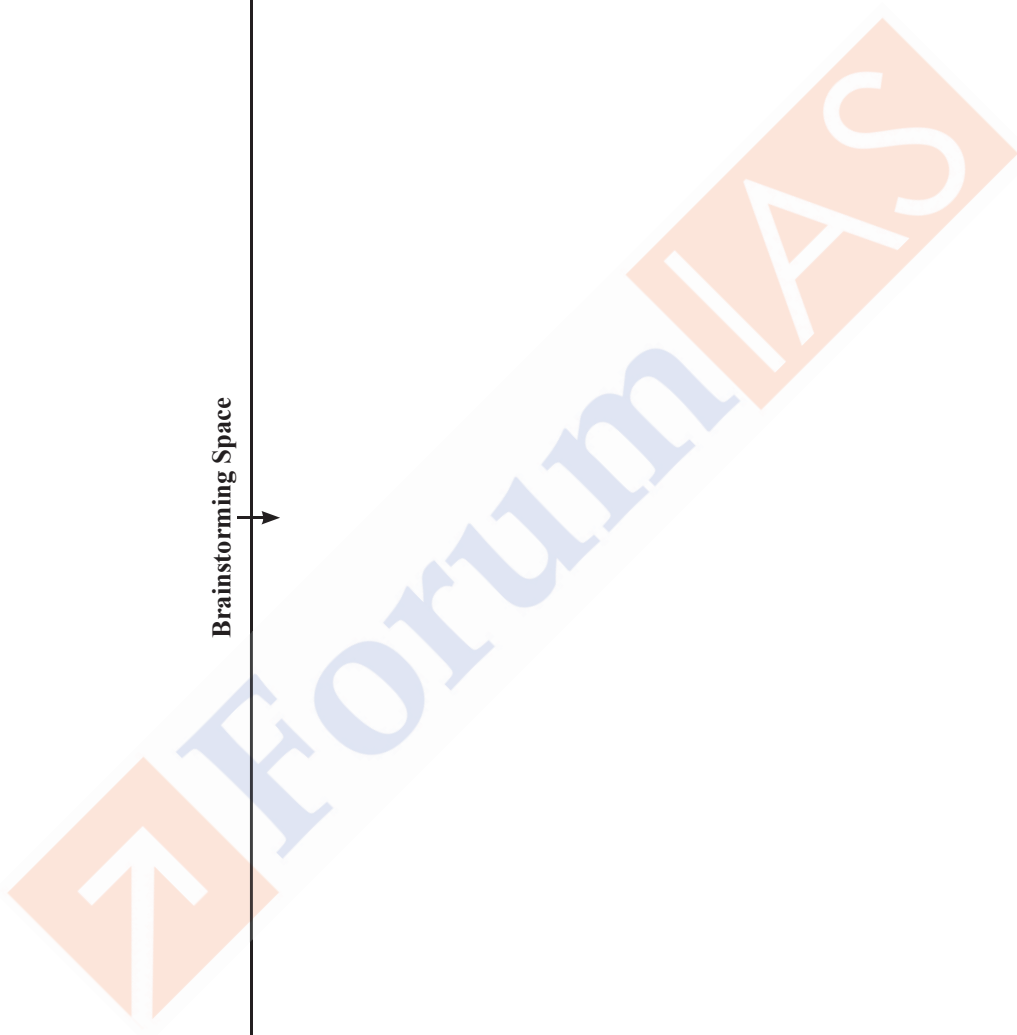
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Q.87) What are the exceptions when the President of India is not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers?

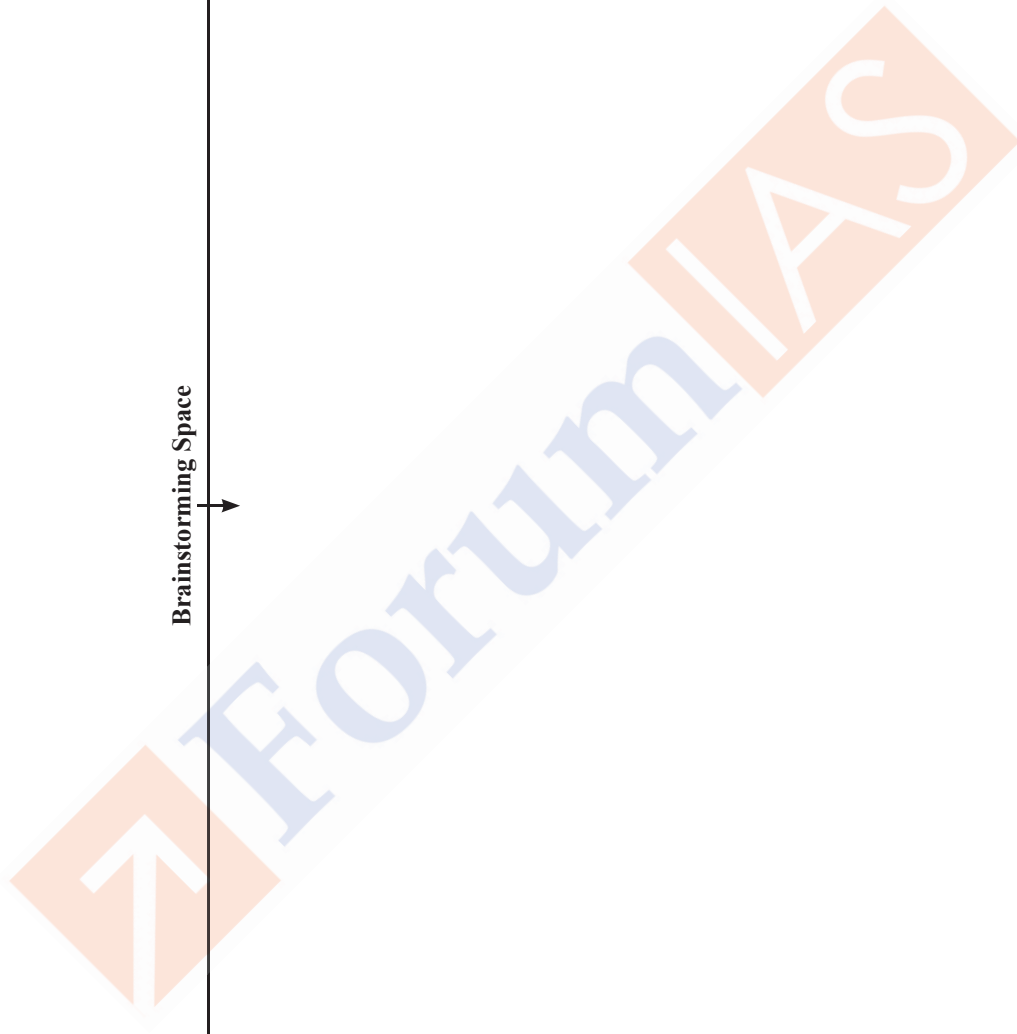
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Q.88) Discuss the question of death sentence and Presidential clemency.
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2003]

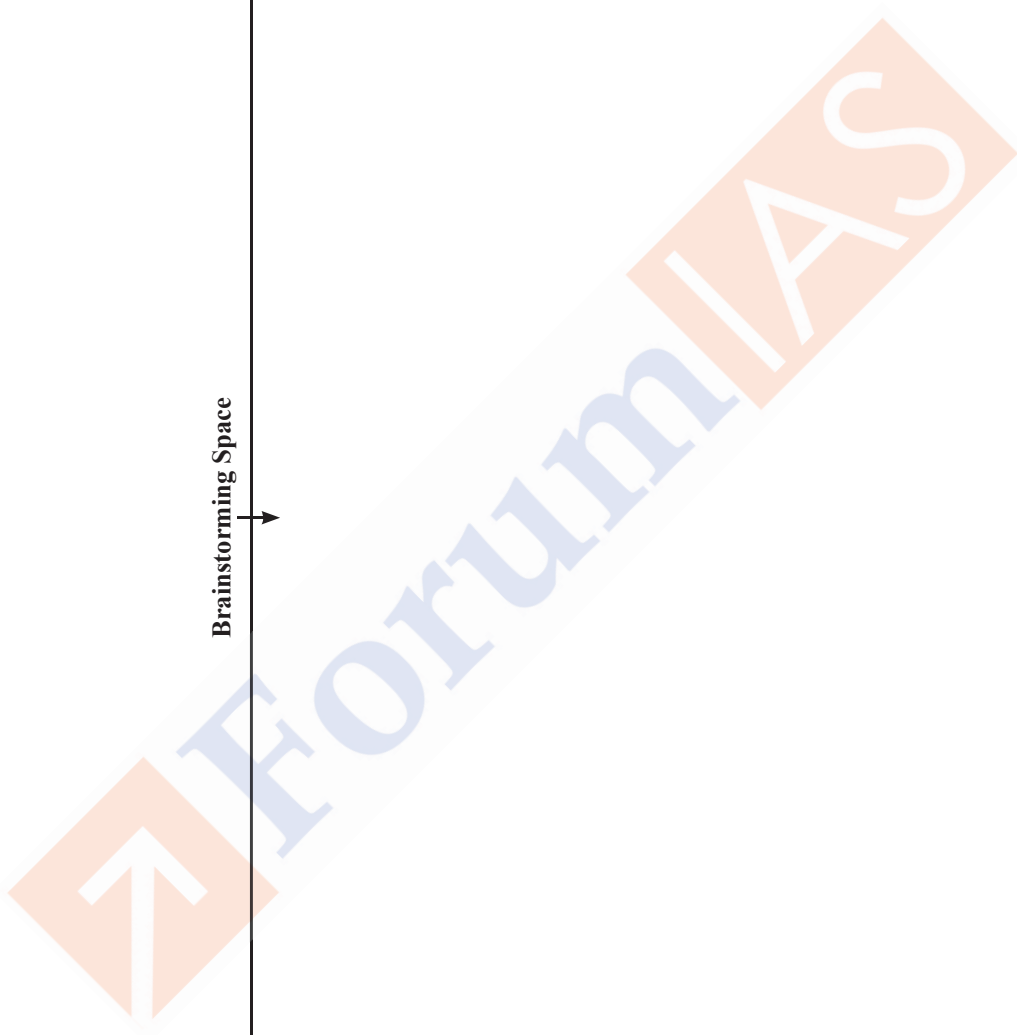
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Q.89) Explain the discretionary powers of the Governor of a State.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2003]

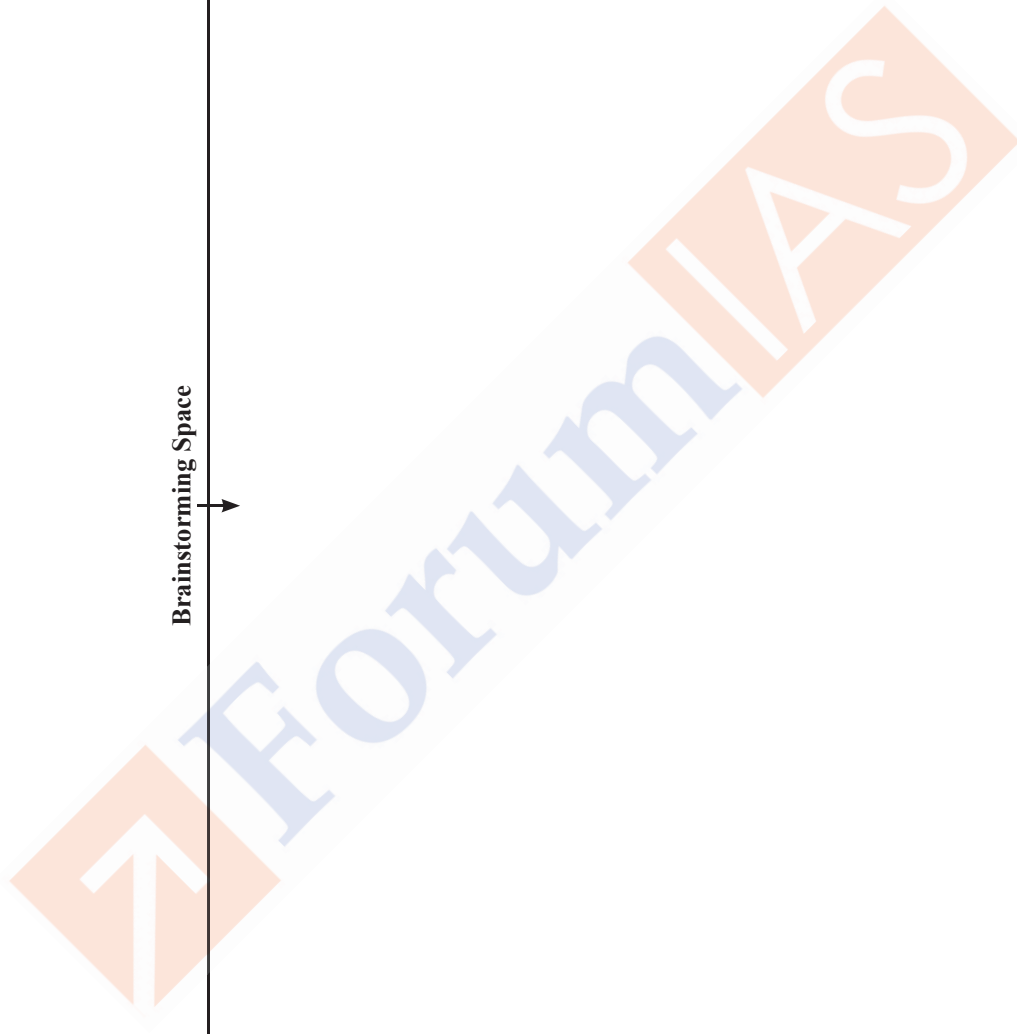
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Q.90) Comment on the nature of Ordinance-making power of the President of India. What safeguards are there against possible misuse?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2001]

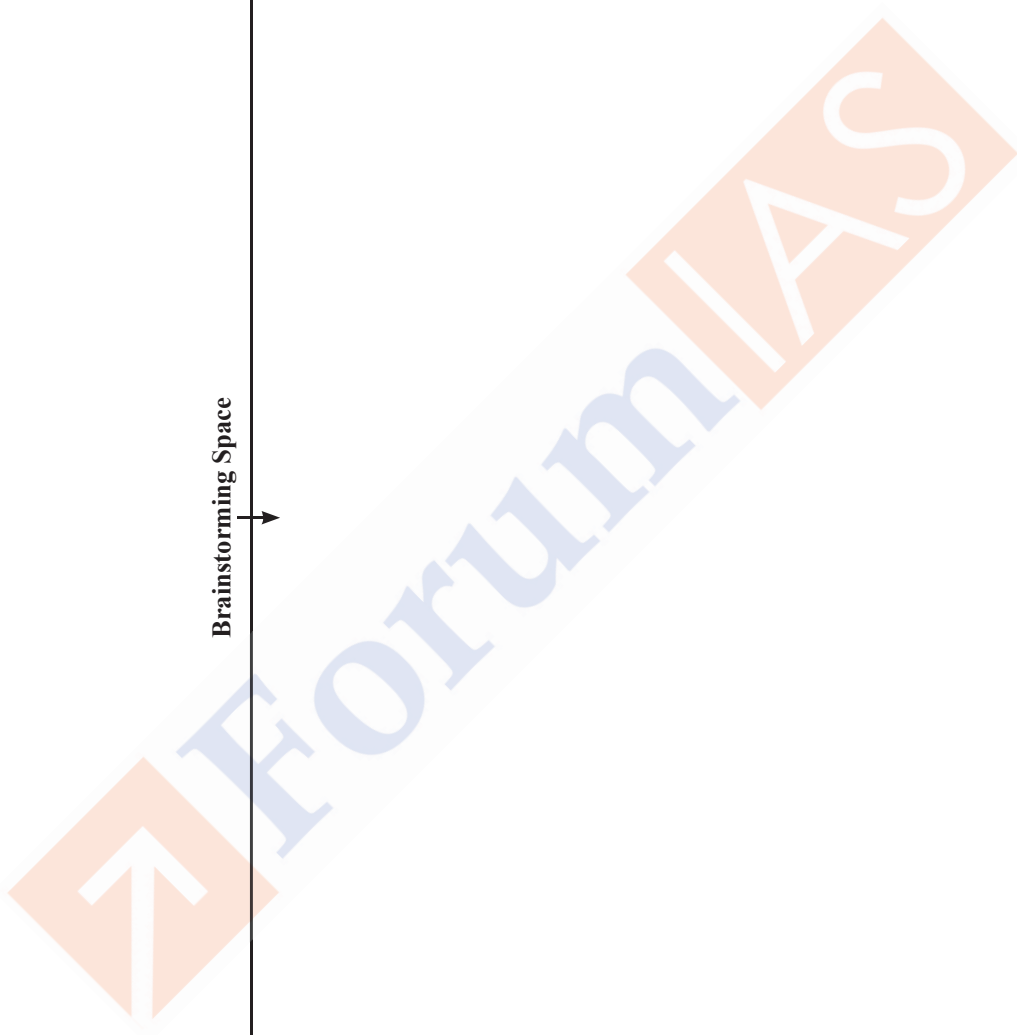
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Q.91) Distinguish between Cabinet Secretariat and Prime Minister's Secretariat. Which of these is more important?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2001]

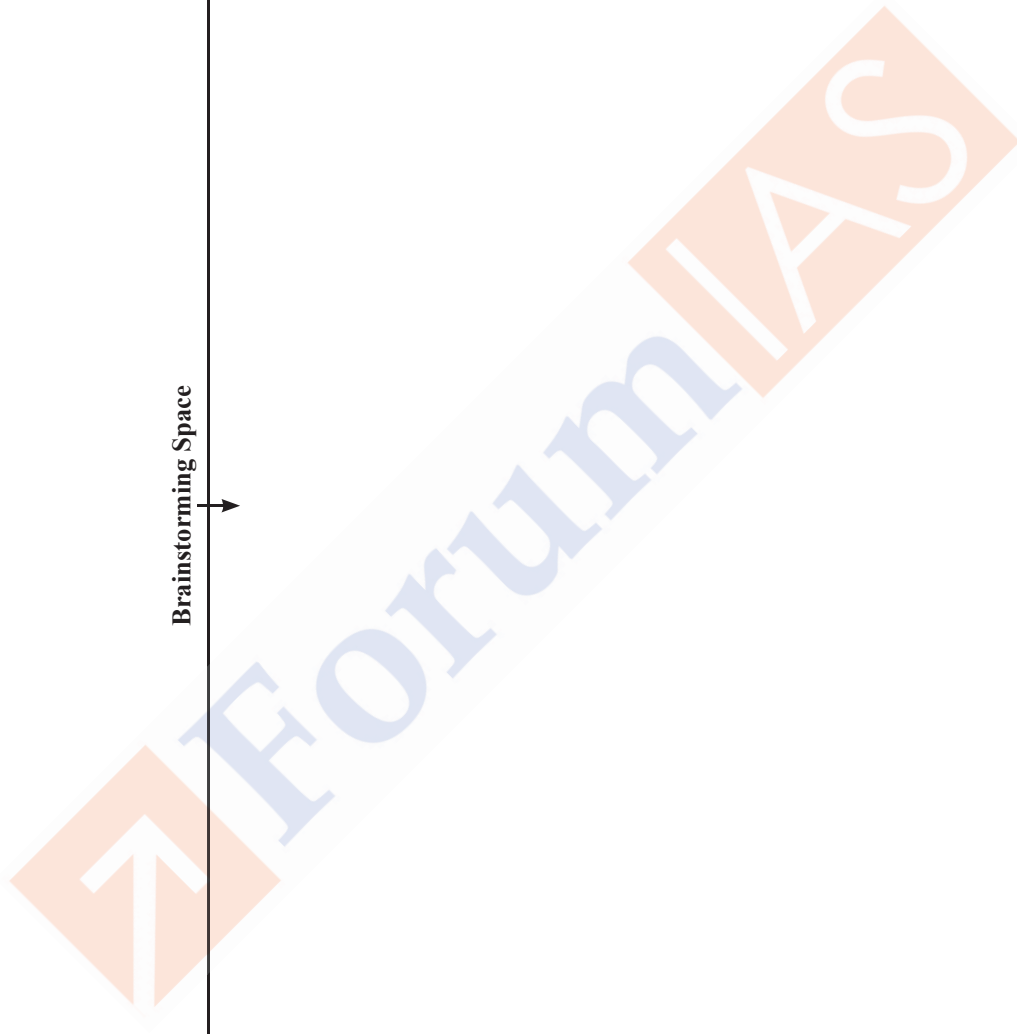
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Q.92) How are the President and the Vice President of India elected? What are the constitutional issues involved in their election?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1997]

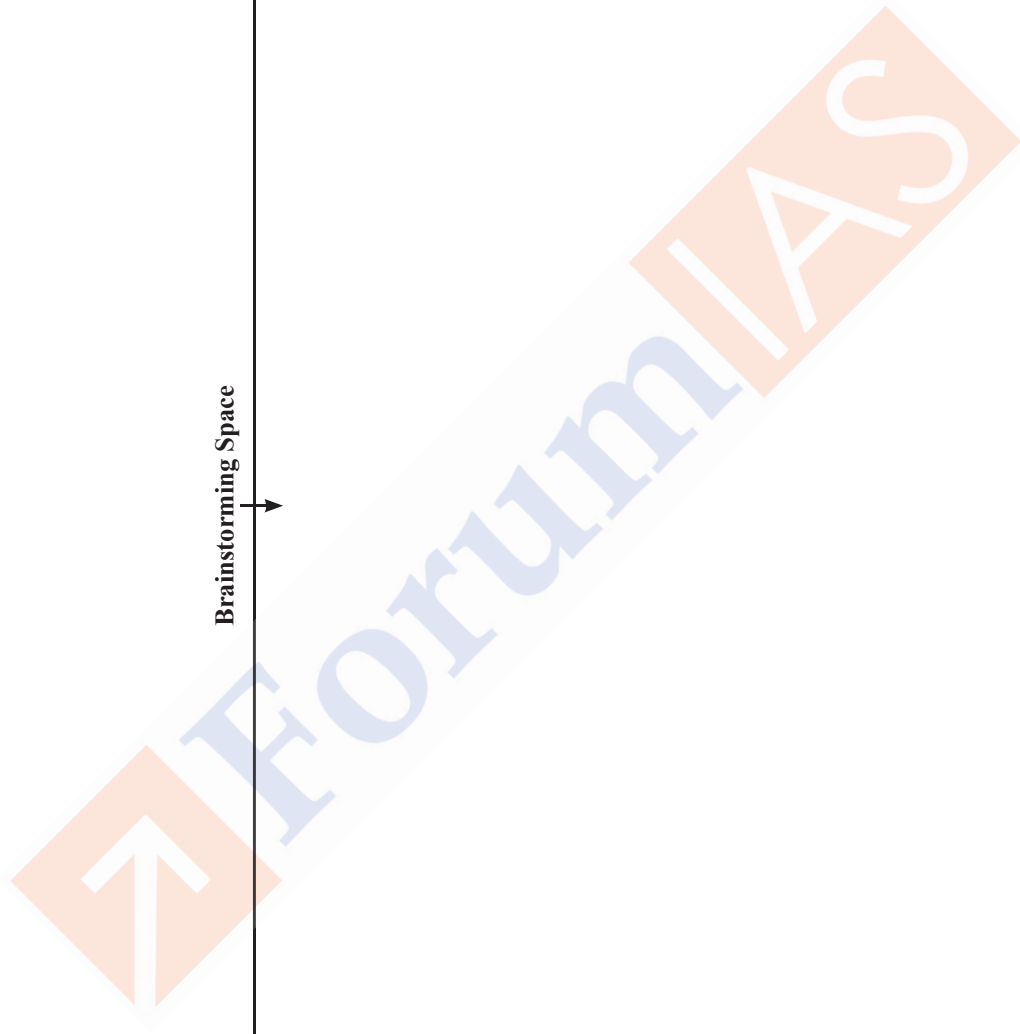
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Q.93) In India, though the Governor is the constitutional head of a state just as the President of the country, the former may be enjoying more powers than the latter. Do you agree? Give reasons.

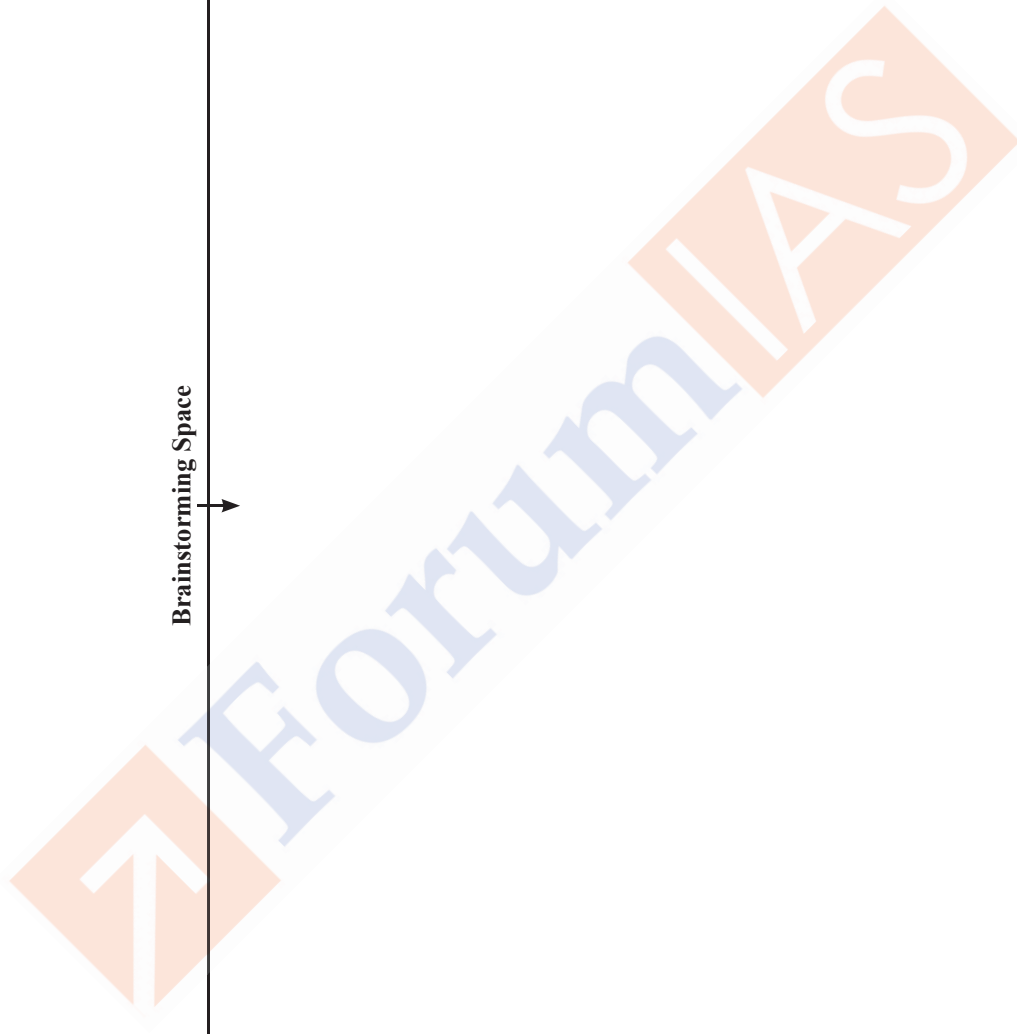
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1994]

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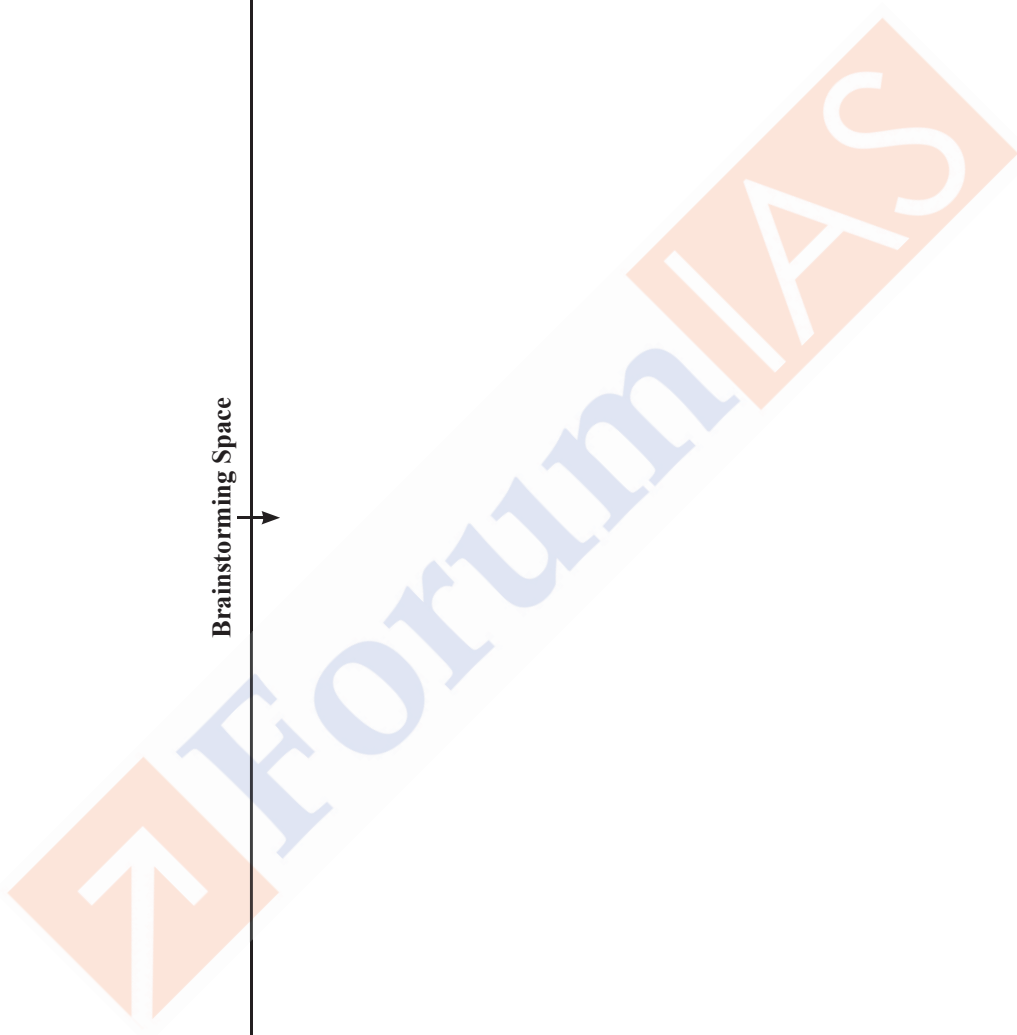
Q.94) Examine the constitutional relation between the President and the Prime Minister of India. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1991]

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Q.95) Discuss the powers of the President of India regarding the scheduled areas. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

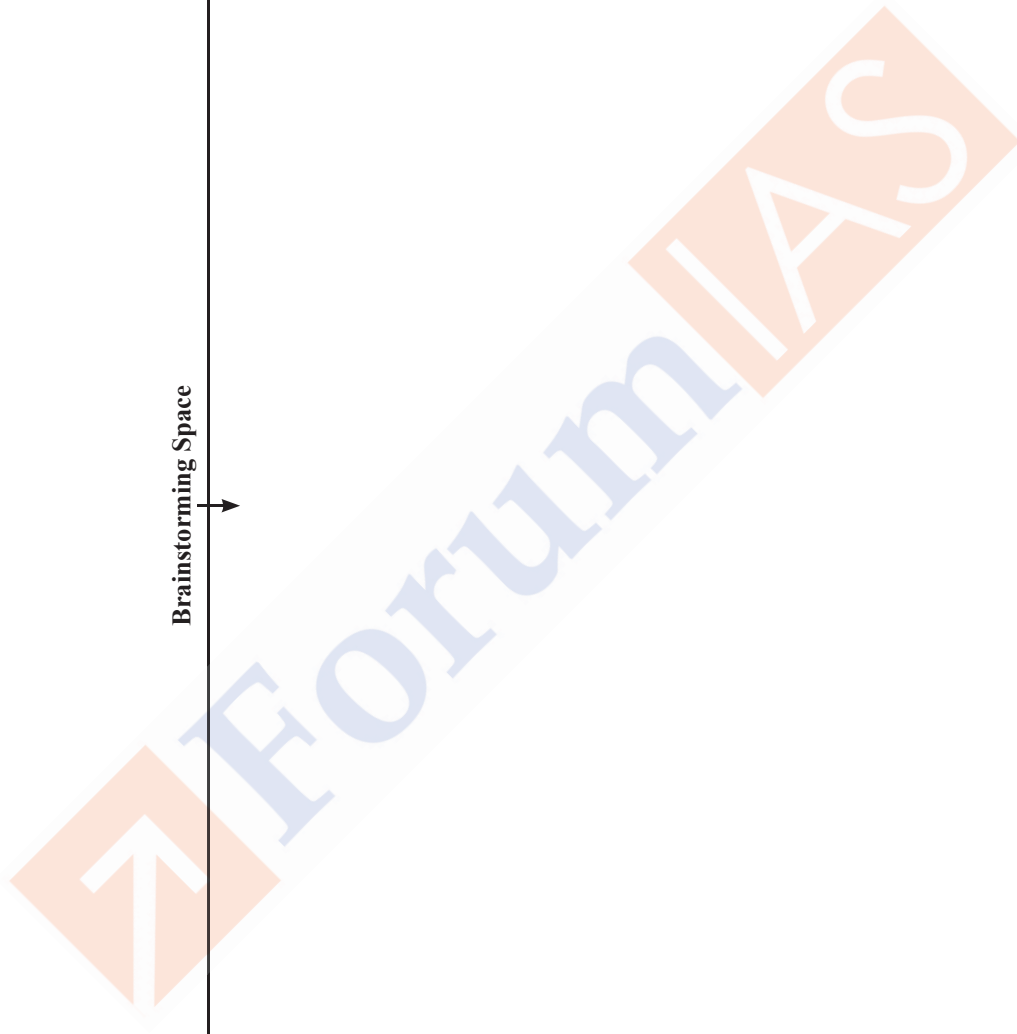
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Q.96) Explain the nature and extent of discretionary powers and special responsibilities of the Governor in the Indian Constitution.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1990]

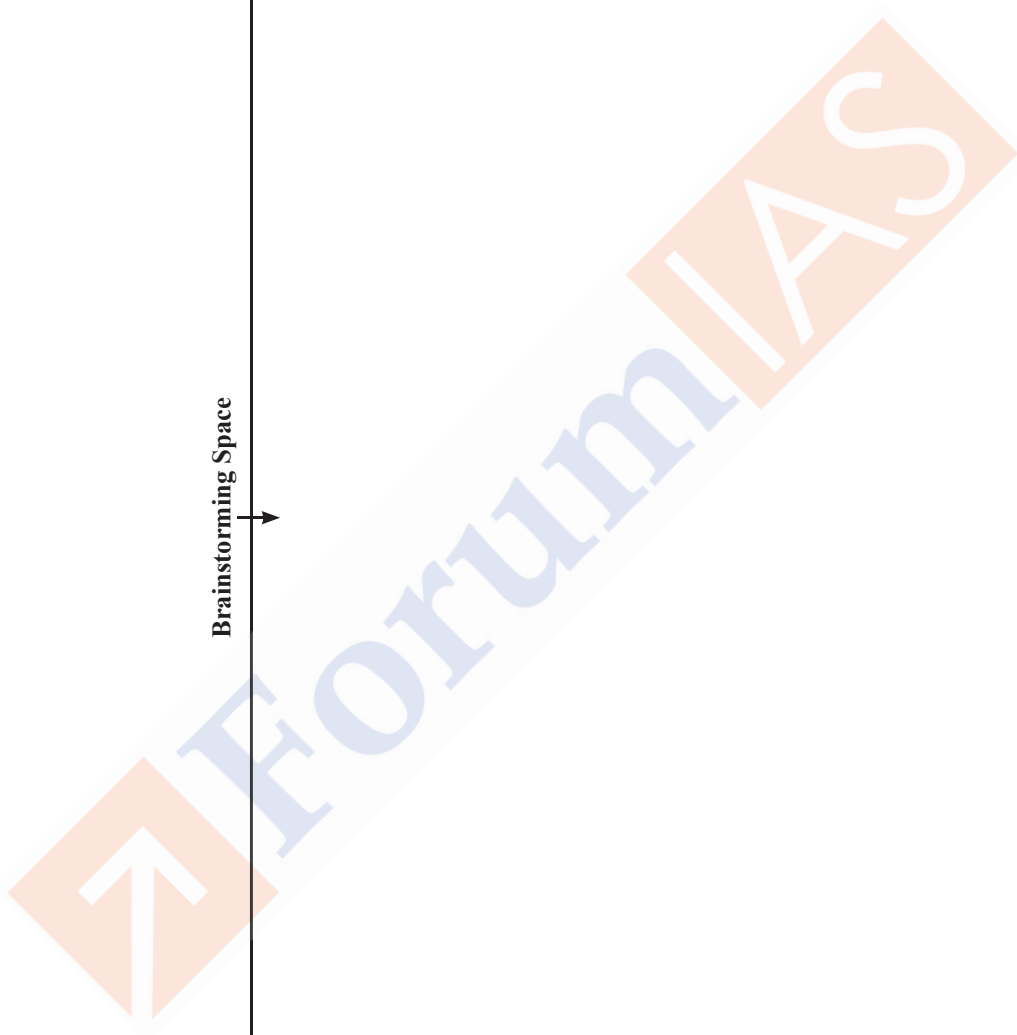
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Q.97) Discuss the value of the consultative committees attached to the different Ministries of the Government of India.

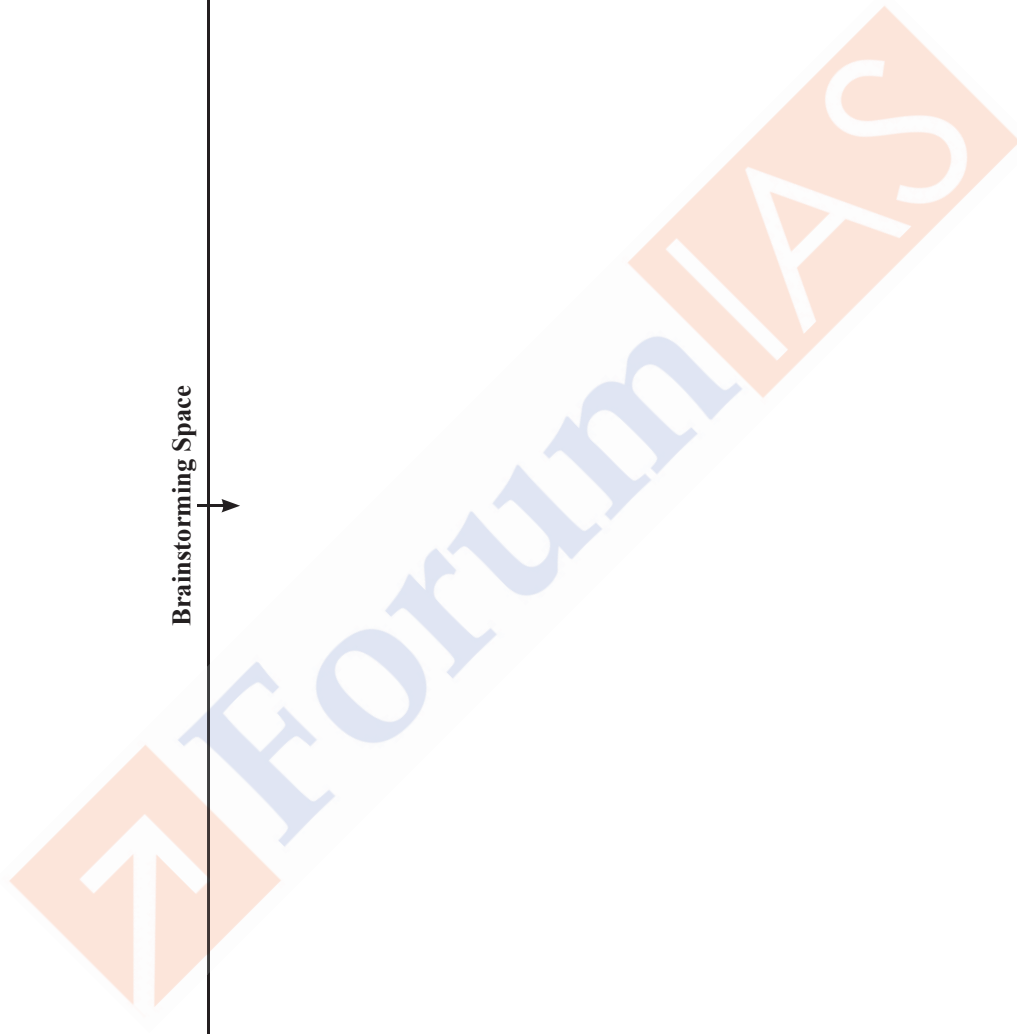
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

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Q.98) Describe briefly the legislative and executive powers of the President of India. Have there been any changes during the last decade? Offer your comments. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1981]

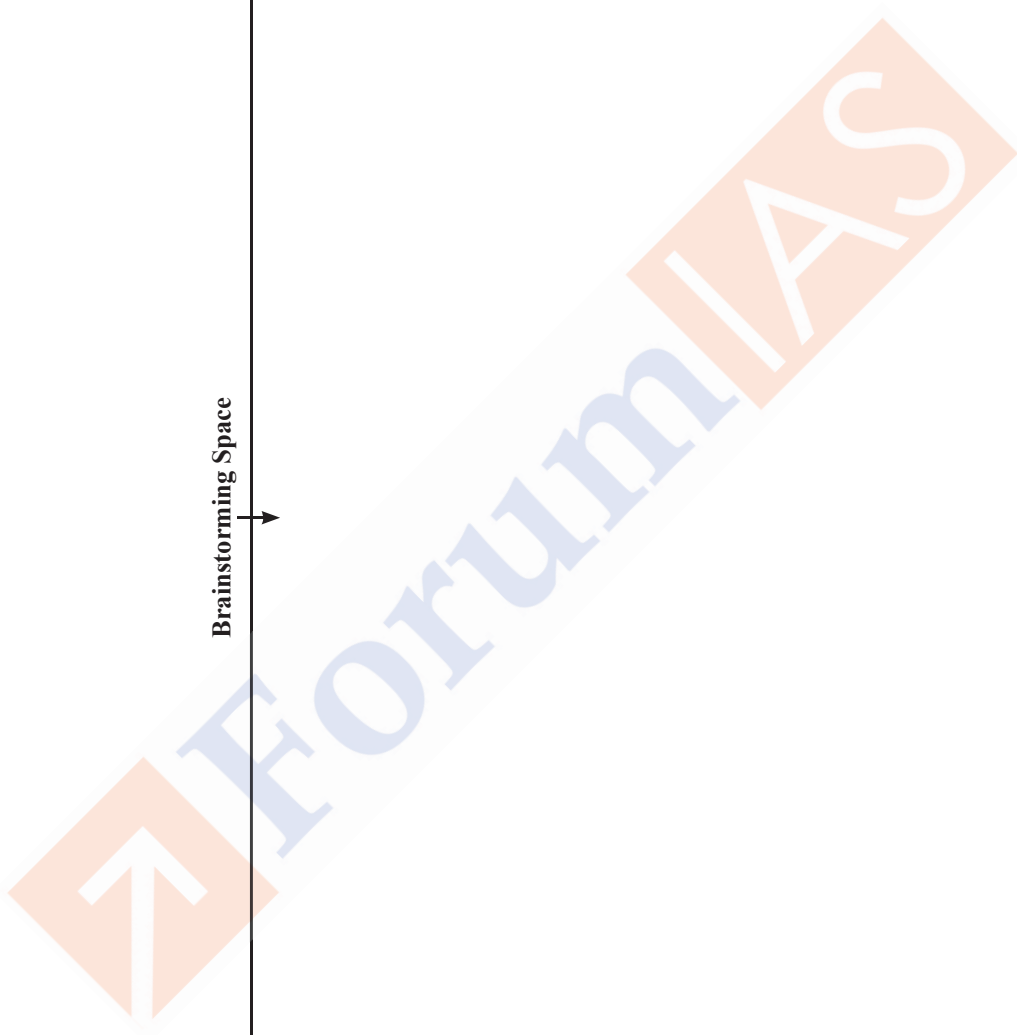
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Q.99) The office of the president of India was designed in the British mode. Consider the modification of the executive powers of the president by the 42nd amendment, 1976 and the 44th amendment 1979.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1982]

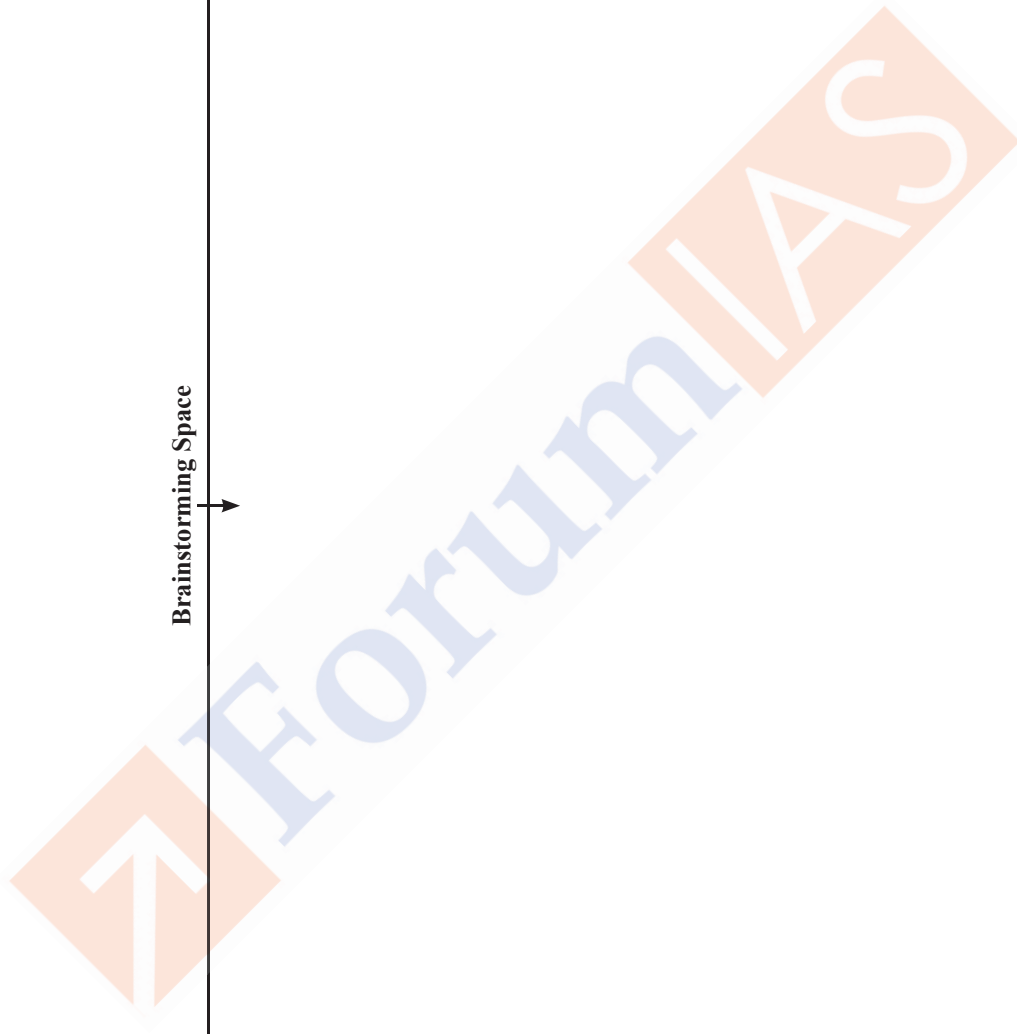
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Q.100) How is the governor of a state appointed in India? Does the manner of his appointments ensure his independent functioning?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1984]

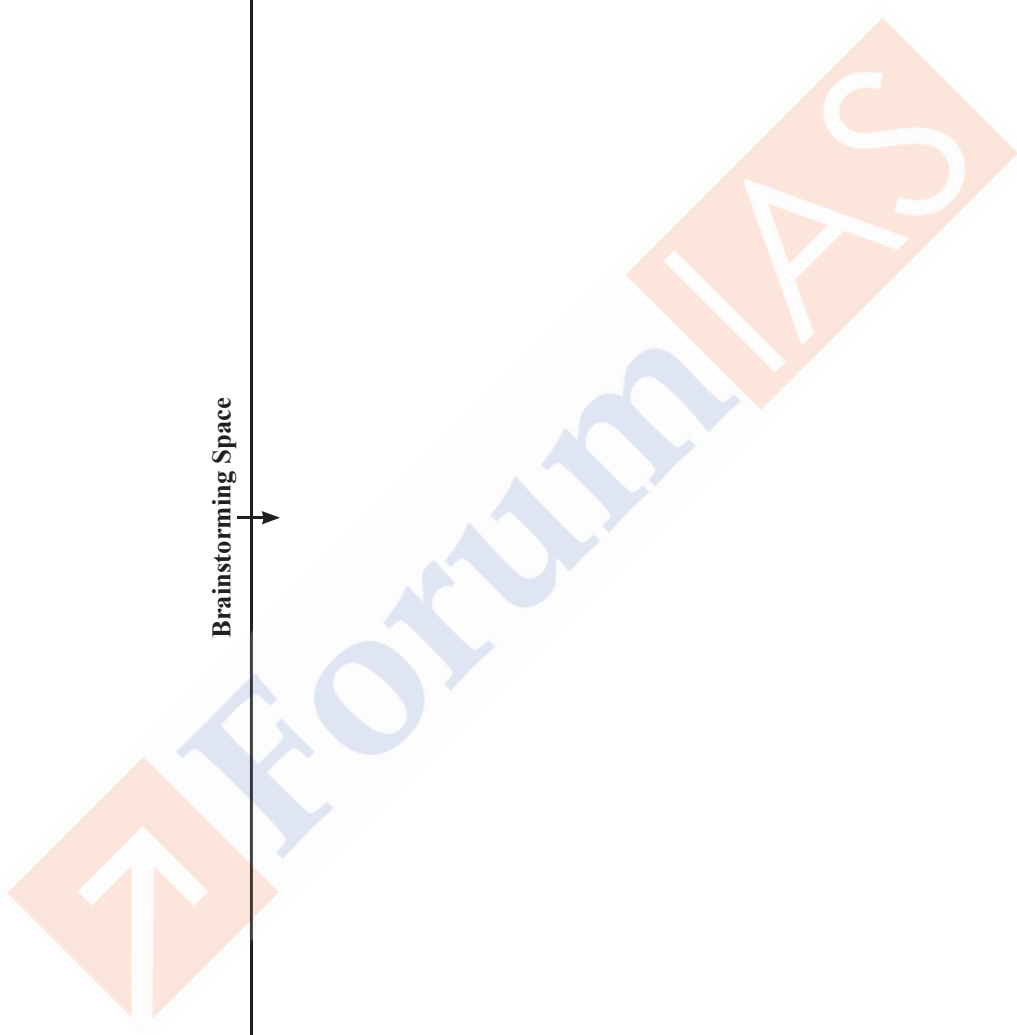
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Q.101) Examine the evolving pattern of Centre-State financial relations in the context of planned development in India. How far have the recent reforms impacted the fiscal federalism in India?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2025]

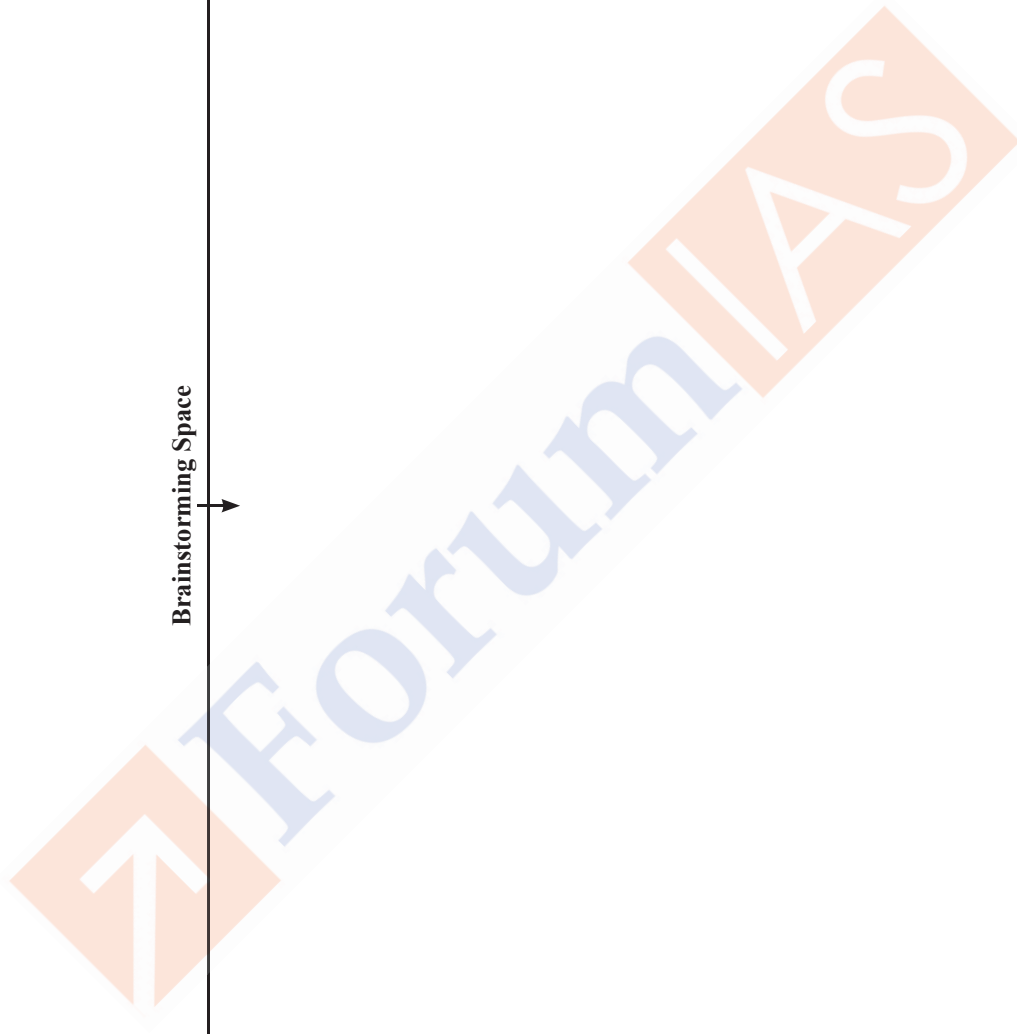
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Q.102) What changes has the Union Government recently introduced in the domain of Centre-State relations? Suggest measures to build trust between Centre and States and for strengthening federalism.

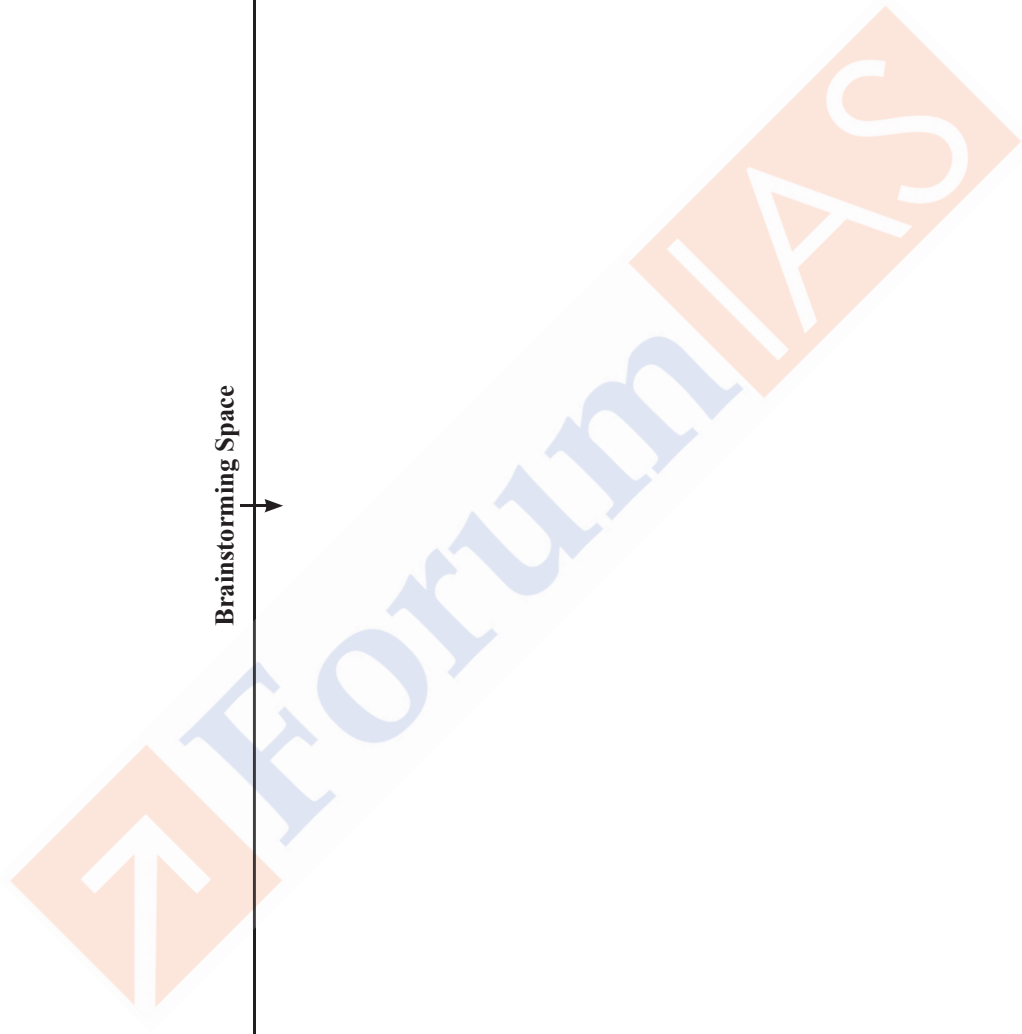
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

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Q.103) Account for the legal and political factors responsible for the reduced frequency of using Article 356 by the Union Governments since mid-1990s. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2023]

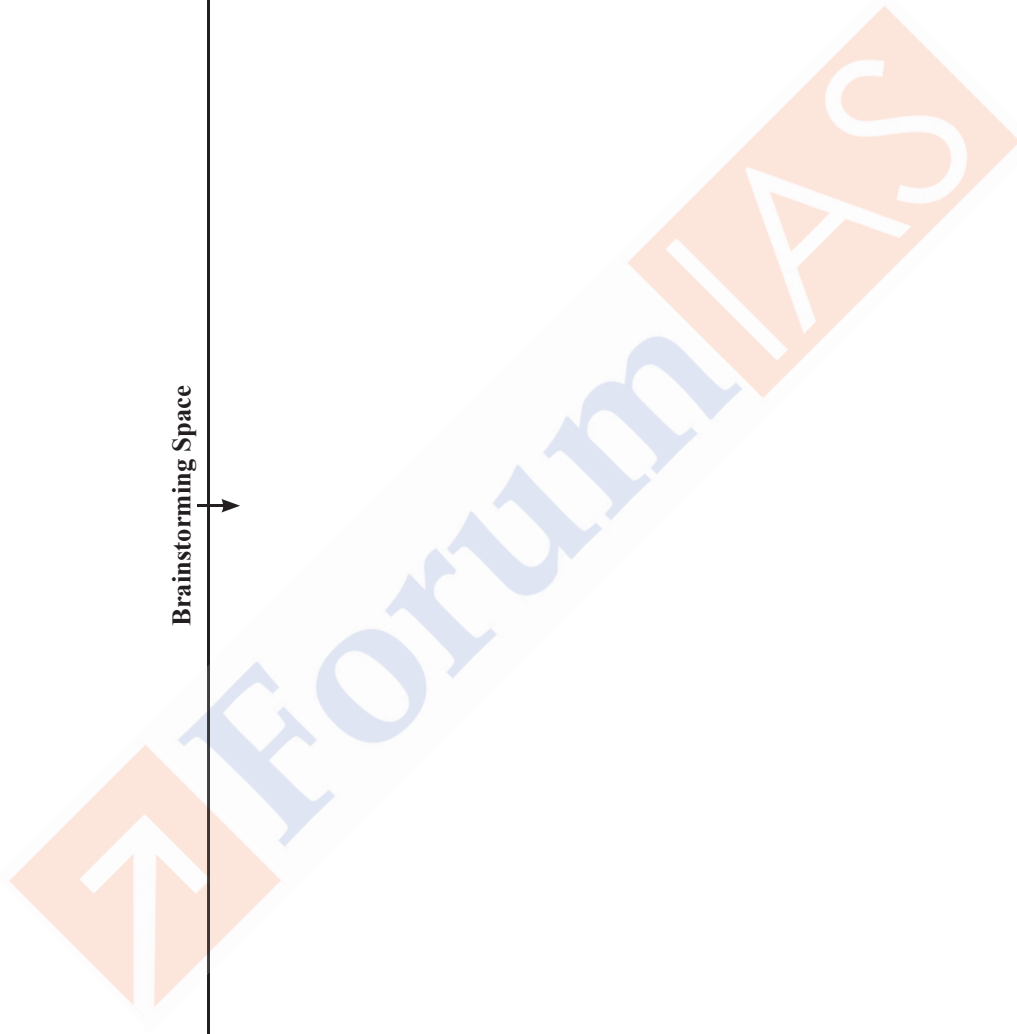
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Q.104) While the national political parties in India favour centralisation, the regional parties are in favour of state autonomy. Comment.

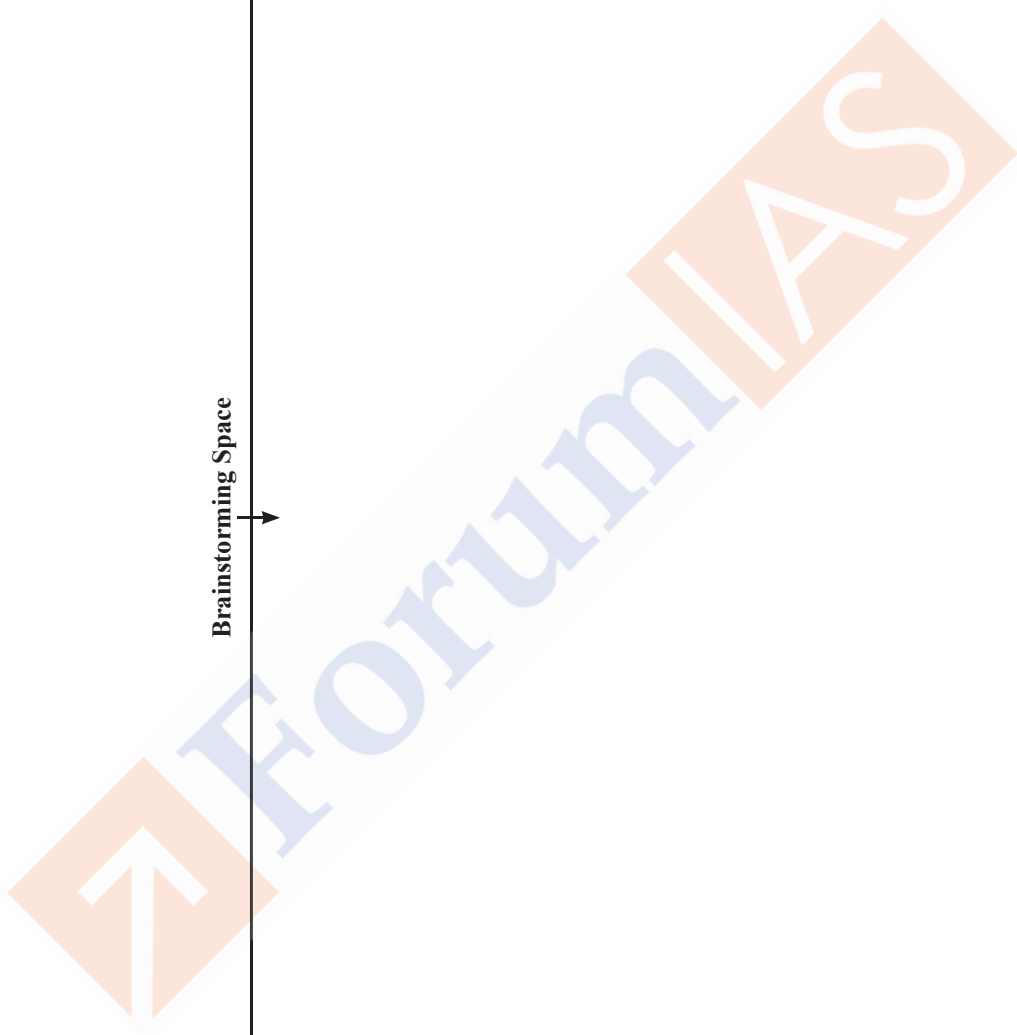
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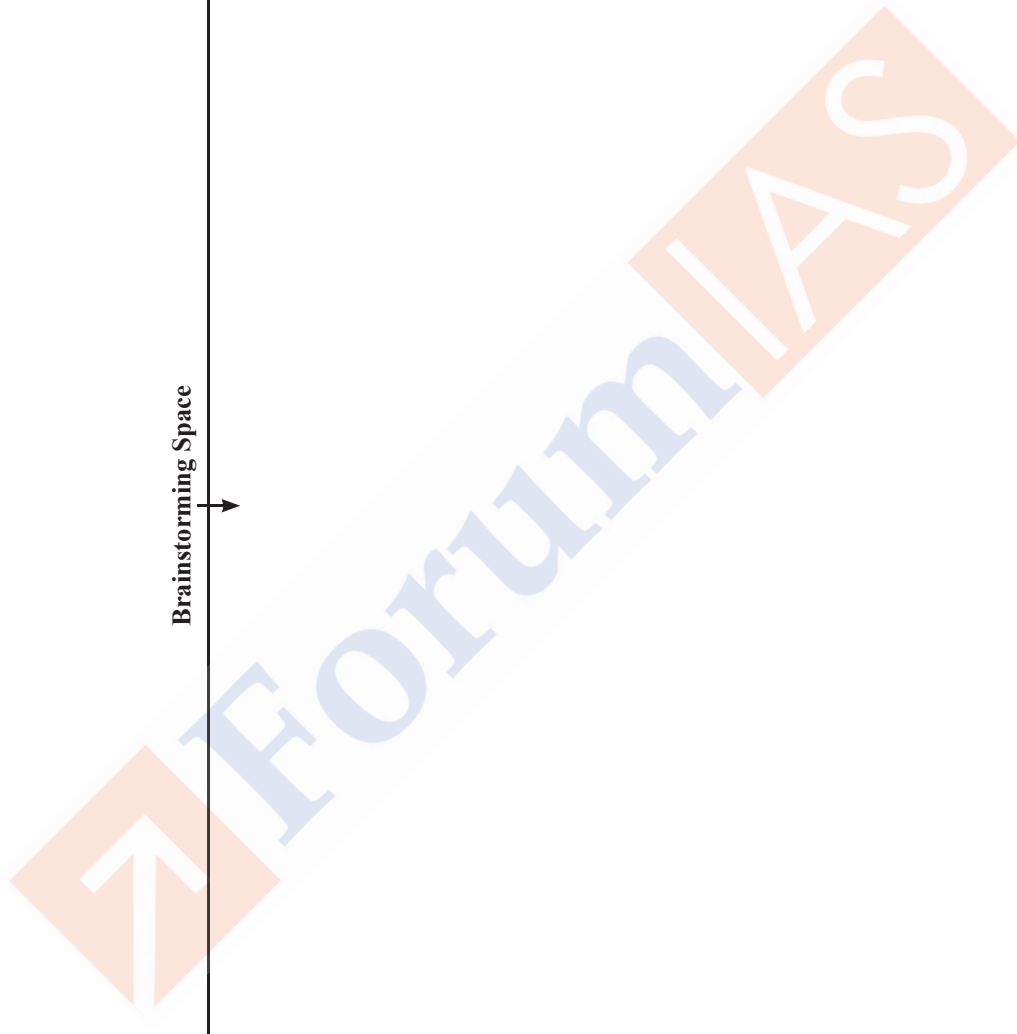
Q.105) The jurisdiction of the CBI regarding lodging an FIR and conducting probes within a particular state is being questioned. However, the power of States to withhold consent to the CBI is not absolute. Explain. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2021]

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Q.106) How far do you think cooperation, competition and confrontation have shaped the nature of federation in India? Cite some recent examples. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2020]

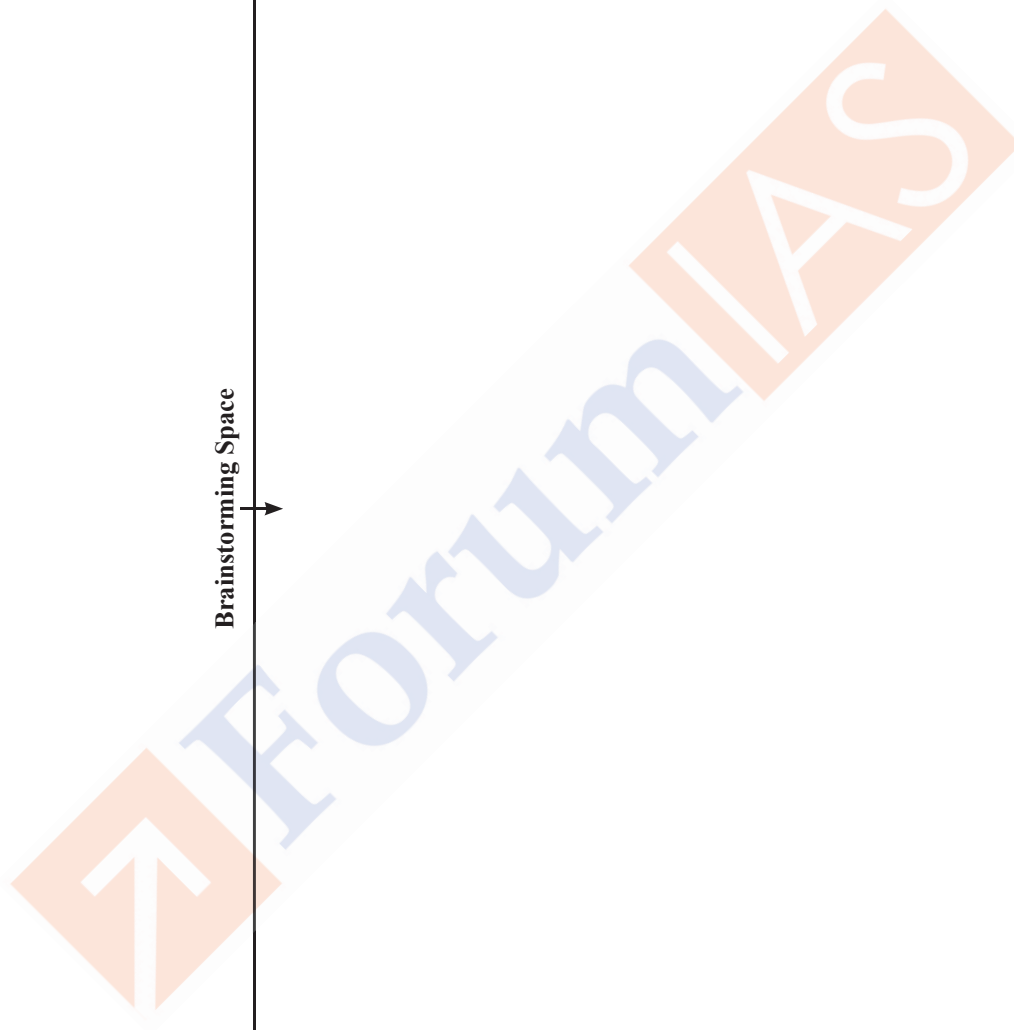
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Q.107) Under what circumstances can the Financial Emergency be proclaimed by the President of India? What consequences follow when such a declaration remains in force?

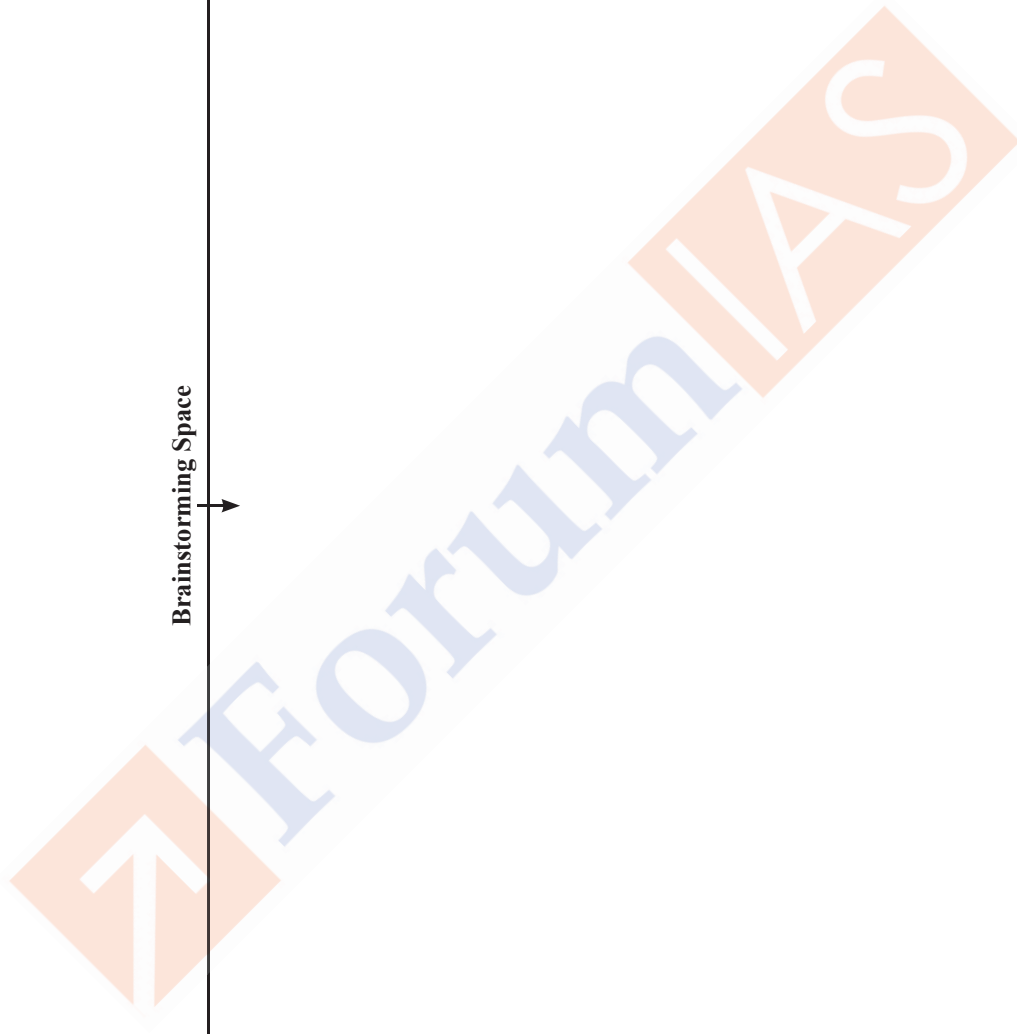
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

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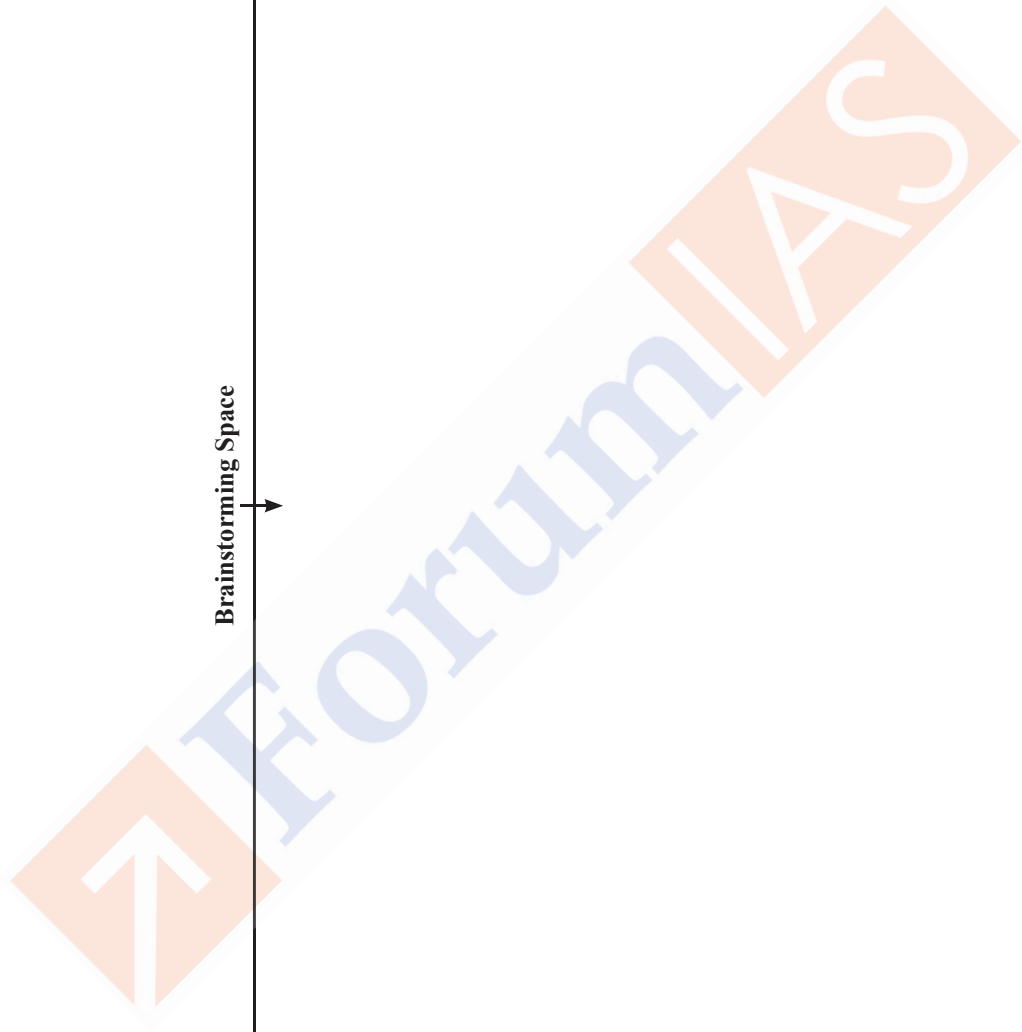
Q.108) Whether the Supreme Court Judgement (July 2018) can settle the political tussle between the Lt. Governor and elected government of Delhi? Examine. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2018]

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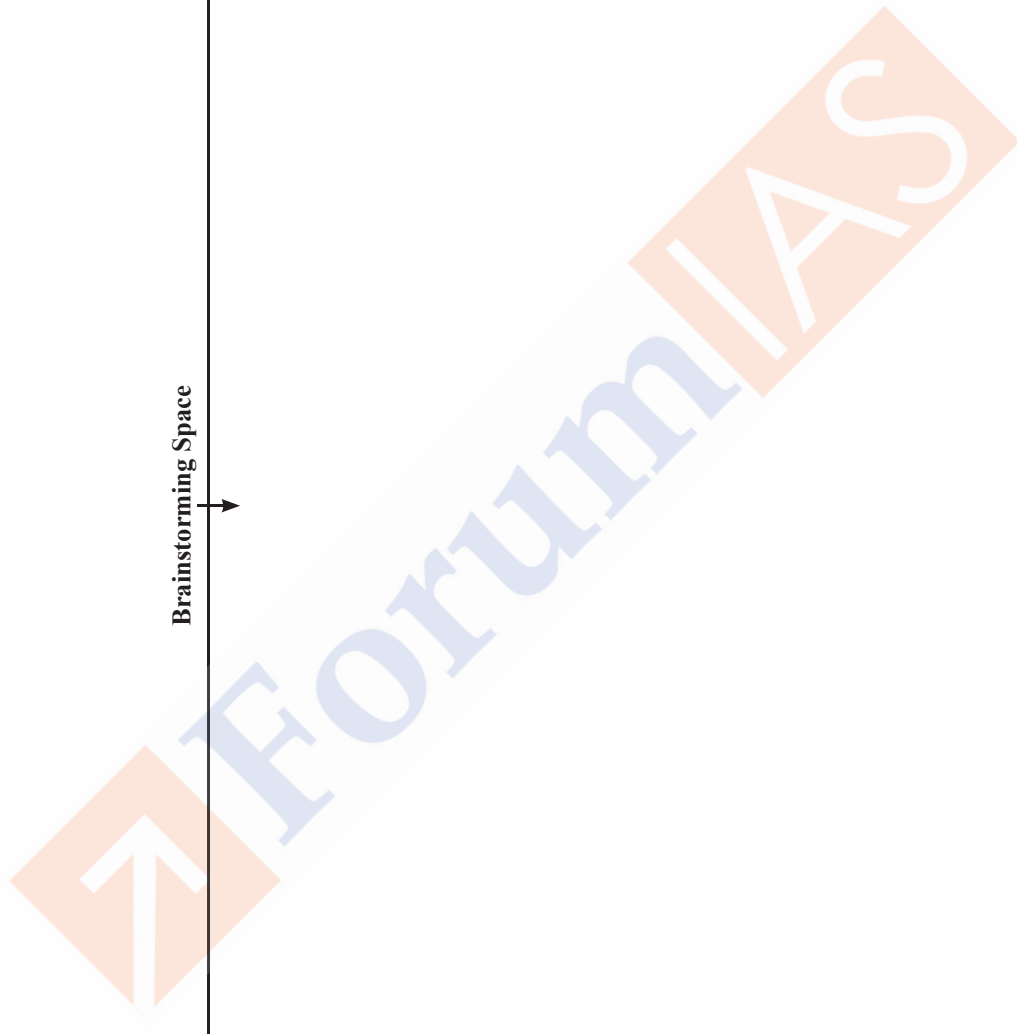
Q.109) Discuss the essentials of the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act and anomalies that have led to conflicts between the elected representatives and the Lt. Governor in the administration of Delhi.
(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

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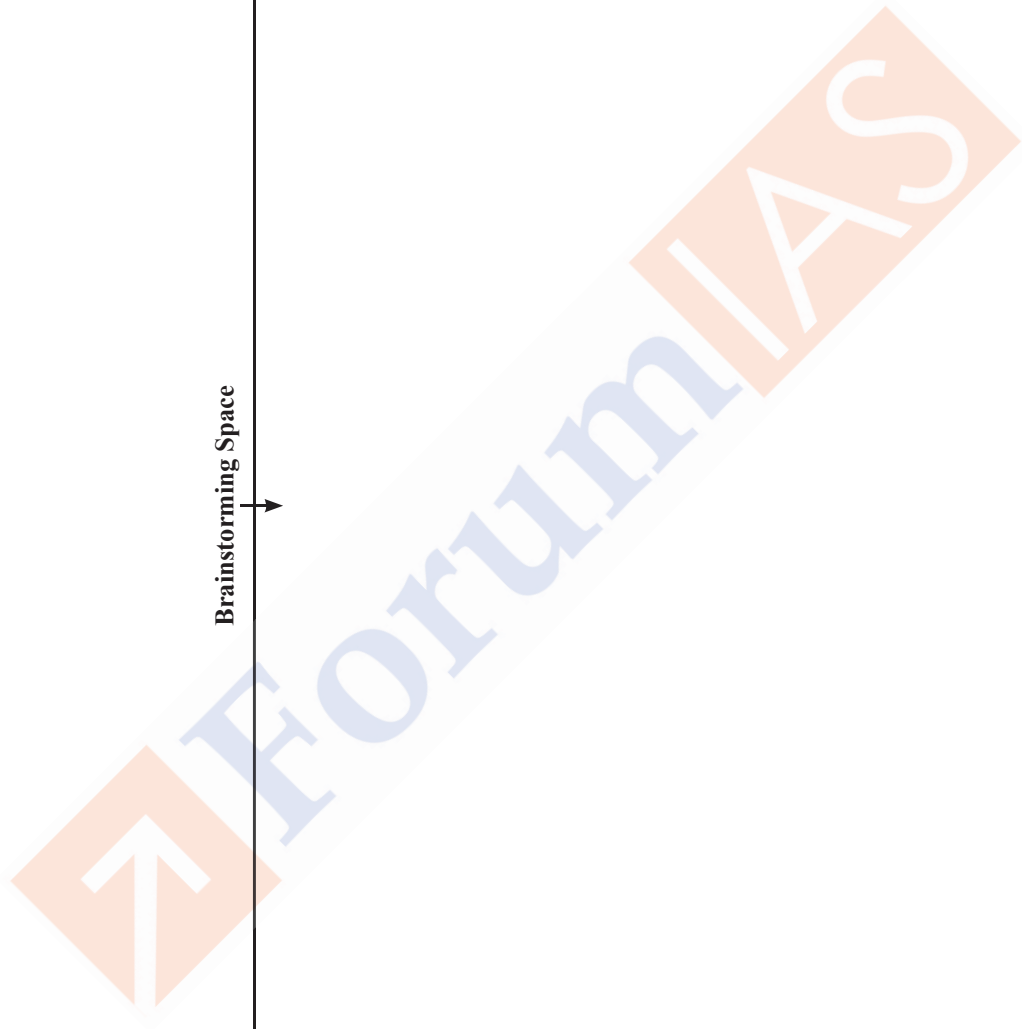
Q.110) Did the Government of India Act, 1935 lay down a federal constitution?
Discuss. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

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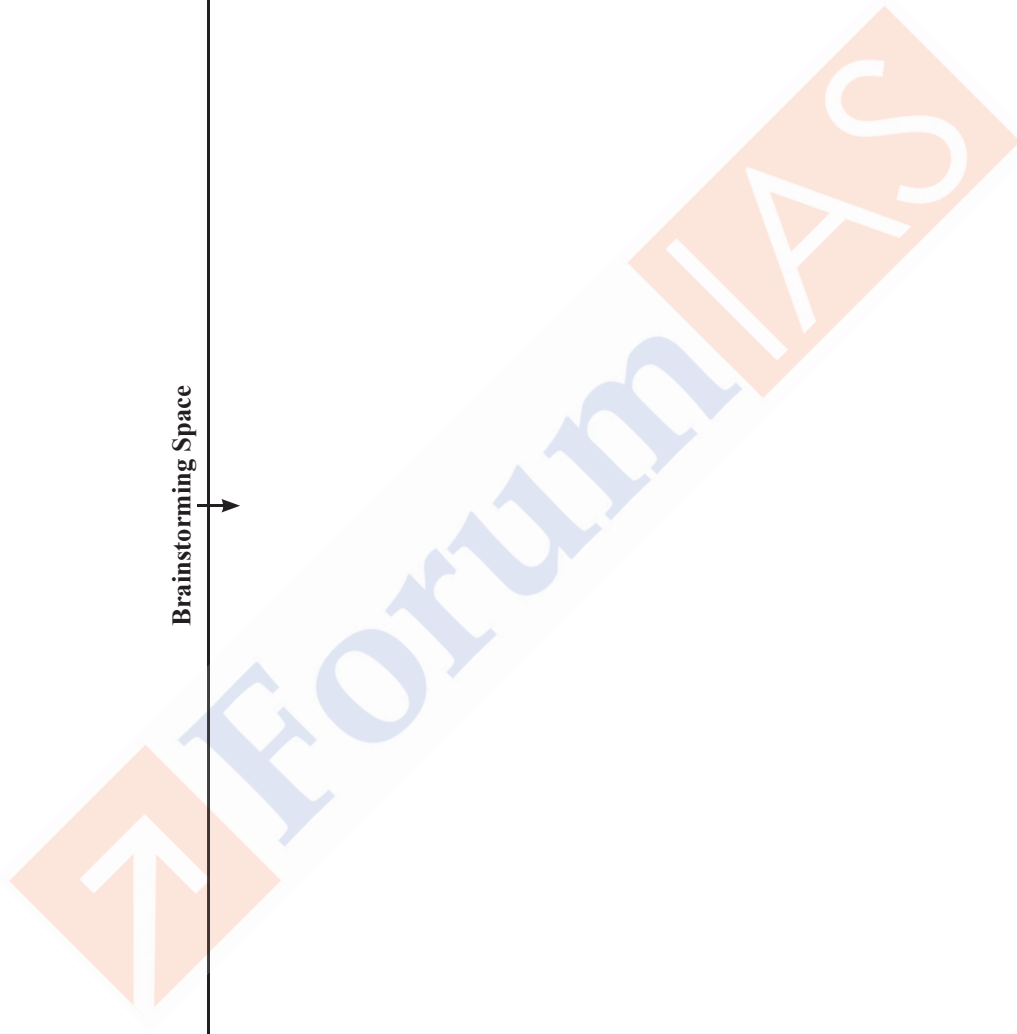
Q.111) The concept of cooperative federalism has been increasingly emphasized in recent years. Highlight the drawbacks in the existing structure and the extent to which cooperative federalism would answer the shortcomings. (15 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

Brainstorming Space



Q.112) Though the federal principle is dominant in our constitution and that principle is one of its basic features, it is equally true that federalism under the Indian Constitution leans in favour of a strong Centre. Discuss. (10 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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Q.113) Constitutional mechanisms to resolve the inter-state water disputes have failed to address and solve the problems. Is the failure due to structural or process inadequacy or both? Discuss.

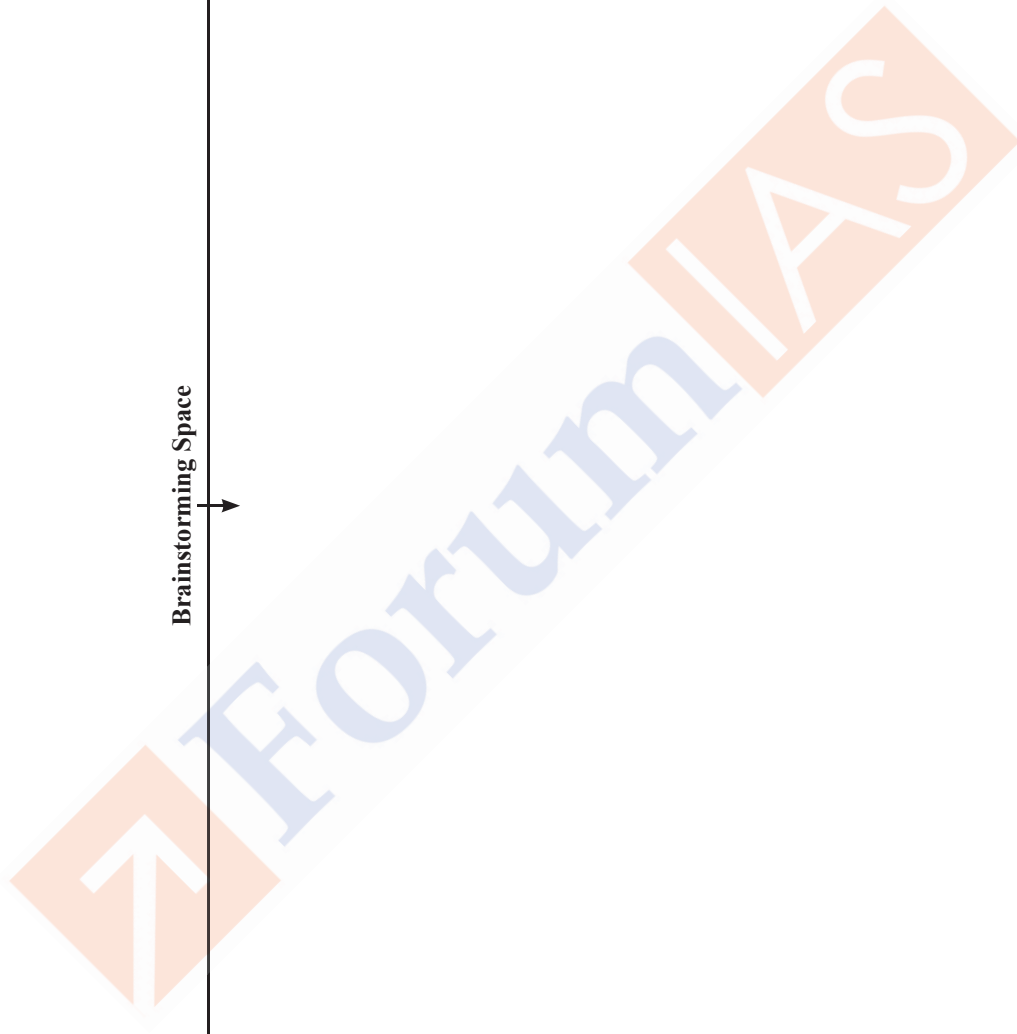
(10 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

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Q.114) Disputes between the riparian states on sharing of river waters in post-Independence India are becoming increasingly complex. Analyze the major disputes with special reference to Southern states.

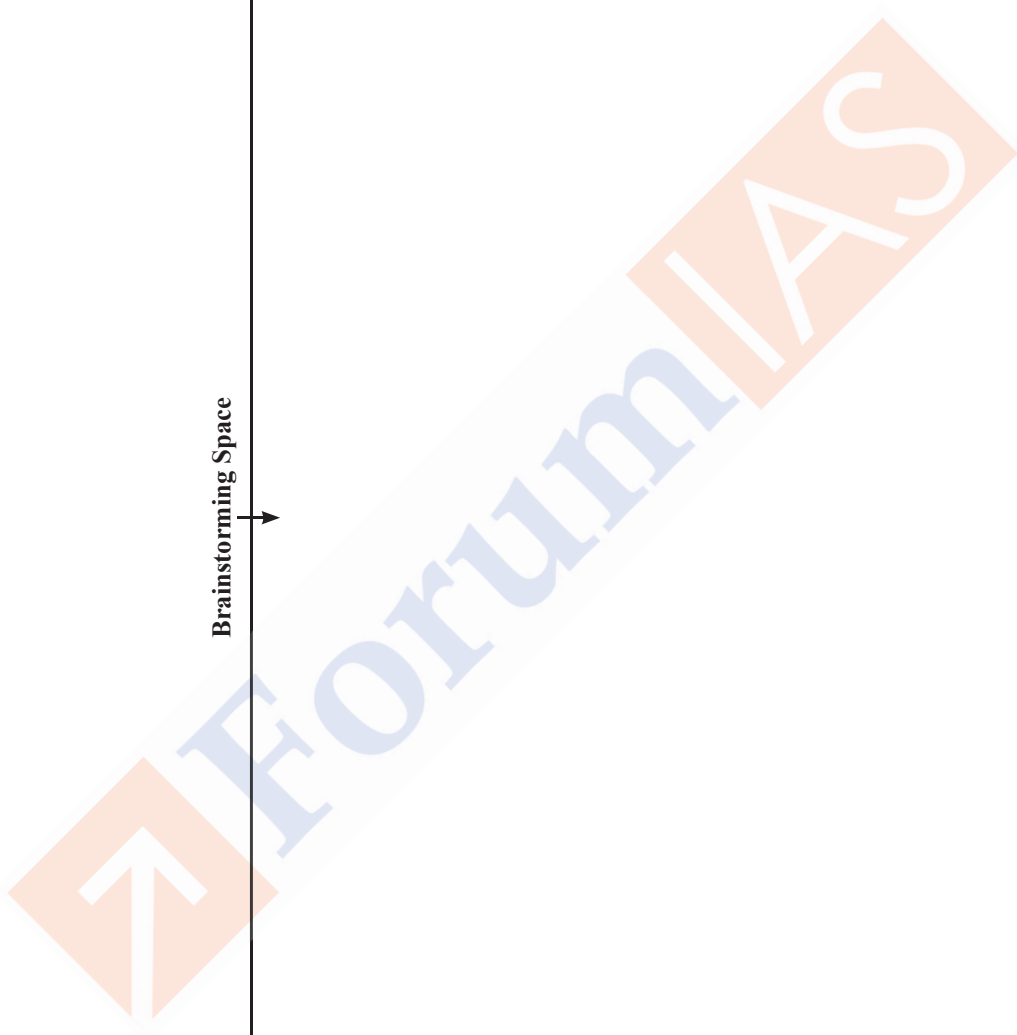
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2010]

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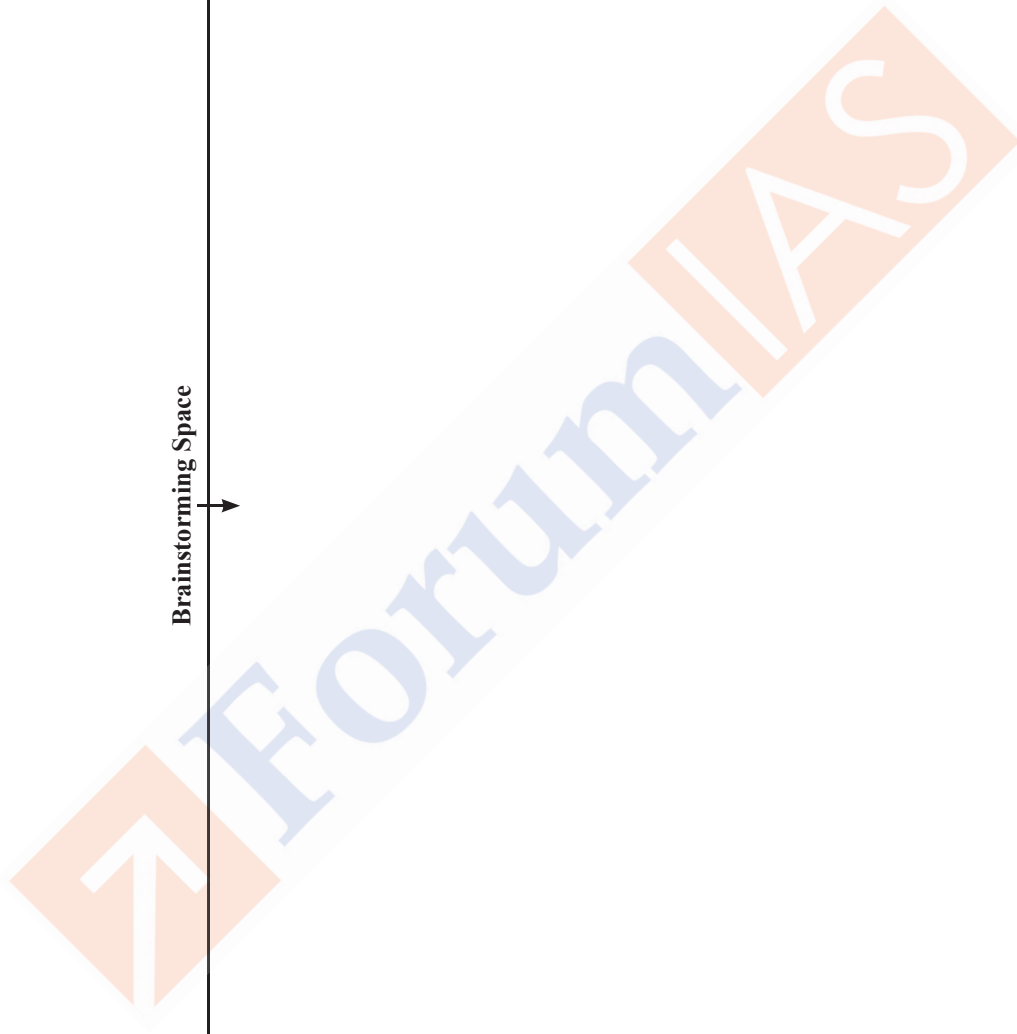
Q.115) Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the federal polity in India. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2008]

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Q.116) Examine the demand for greater state autonomy and its impact on the smooth functioning of India polity. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2008]

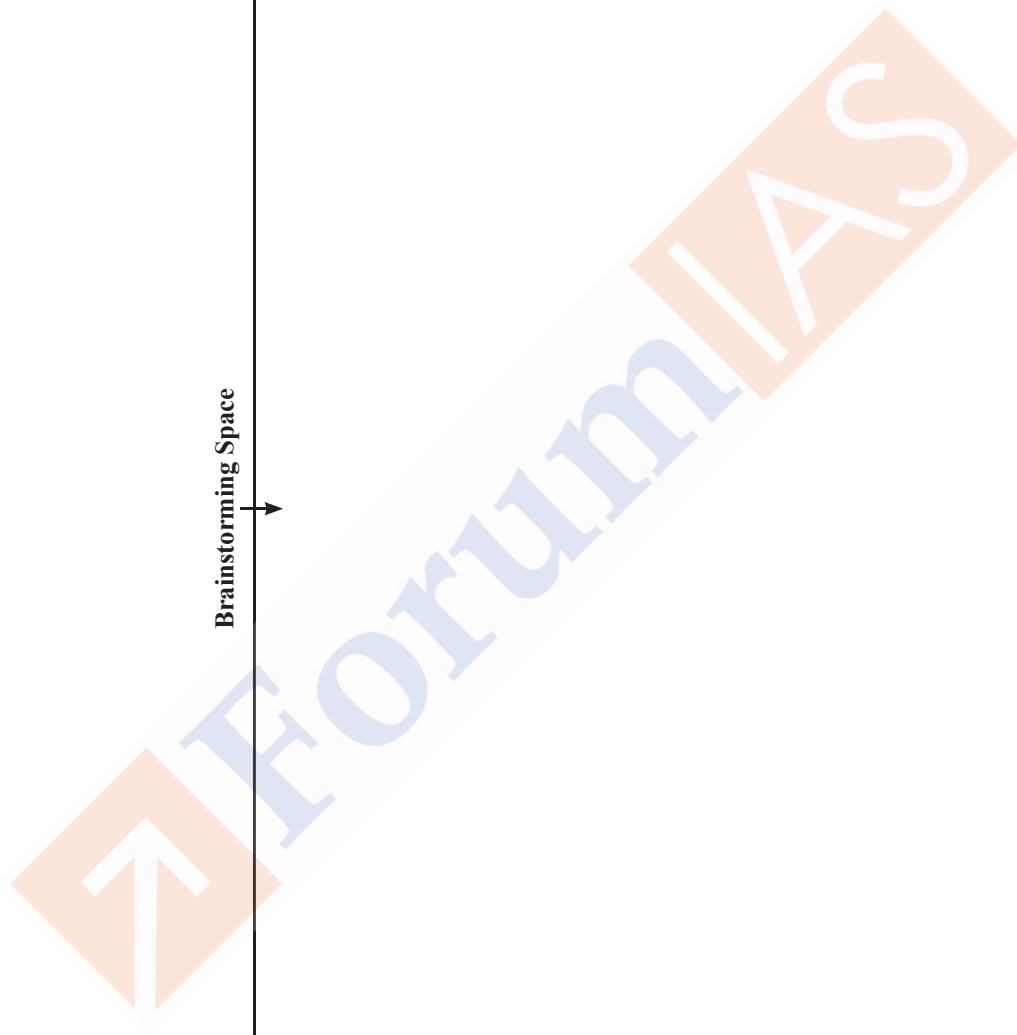
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Q.117) Comment on the financial relation between the Union and the States in India. Has post-1991 liberalization in any way affected it?

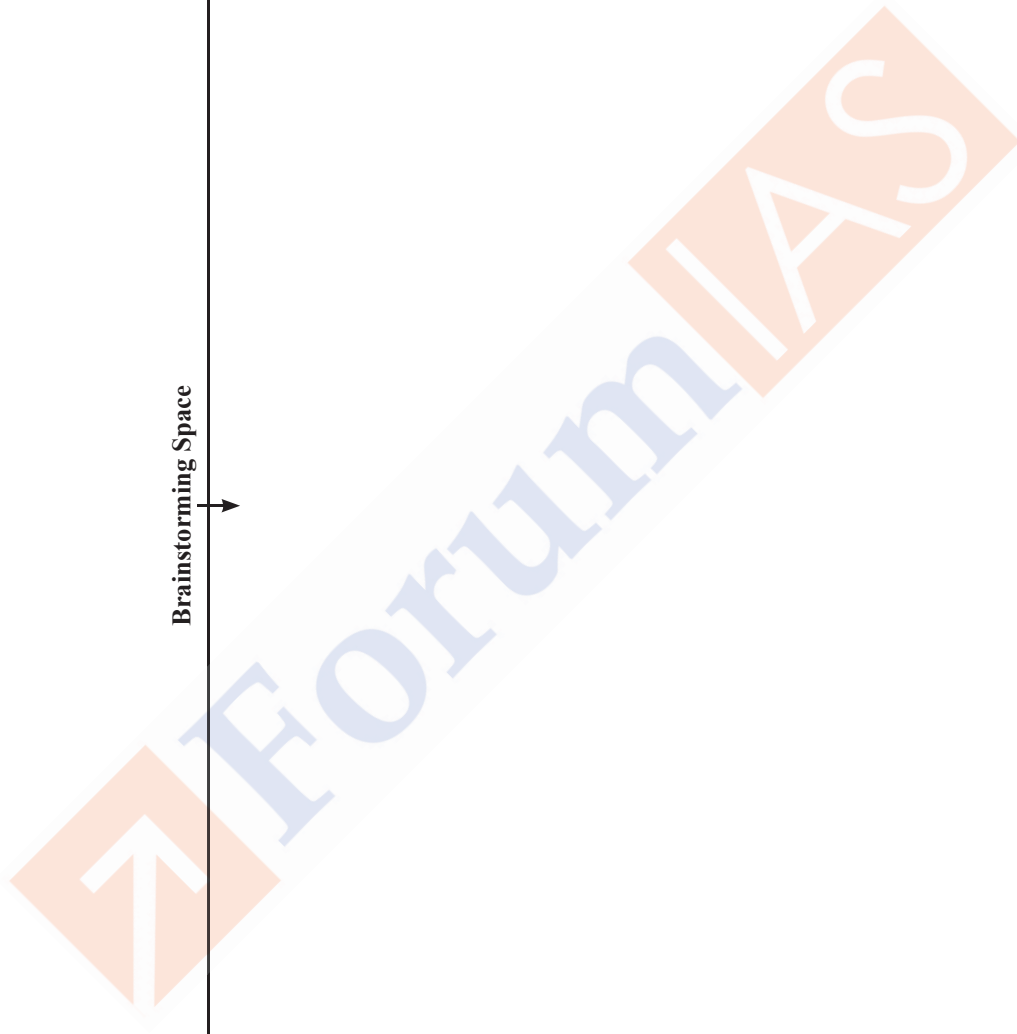
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2005]

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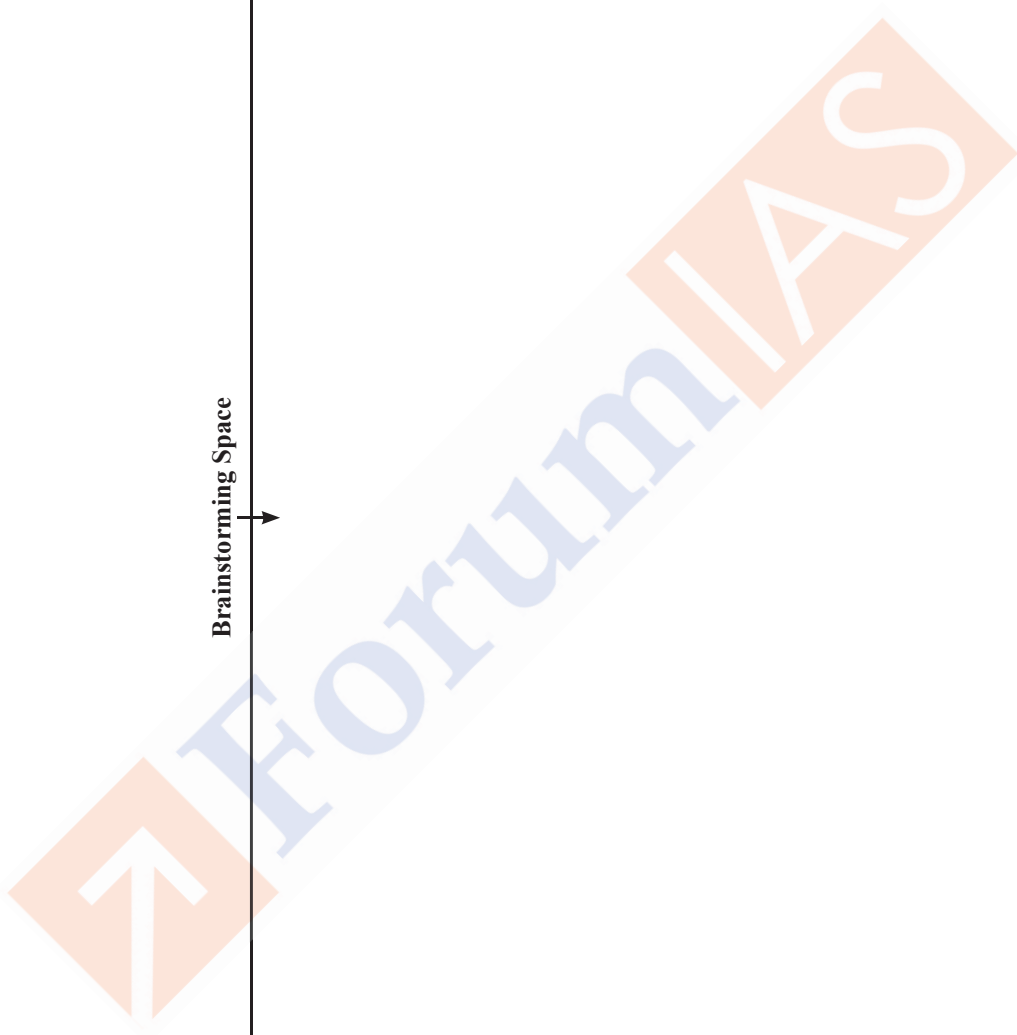
Q.118) Discuss the meaning of 'breakdown of constitutional machinery'.
What are its effects. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2004]

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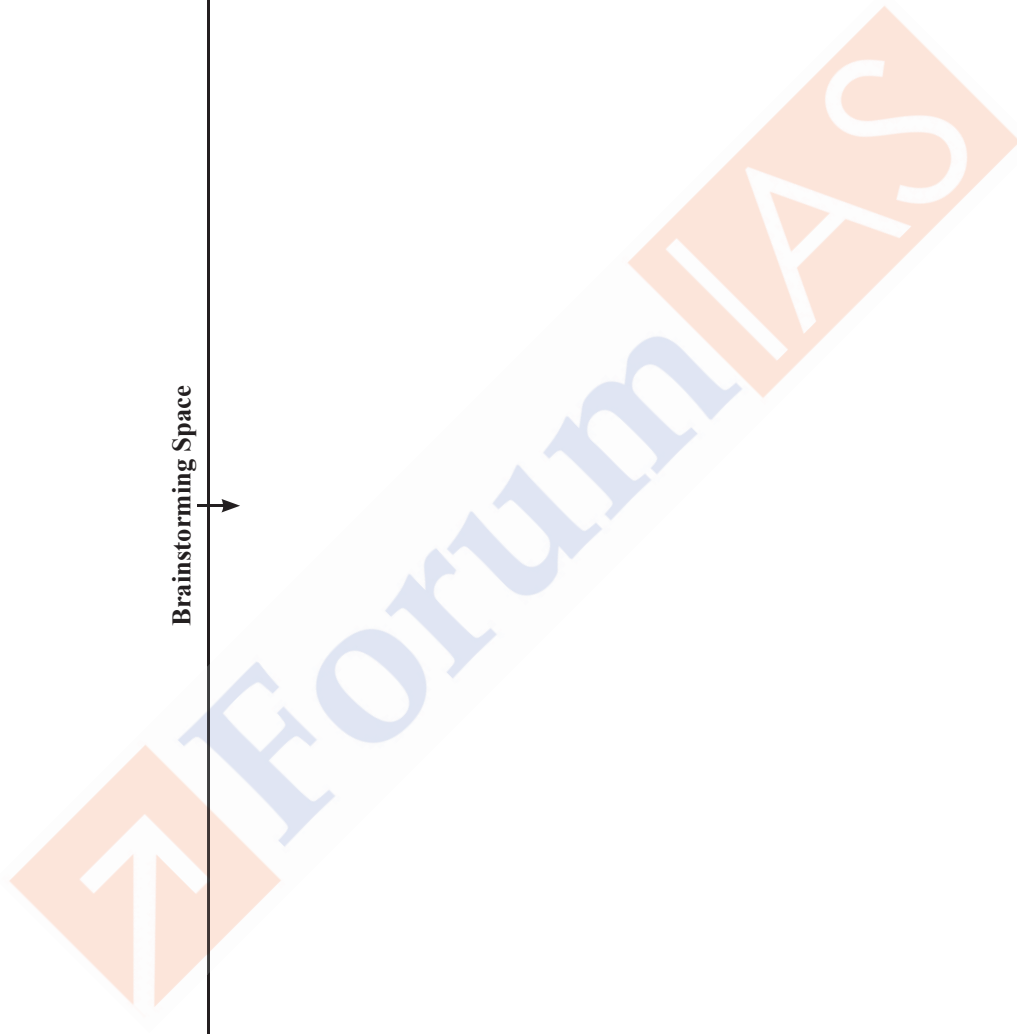
Q.119) The Inter-State river water dispute has once again assumed centre-stage after the Punjab Assembly's Bill terminating all previous accord on river waters. Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2004]

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Q.120) Discuss the administrative relation between the centre and the states in the light of recent controversies. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2001]

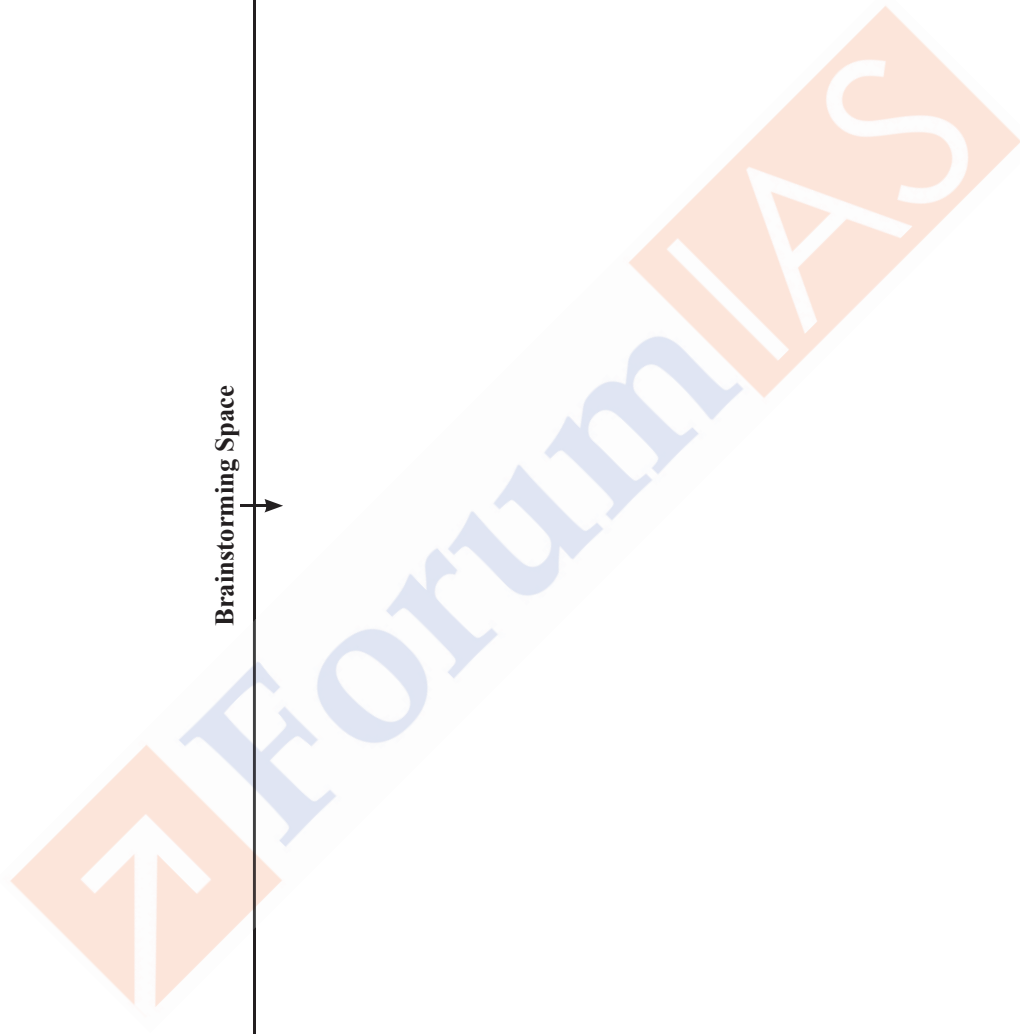
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Q.121) Examine the demand for greater State-autonomy and also its impact on the smooth functioning of the Indian polity.

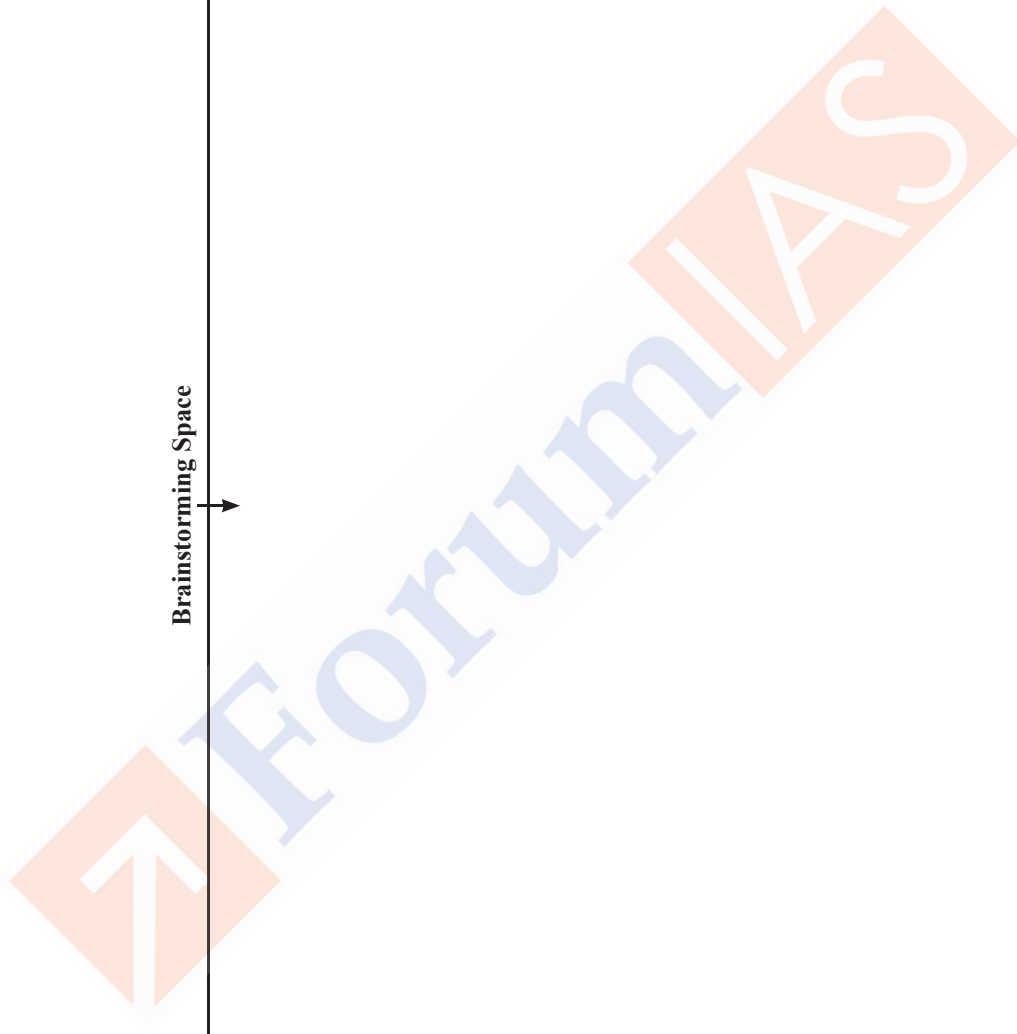
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2000]

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Q.122) Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the working of federal polity in India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2000]

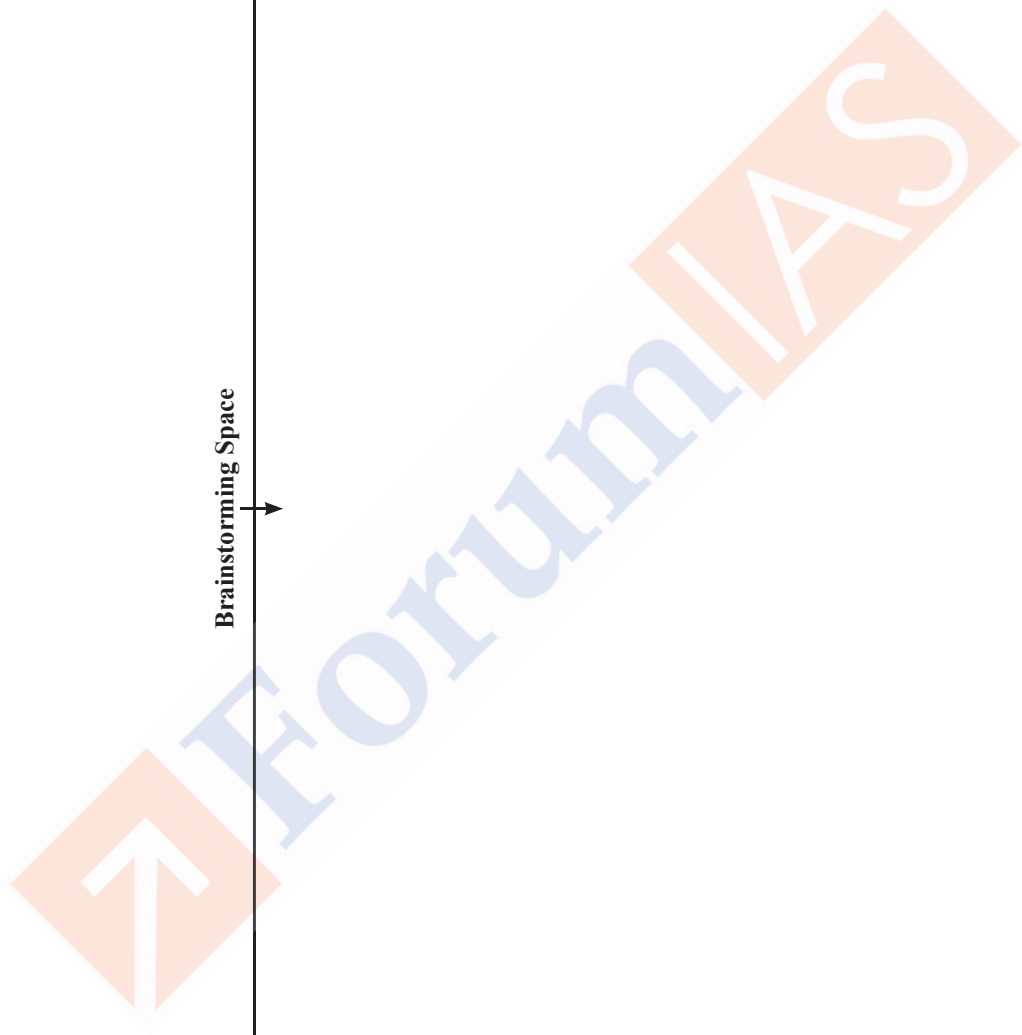
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Q.123) What is Article 356 in the Indian Constitution? Comment.

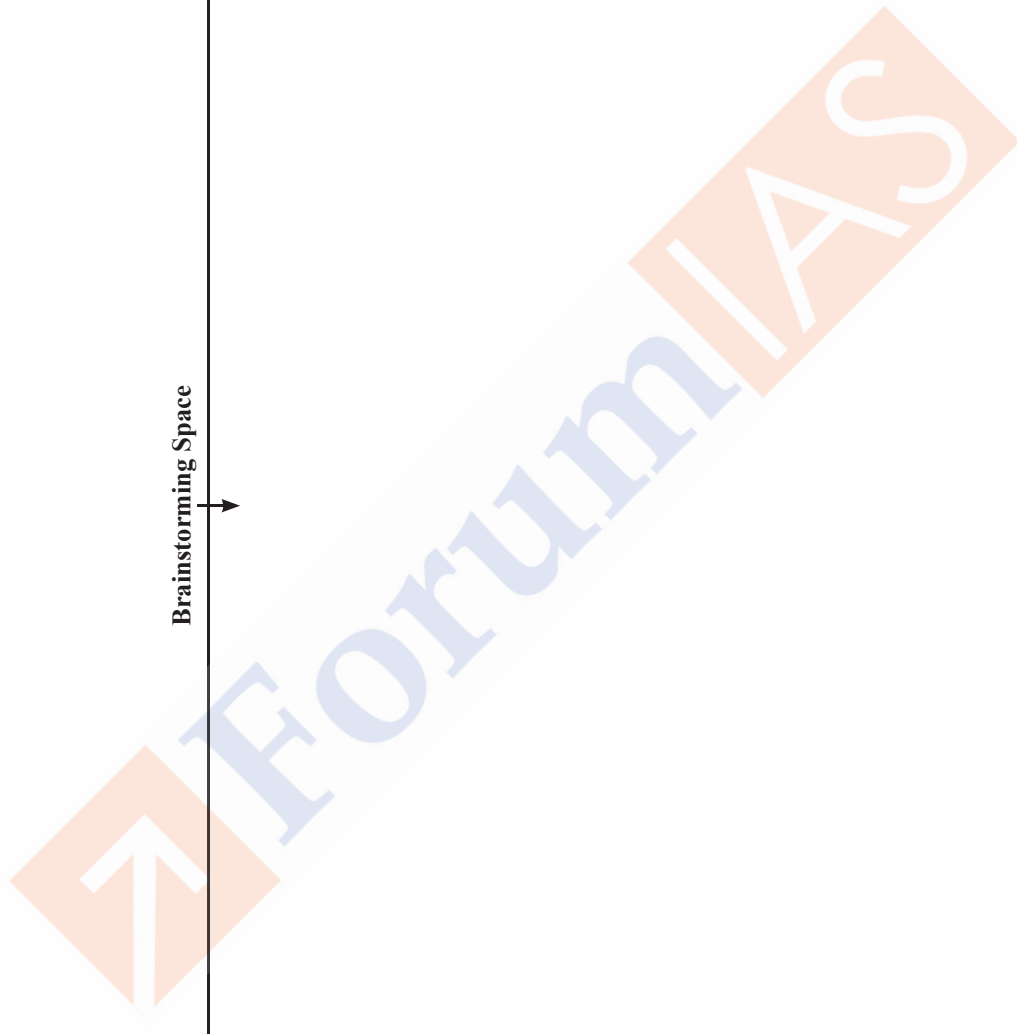
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1997]

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Q.124) What role can the Union Government play in settling interstate water disputes? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1996]

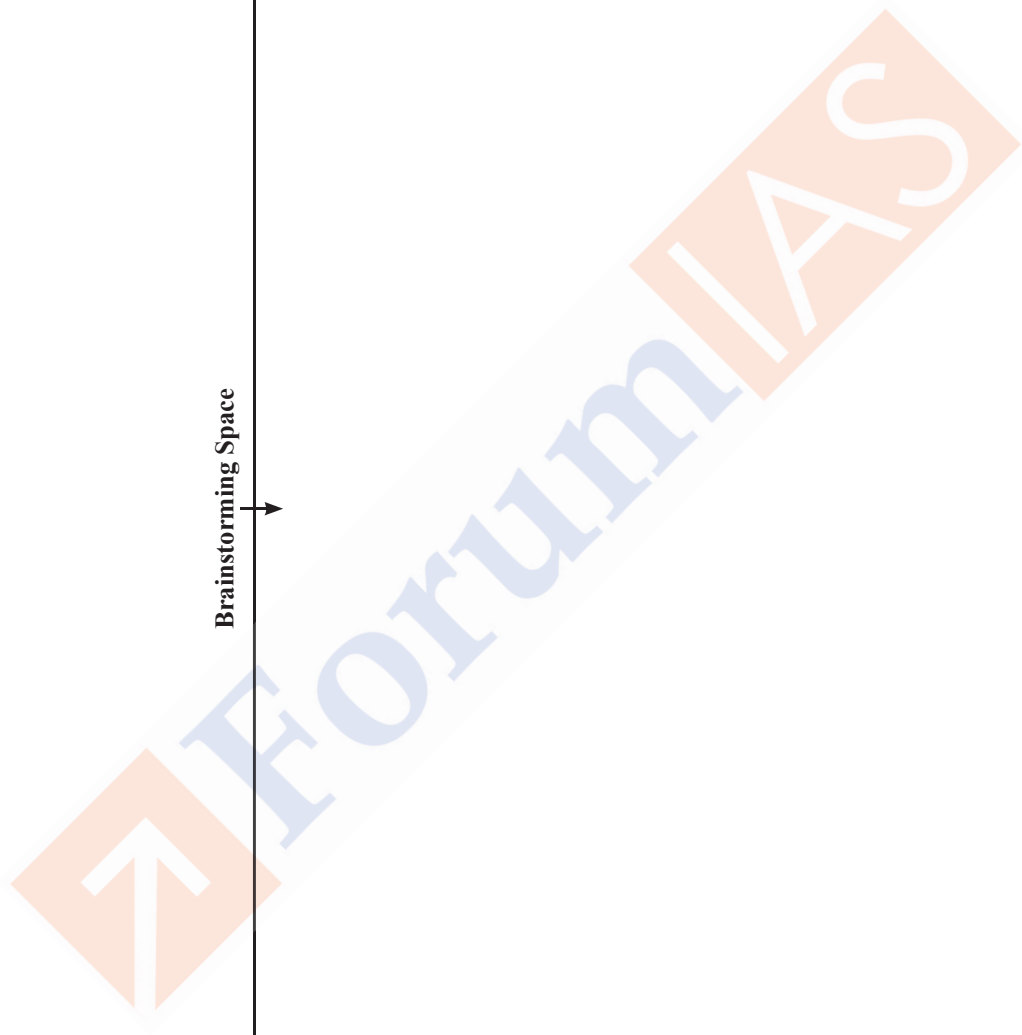
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Q.125) Describe the non-federal features of the Council of States.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1995]

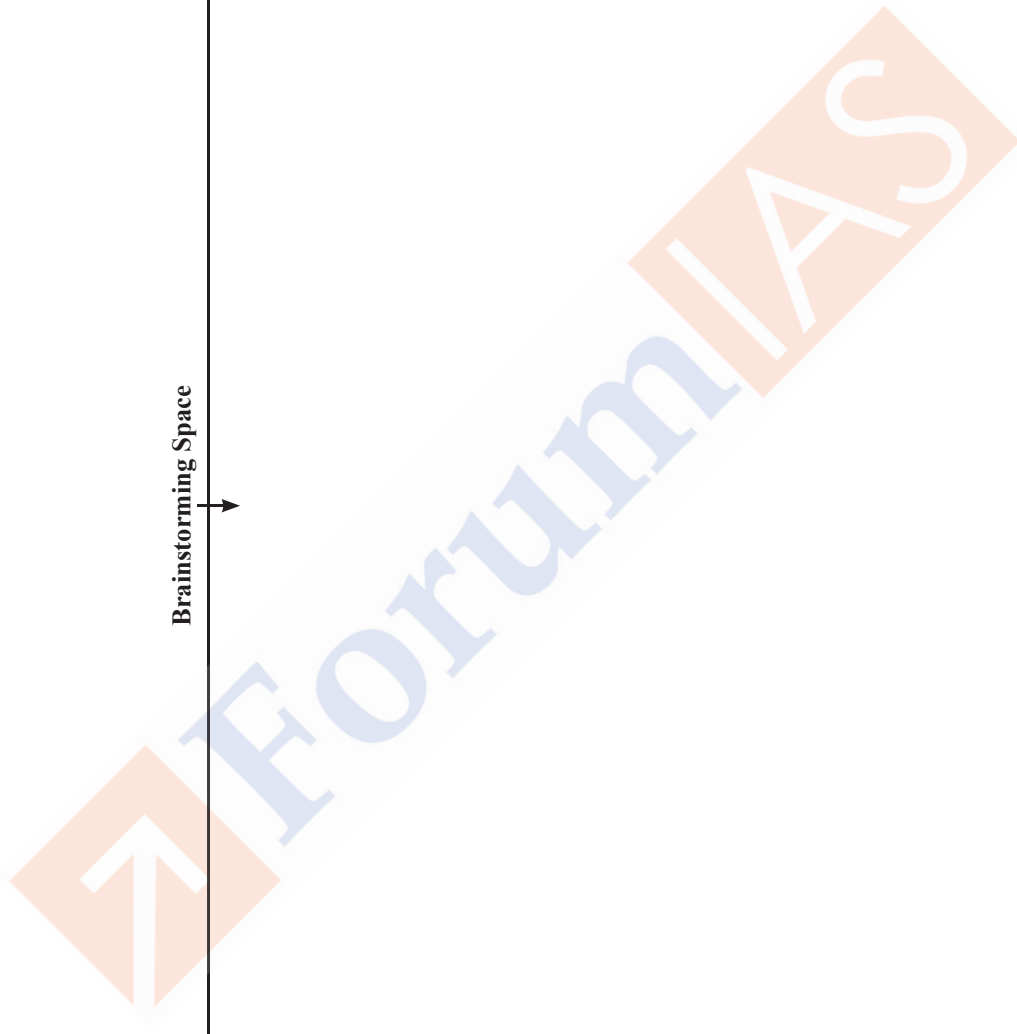
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Q.126) What are the essentials of a true federation? Analyse the nature of the Indian federation. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1993]

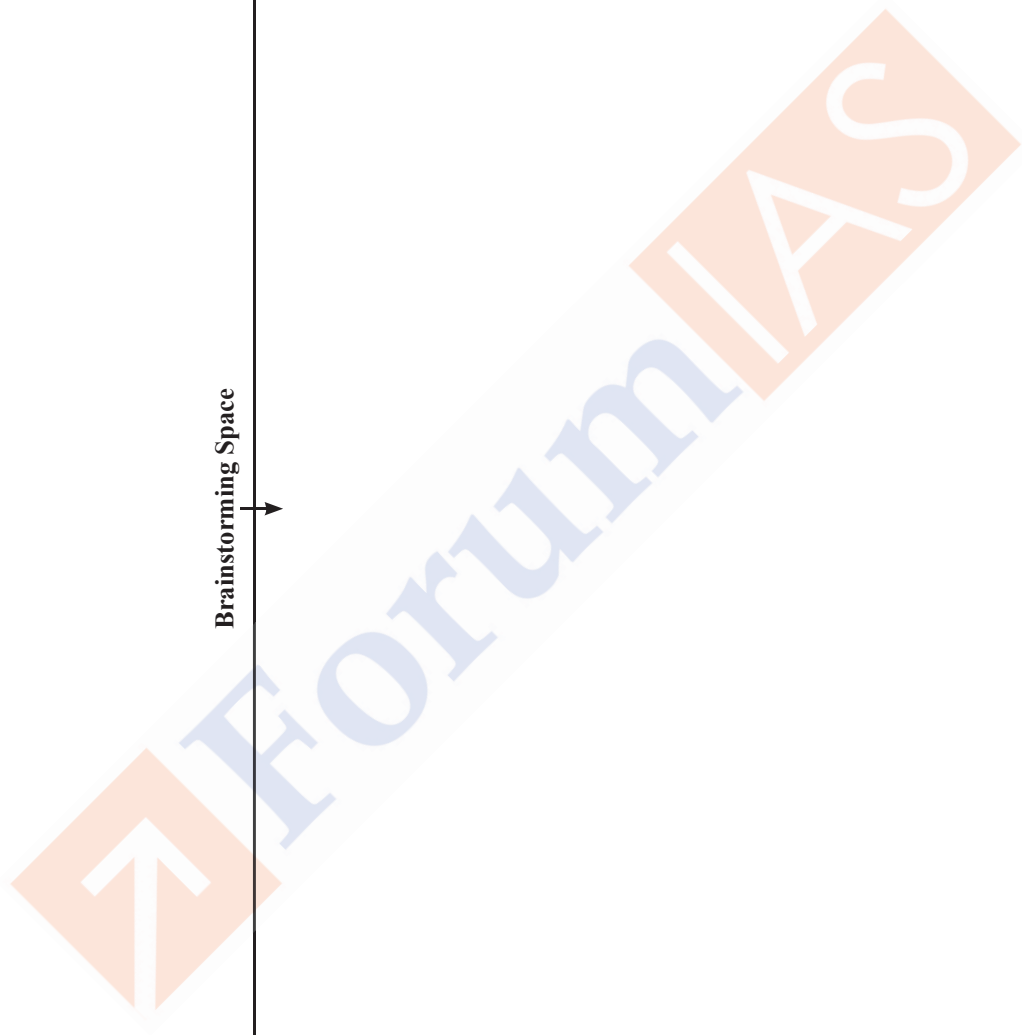
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Q.127) What are Zonal Councils? Discuss their constitution, role and importance in achieving interstate comity.

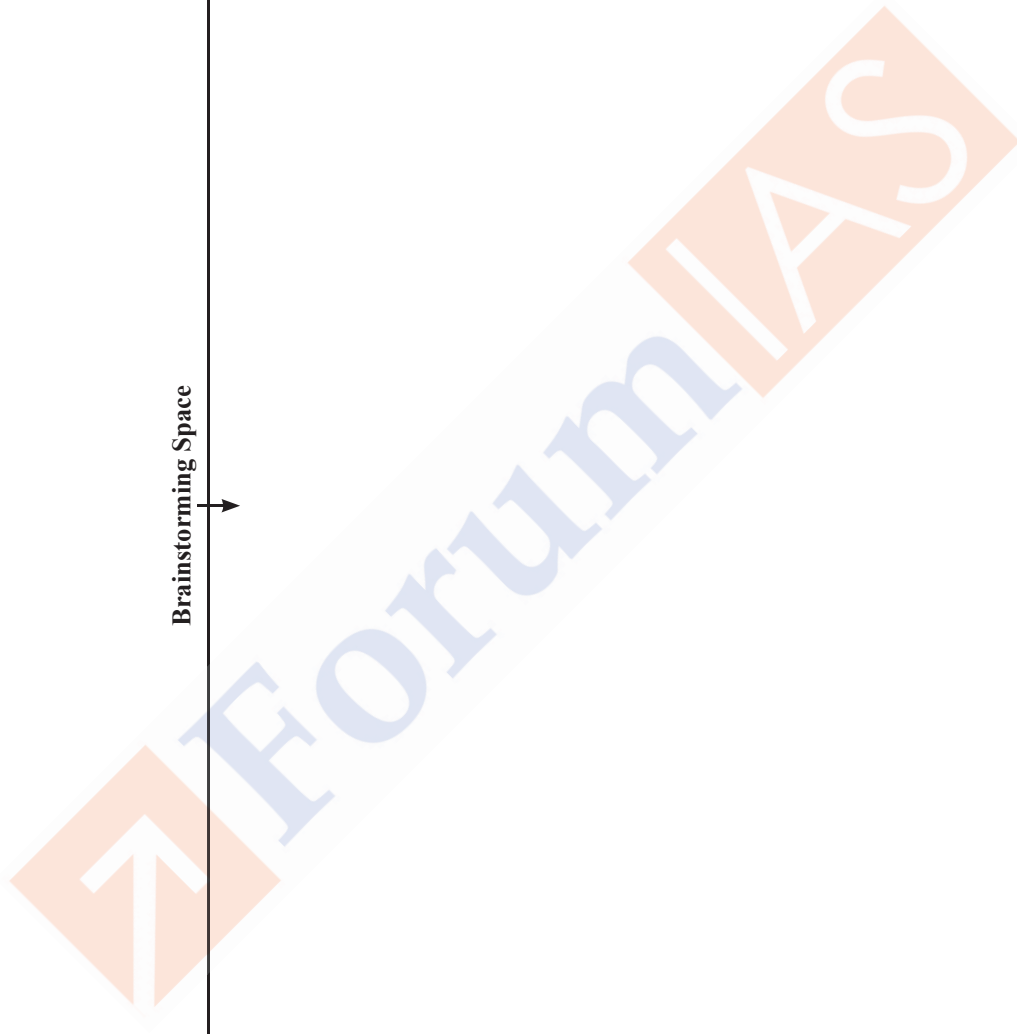
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1992]

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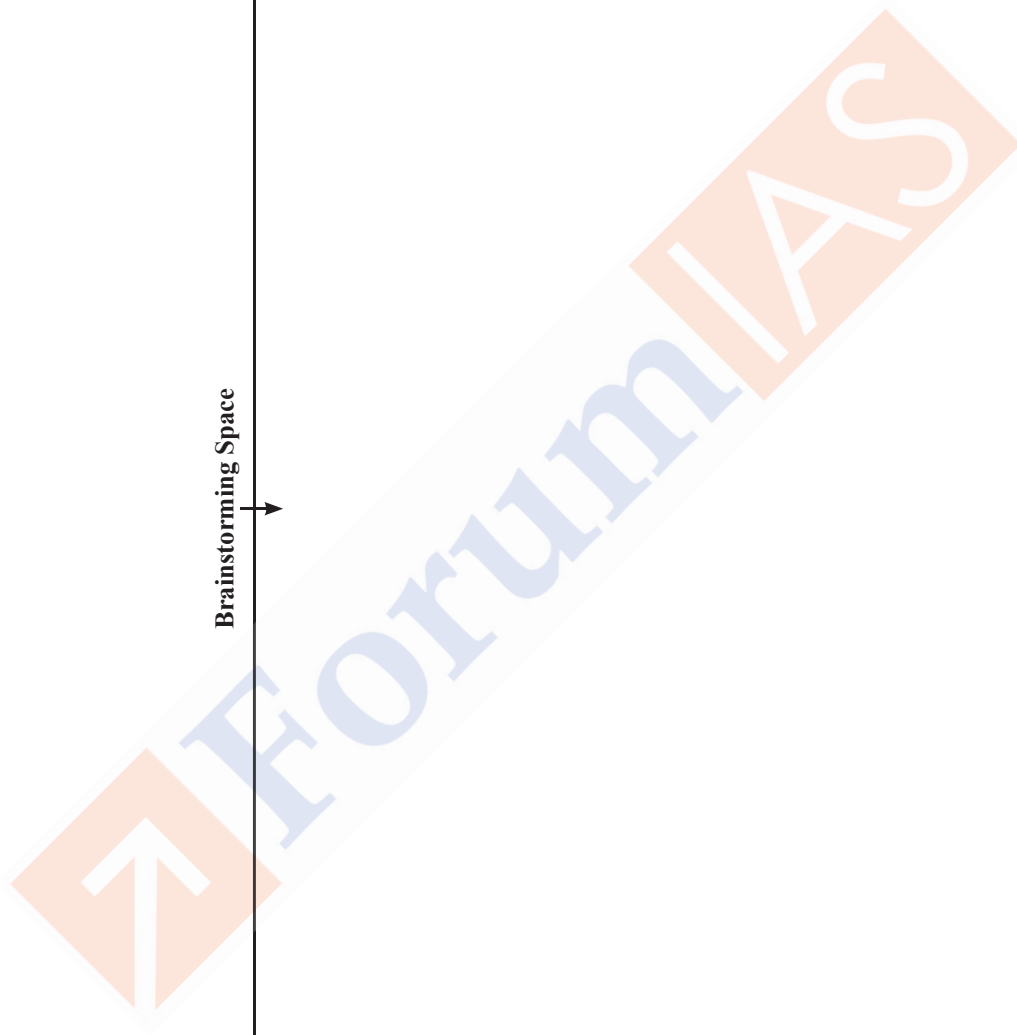
Q.128) Examine whether the grant of greater autonomy to the States would be in the interest of strengthening the integrity and promoting the economic development of the country. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1991]

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Q.129) 'The planning operations in India have led to erosion of federalism.'
Discuss. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

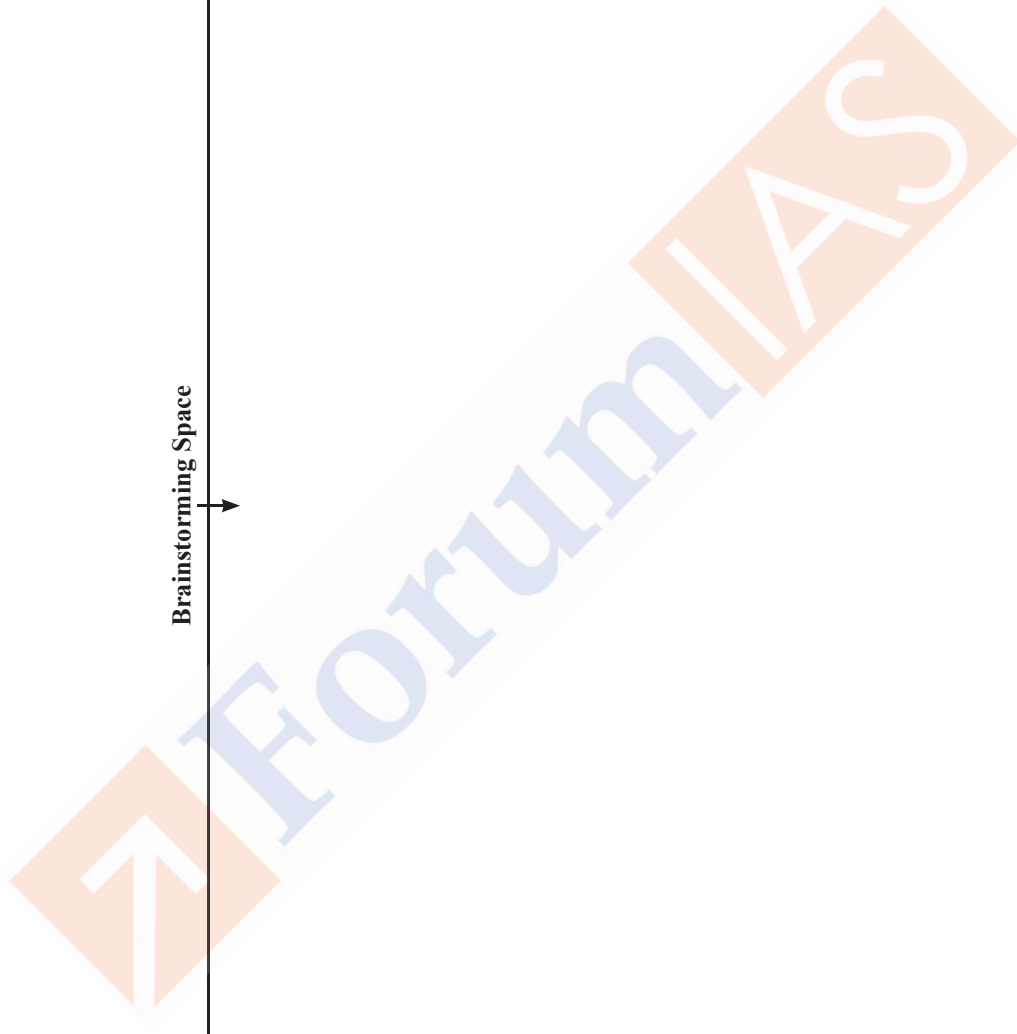
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Q.130) The emphasis in modern federations should not be one division and separation but on Collaboration and on Cooperation. Discuss the statement in the context of Indian Policy.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1990]

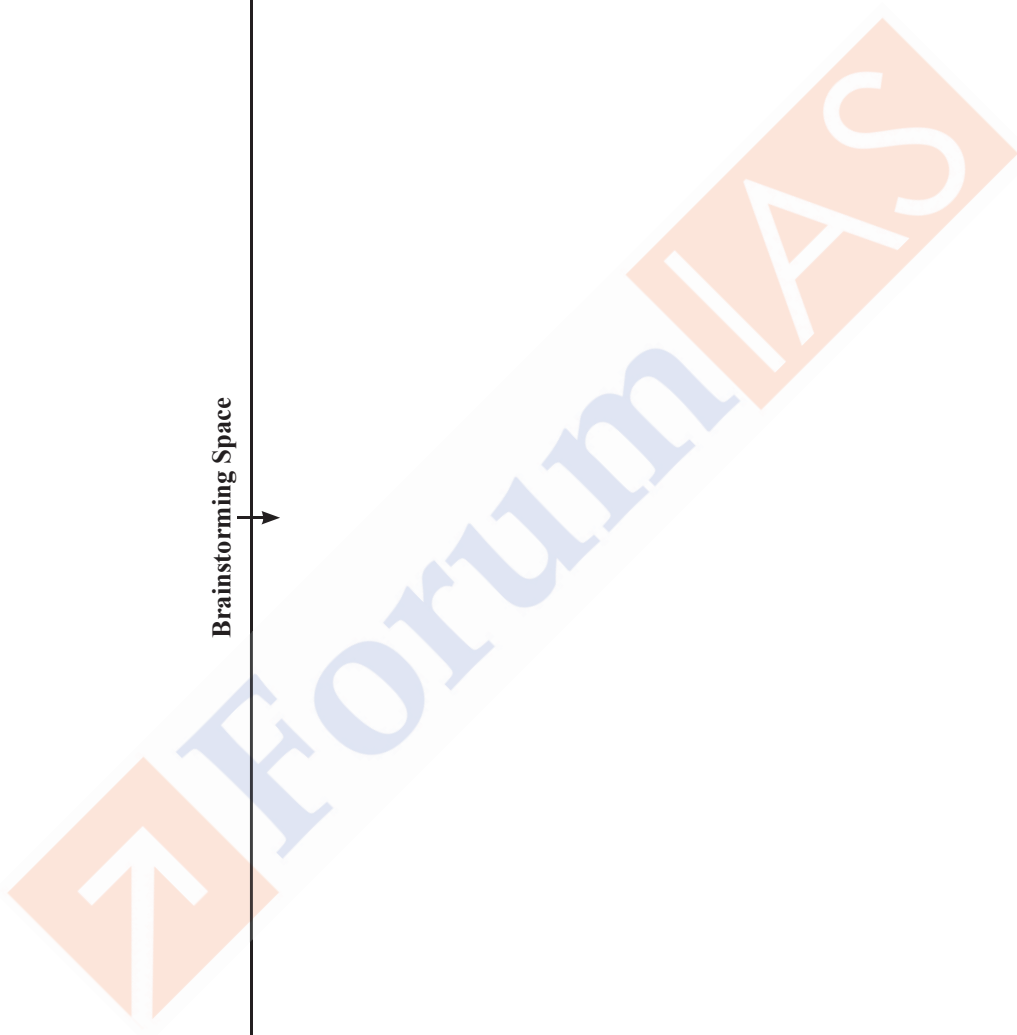
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Q.131) Explain the grounds on which the President can proclaim a state emergency. Give examples from the recent experience.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1985]

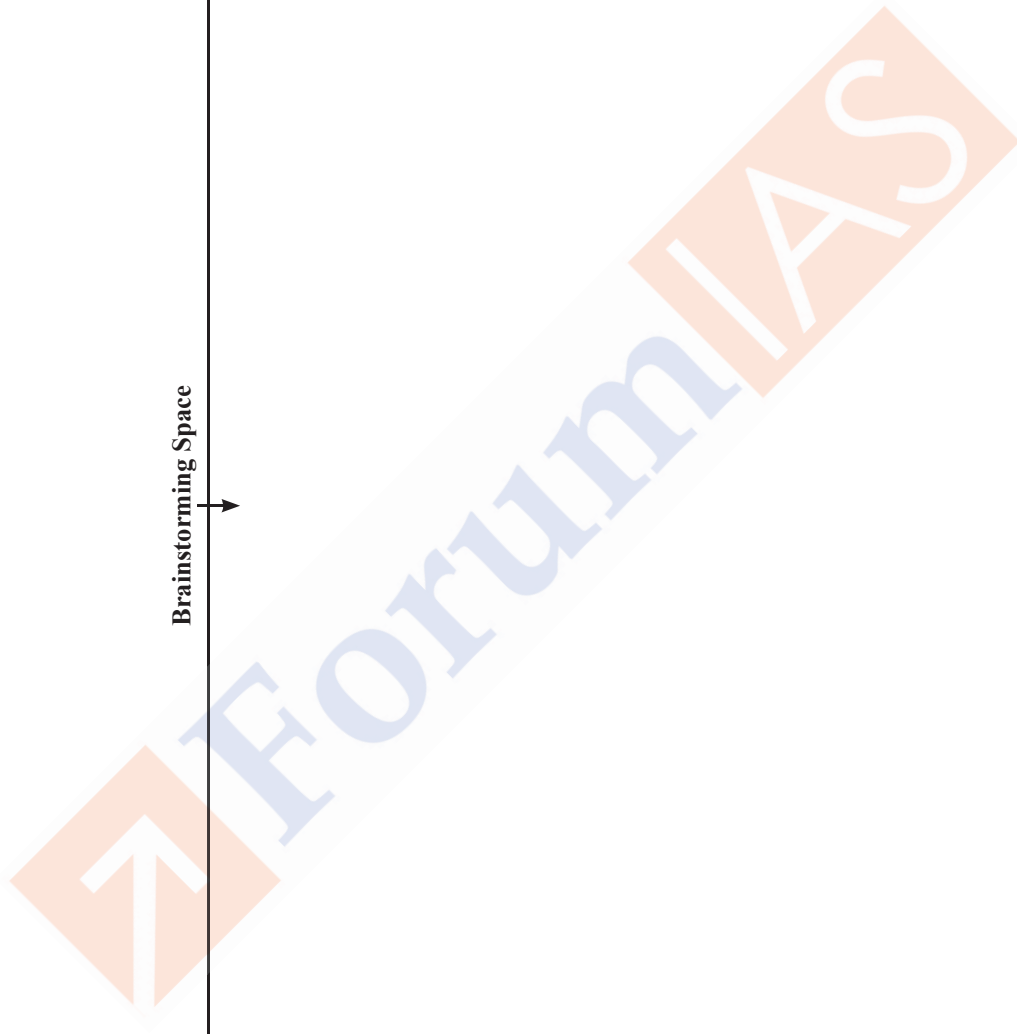
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Q.132) Many countries which achieved independence after the war have come under dictatorship or military rule. What are the forces that have enabled India to maintain a democratic system? Consider the emergency provision in the constitution.

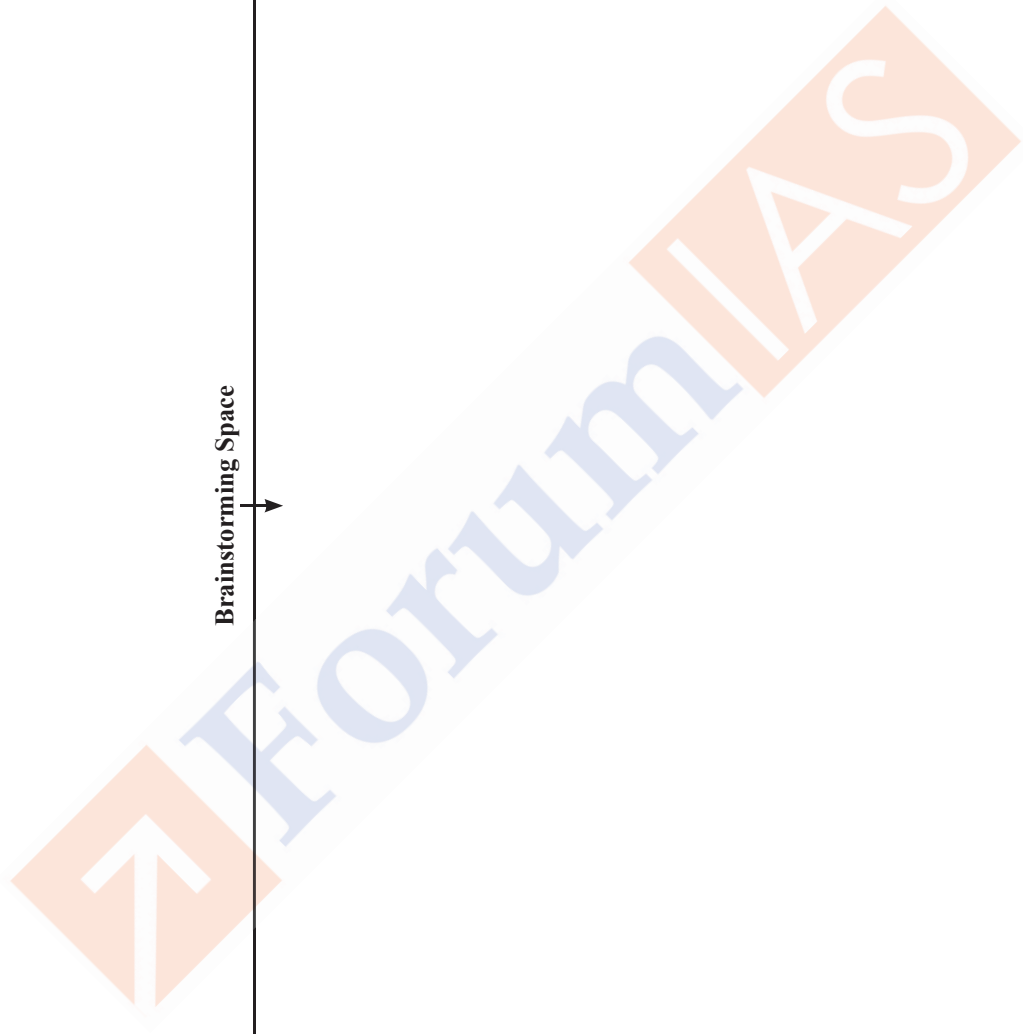
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1983]

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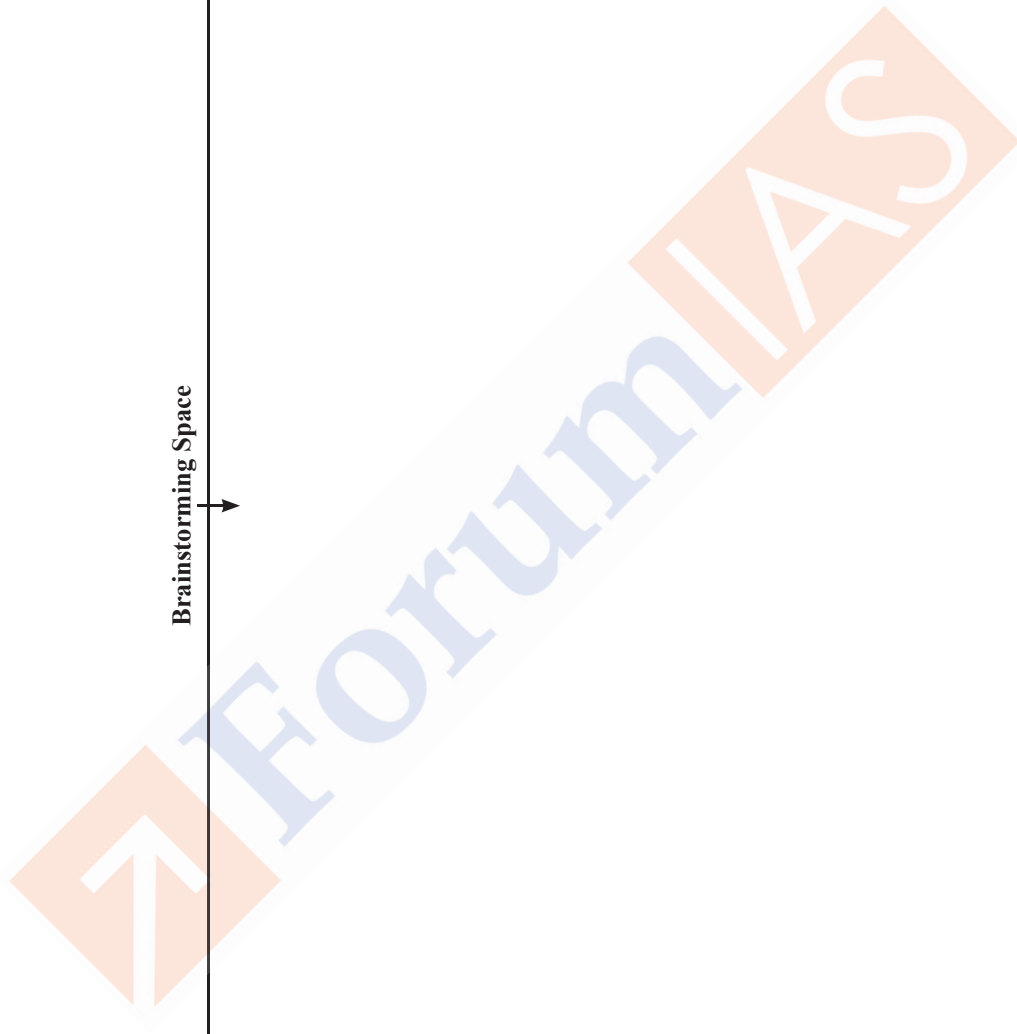
Q.133) What were the objectives in having three separate legislative lists in the Constitution of India? Can the Parliament make any law regard to any item in the state list? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1983]

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Q.134) India is not a federation but it has definite federal features. Elucidate.
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1982]

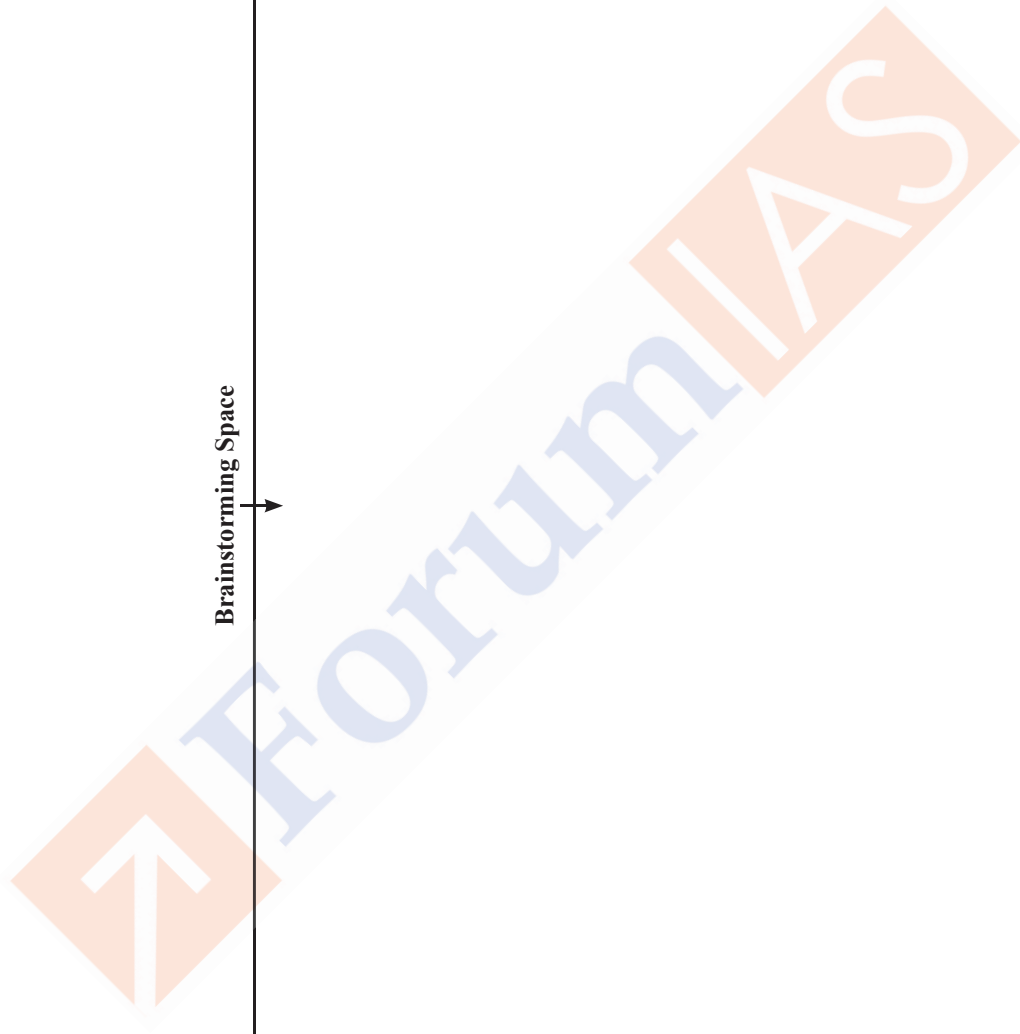
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Q.135) Planning and federalism make uneasy partners, the planning operations in India have led to the erosion of federalism. Discuss.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1982]

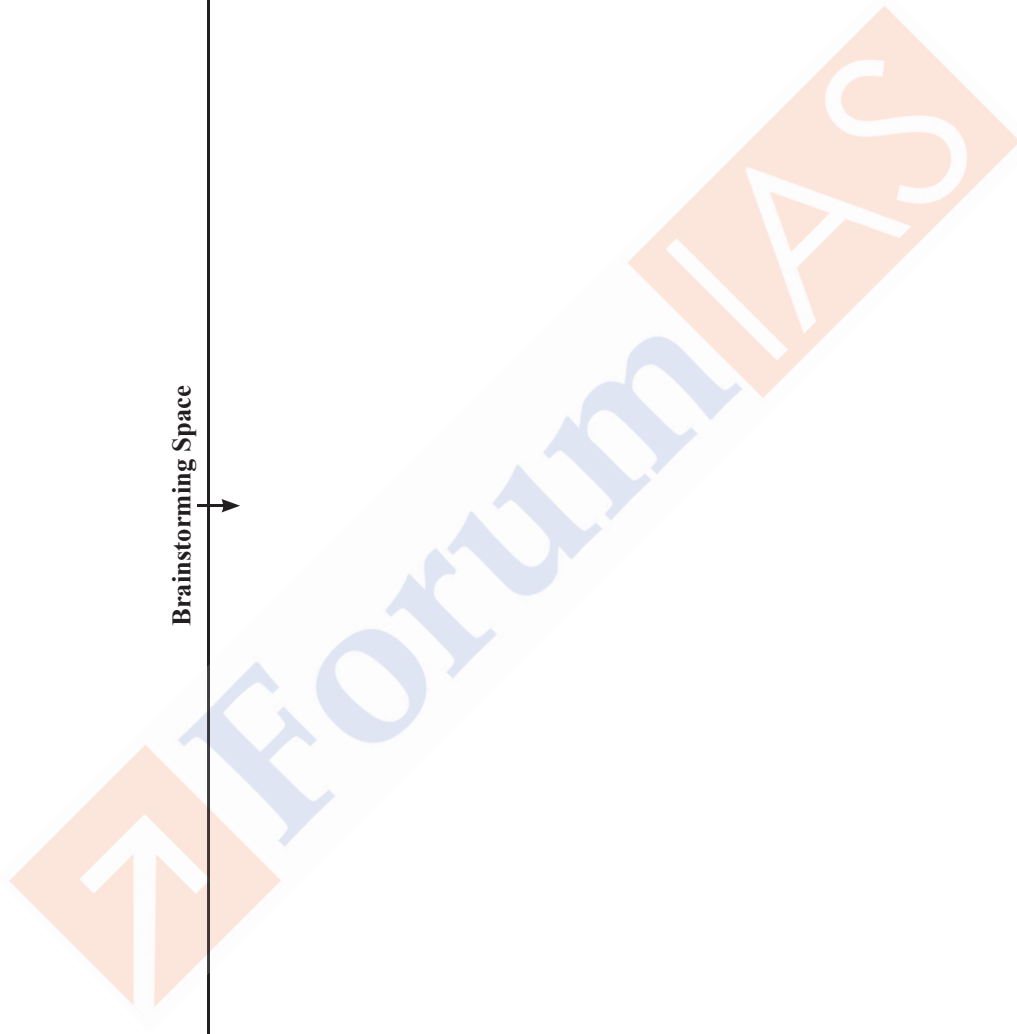
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Q.136) Analyse the causes of controversy in India, in recent years in regard to Union-State relations. What are the specific areas? Consider the main issues and offer your comments and suggestions.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1981]

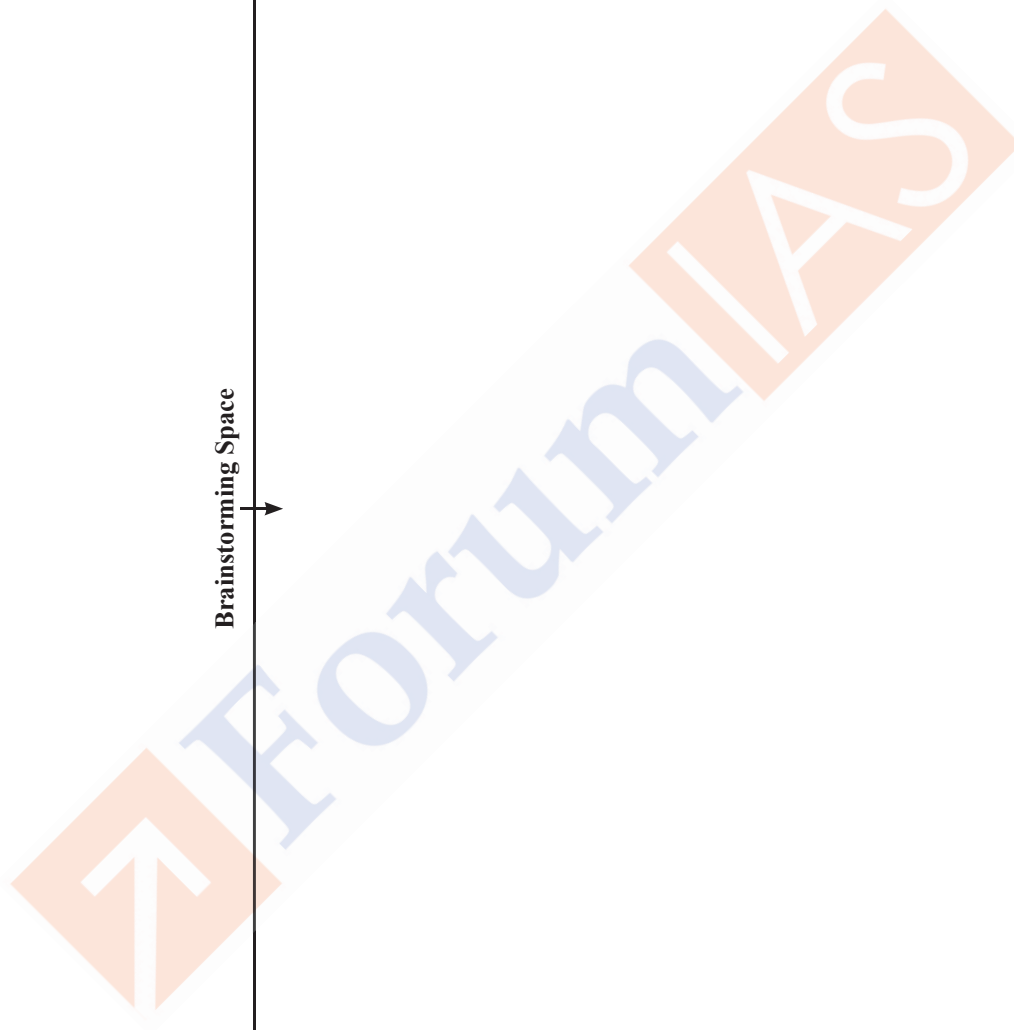
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Q.137) Why were the states of India 'reorganised' in 1950? Do you think that the policy has served the purpose which the Government had in view?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1980]

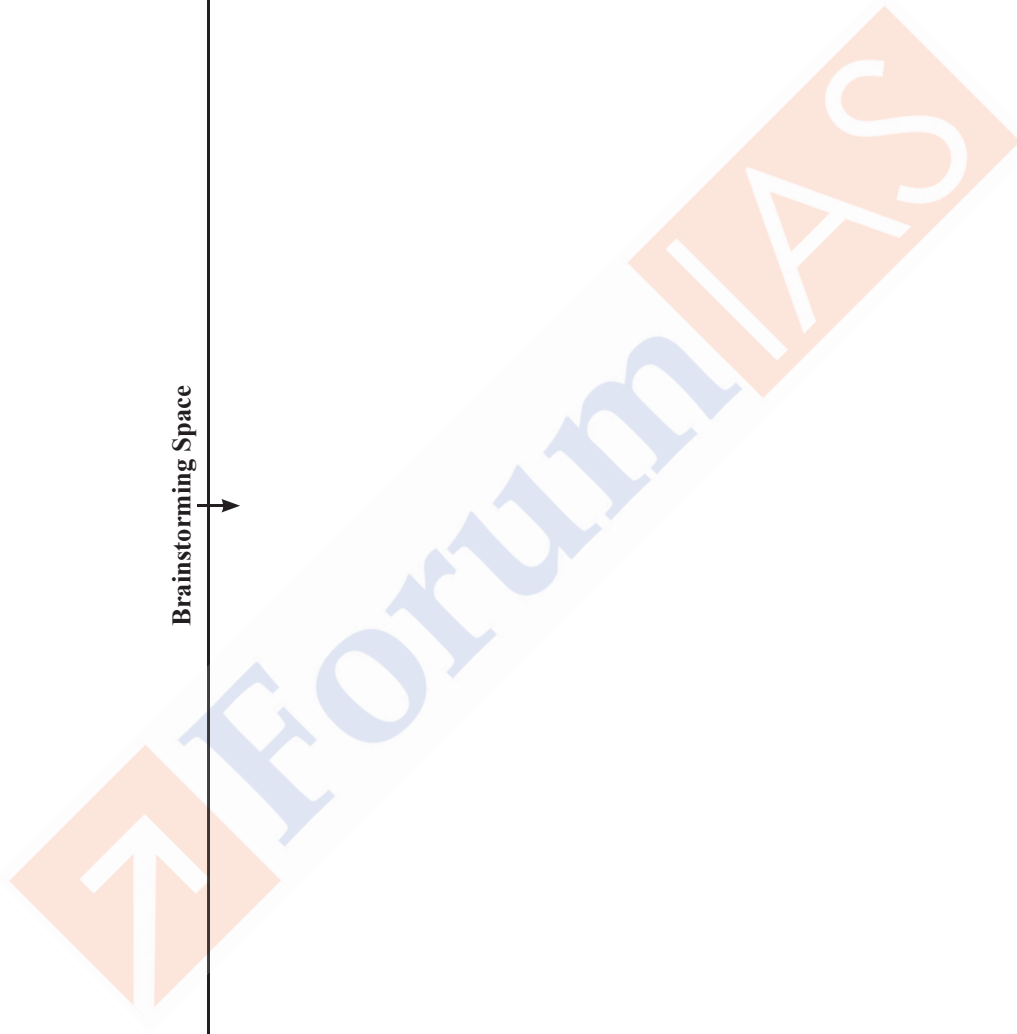
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Q.138) Right to privacy is intrinsic to life and personal liberty and is inherently protected under Article 21. Explain. Discuss the law relating to DNA testing of child in the womb to establish its paternity.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2025]

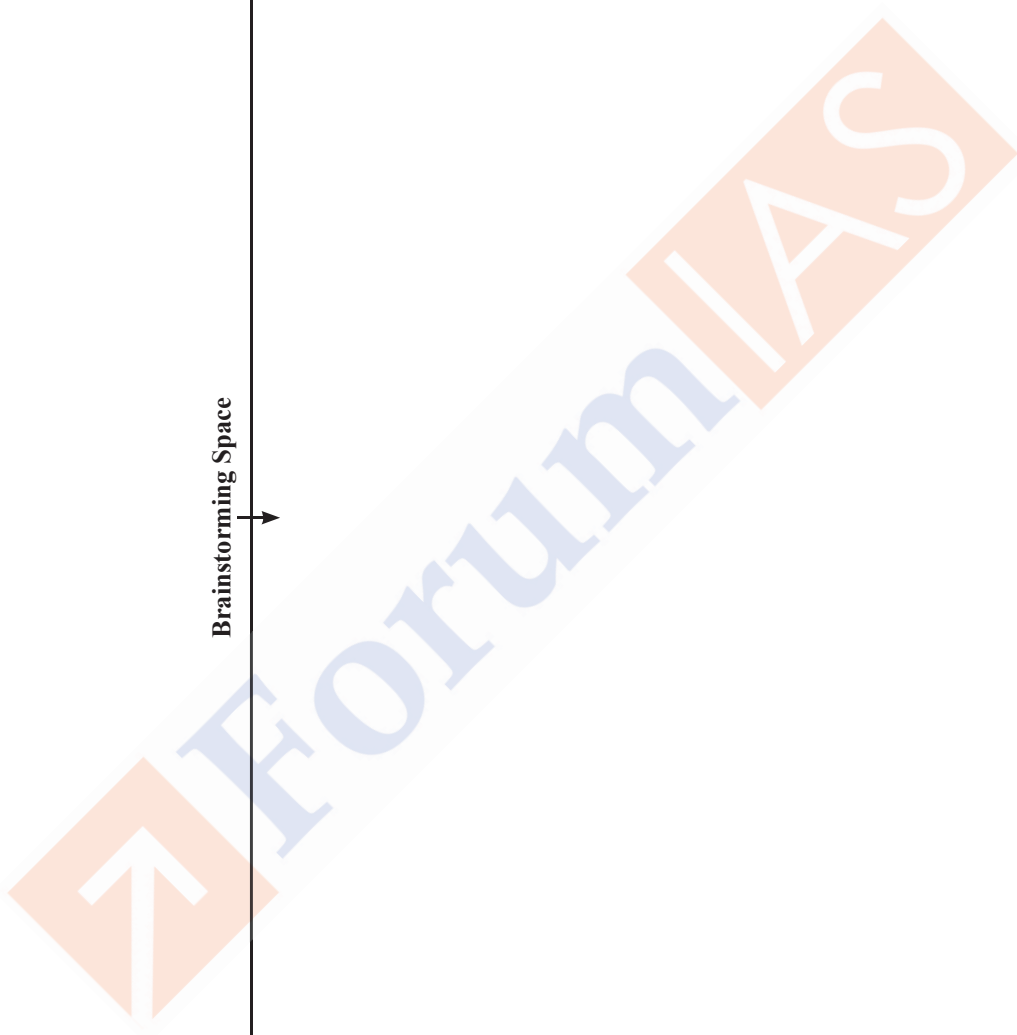
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Q.139) 'The Constitution of India is a living instrument with capabilities of enormous dynamism.' Illustrate with special reference to the expanding horizons of the right to life and personal liberty.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2023]

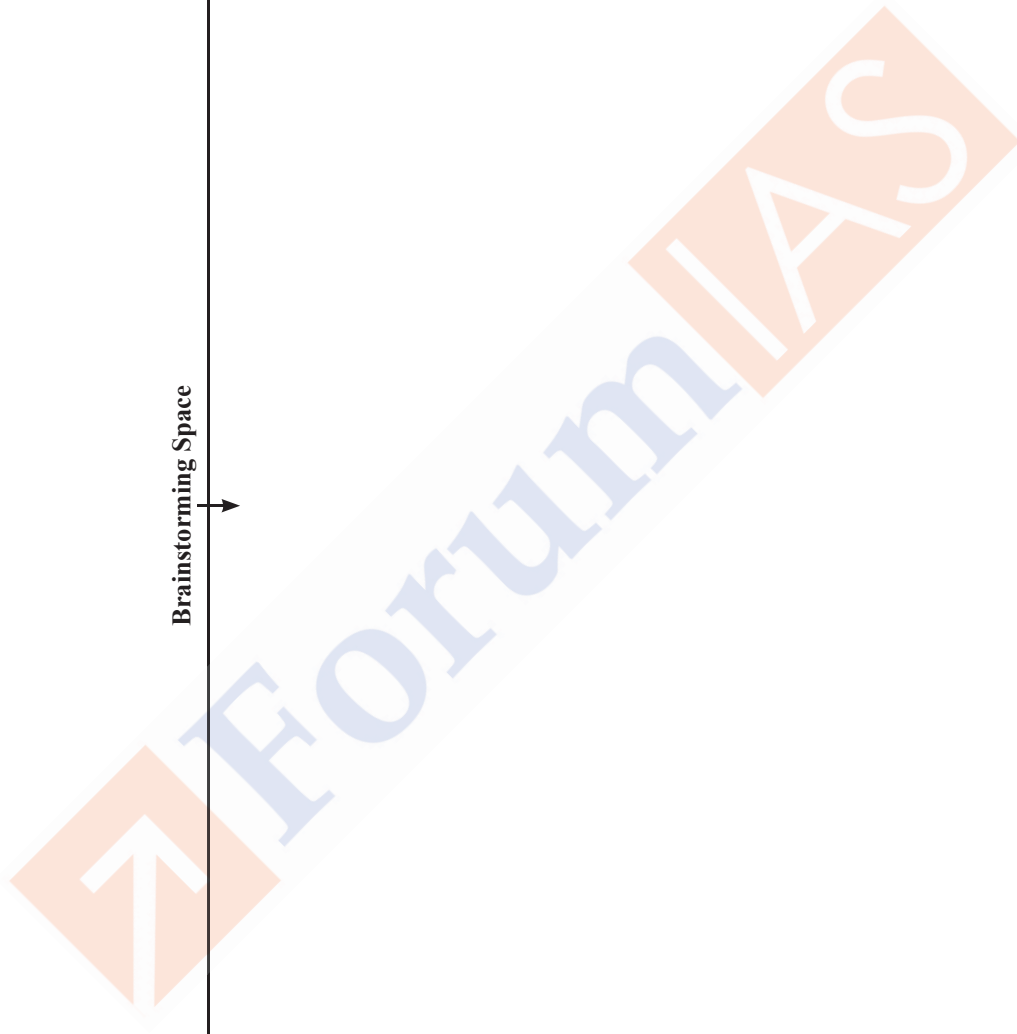
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Q.140) Explain the constitutional perspectives of Gender Justice with the help of relevant Constitutional Provisions and case laws.

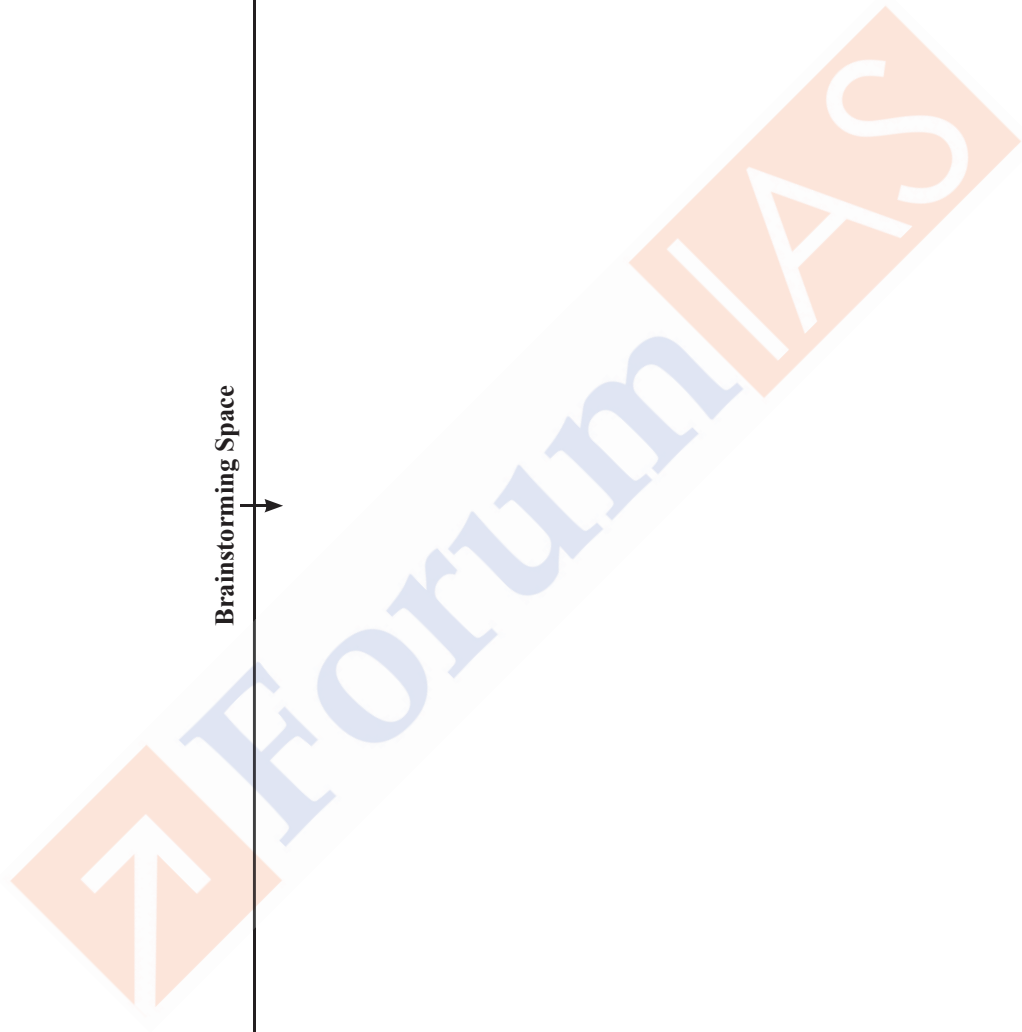
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2023]

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Q.141) Right of movement and residence throughout the territory of India are freely available to Indian citizens, but these rights are not absolute. Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2022]

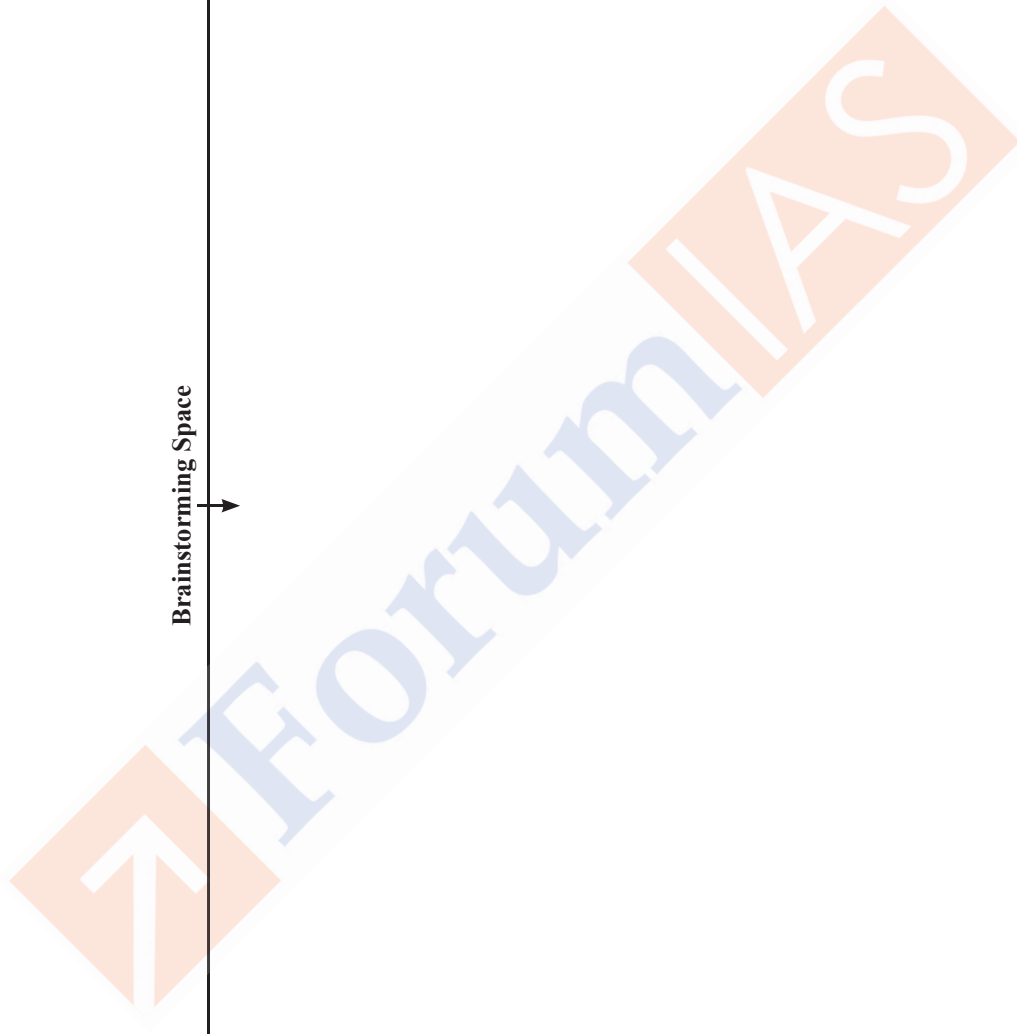
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Q.142) Though the Human Rights Commissions have contributed immensely to the protection of human rights in India, yet they have failed to assert themselves against the mighty and powerful. Analyzing their structural and practical limitations, suggest remedial measures.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2021]

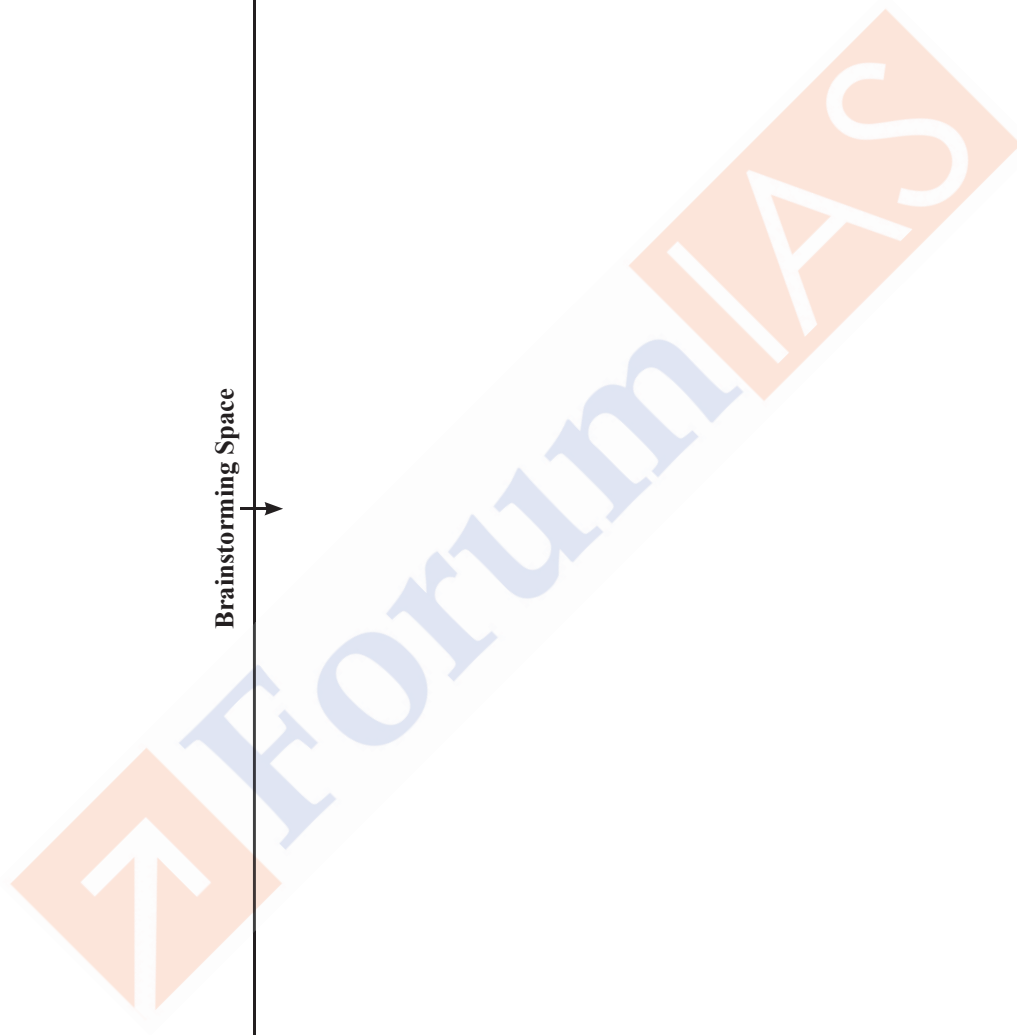
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Q.143) Examine the scope of Fundamental Rights in the light of the latest judgement of the Supreme Court on Right to Privacy.

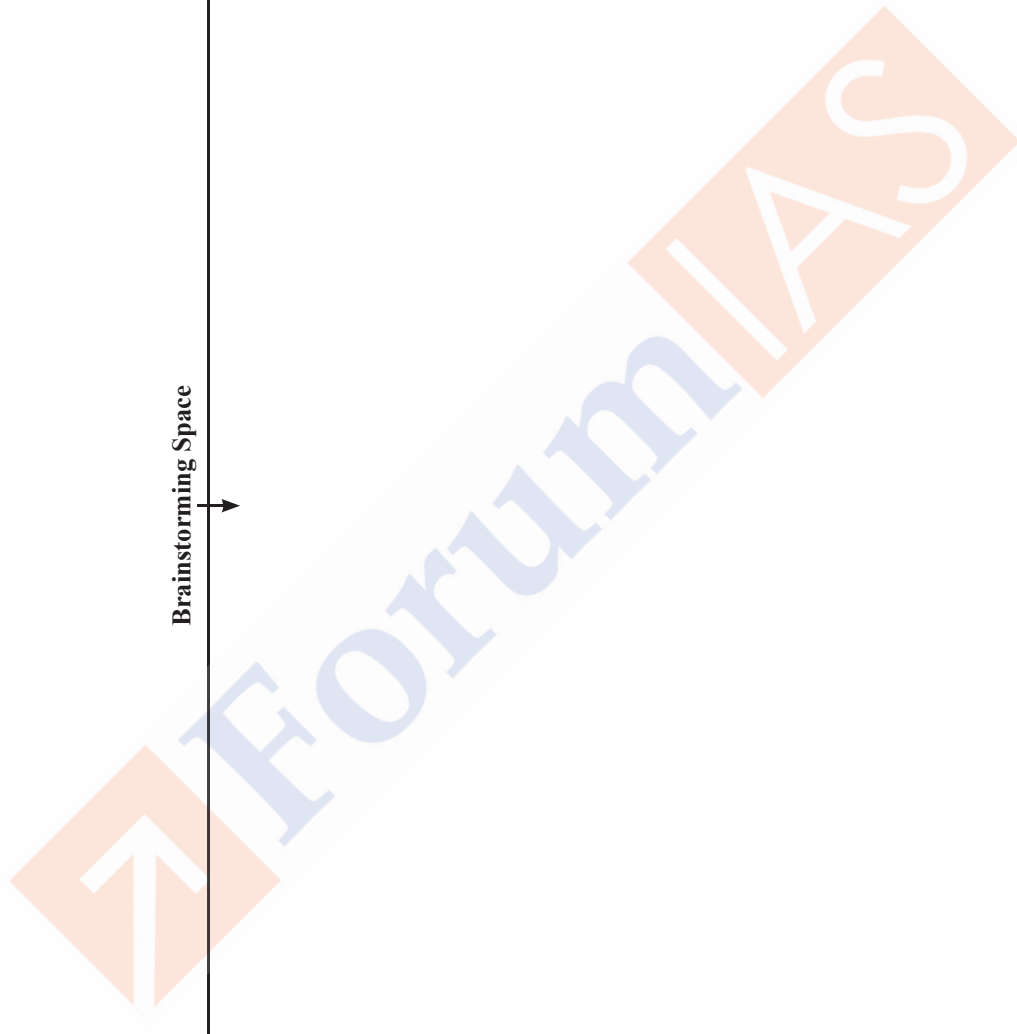
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2017]

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Q.144) To what extent is Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, bearing marginal note 'Temporary provision with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir', temporary? Discuss the future prospects of this provision. (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

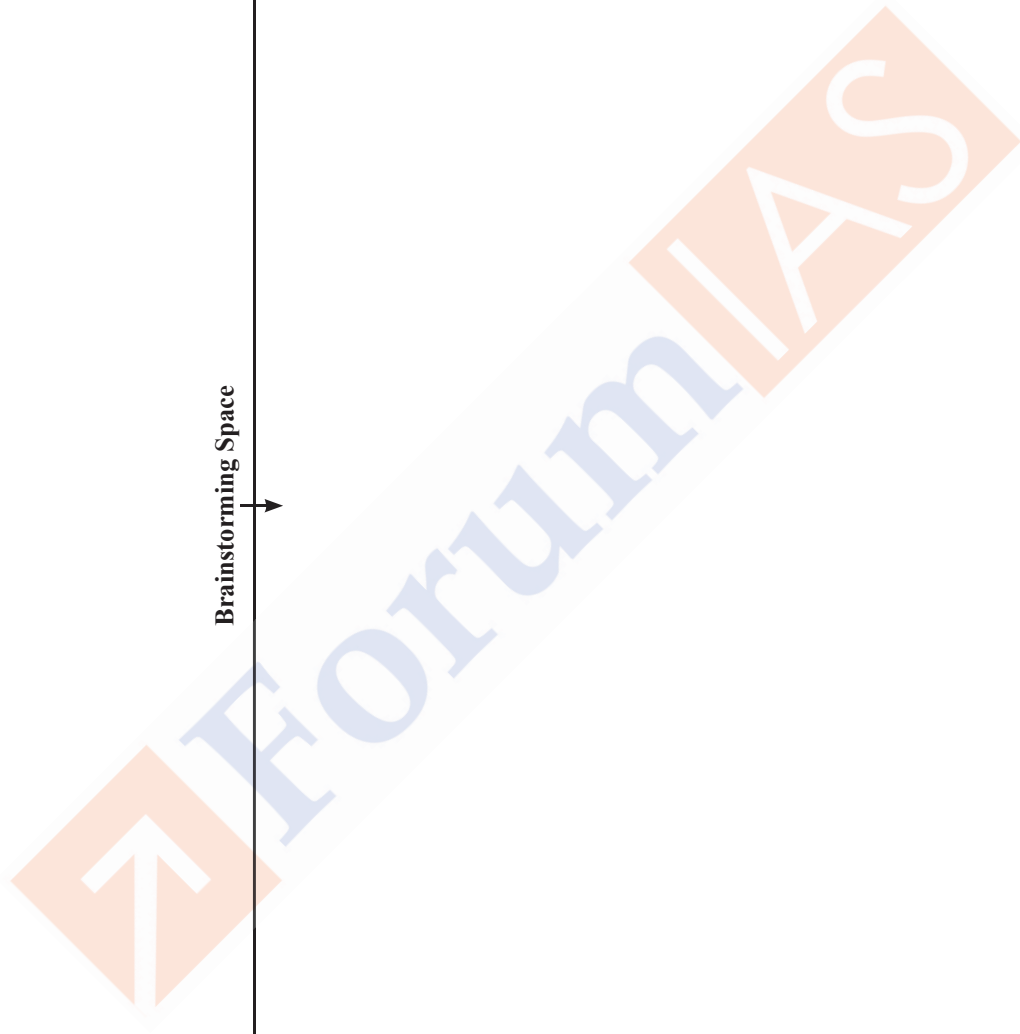
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Q.145) Discuss each adjective attached to the word 'Republic' in the preamble. Are they defensible in the present circumstances?

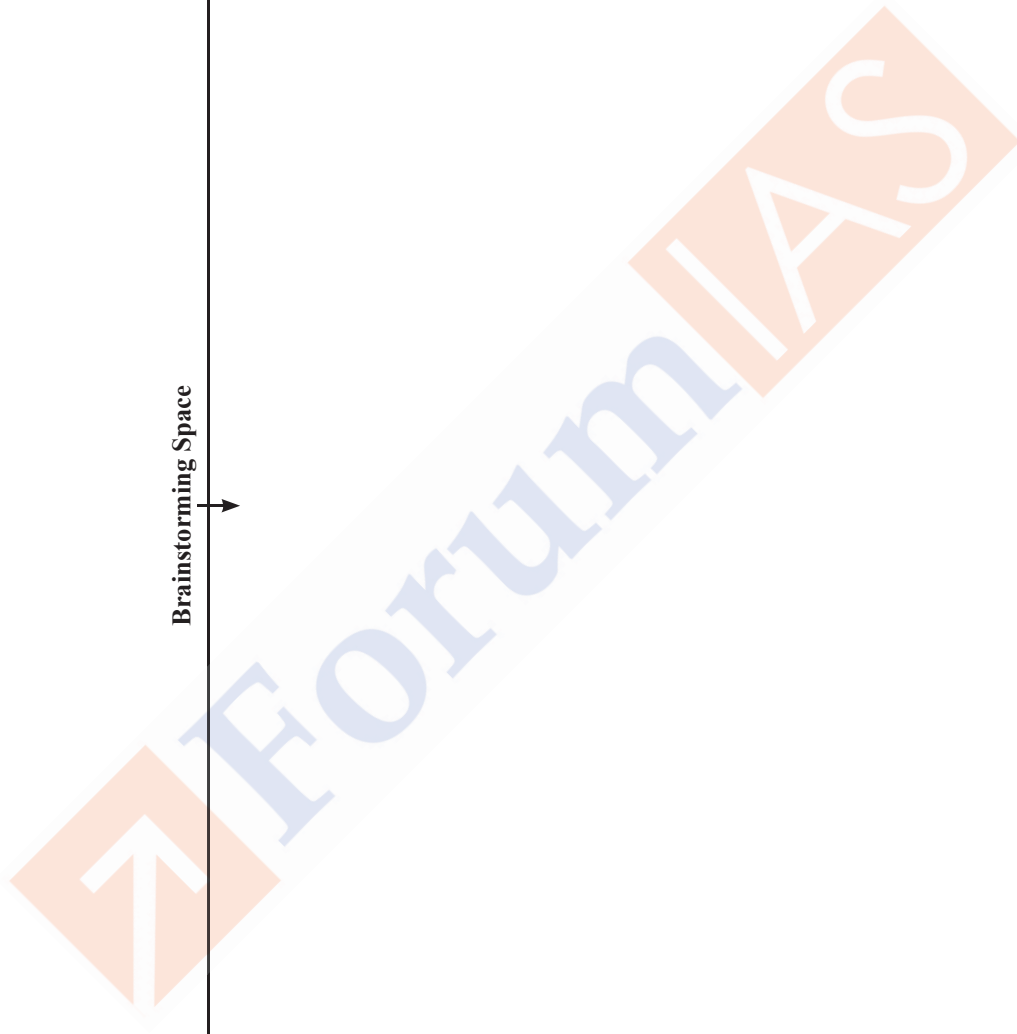
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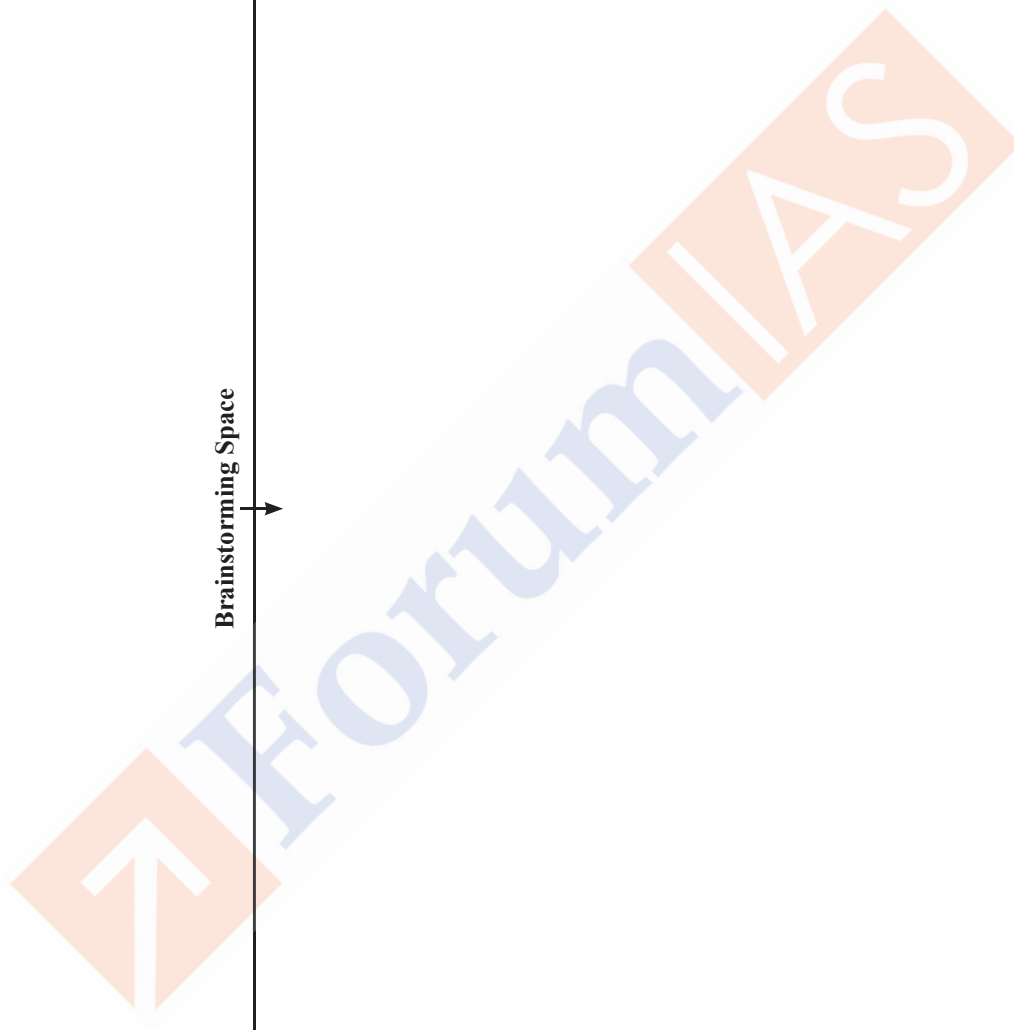
Q.146) Discuss the possible factors that inhibit India from enacting for its citizens a uniform civil code as provided for in the Directive Principles of State Policy. (15 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

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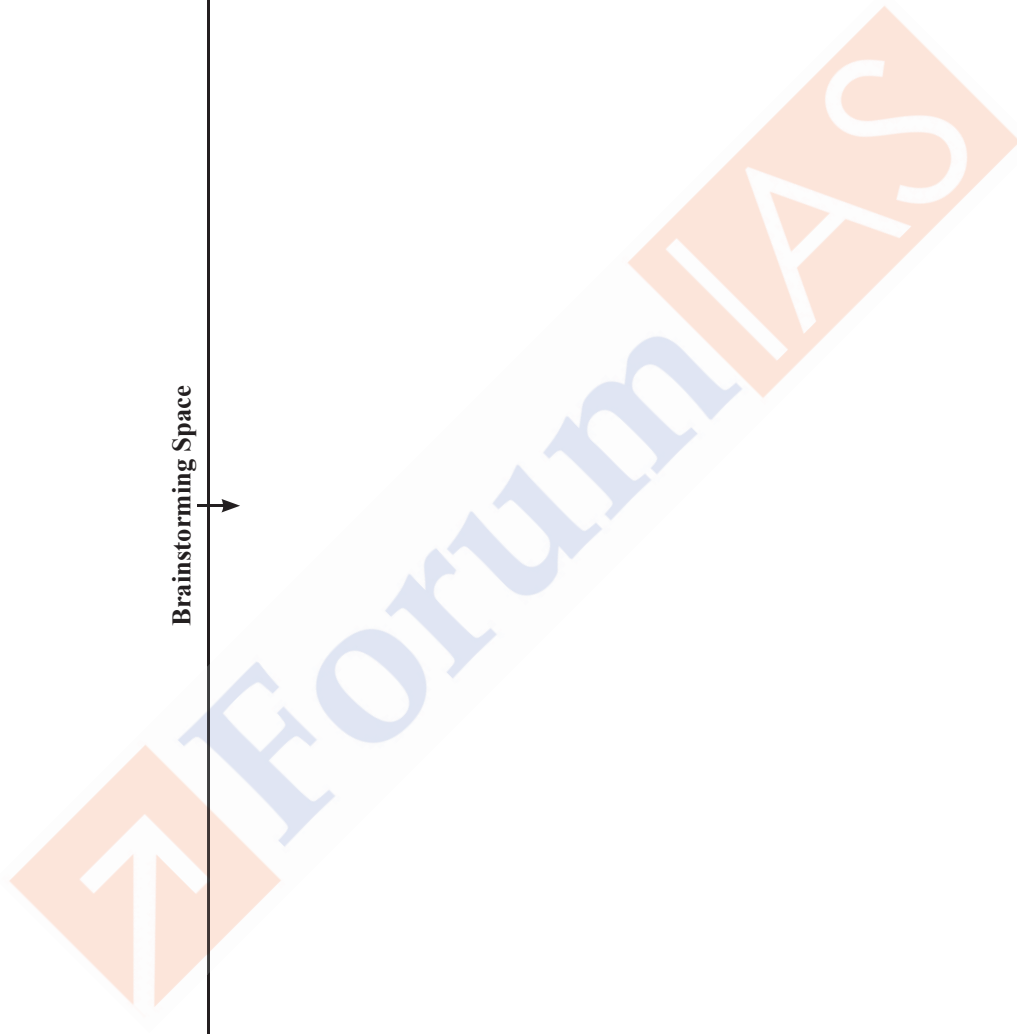
Q.147) Does the right to clean environment entail legal regulations on burning crackers during Diwali? Discuss in the light of Article 21 and Judgement(s) of the Apex Court. (15 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

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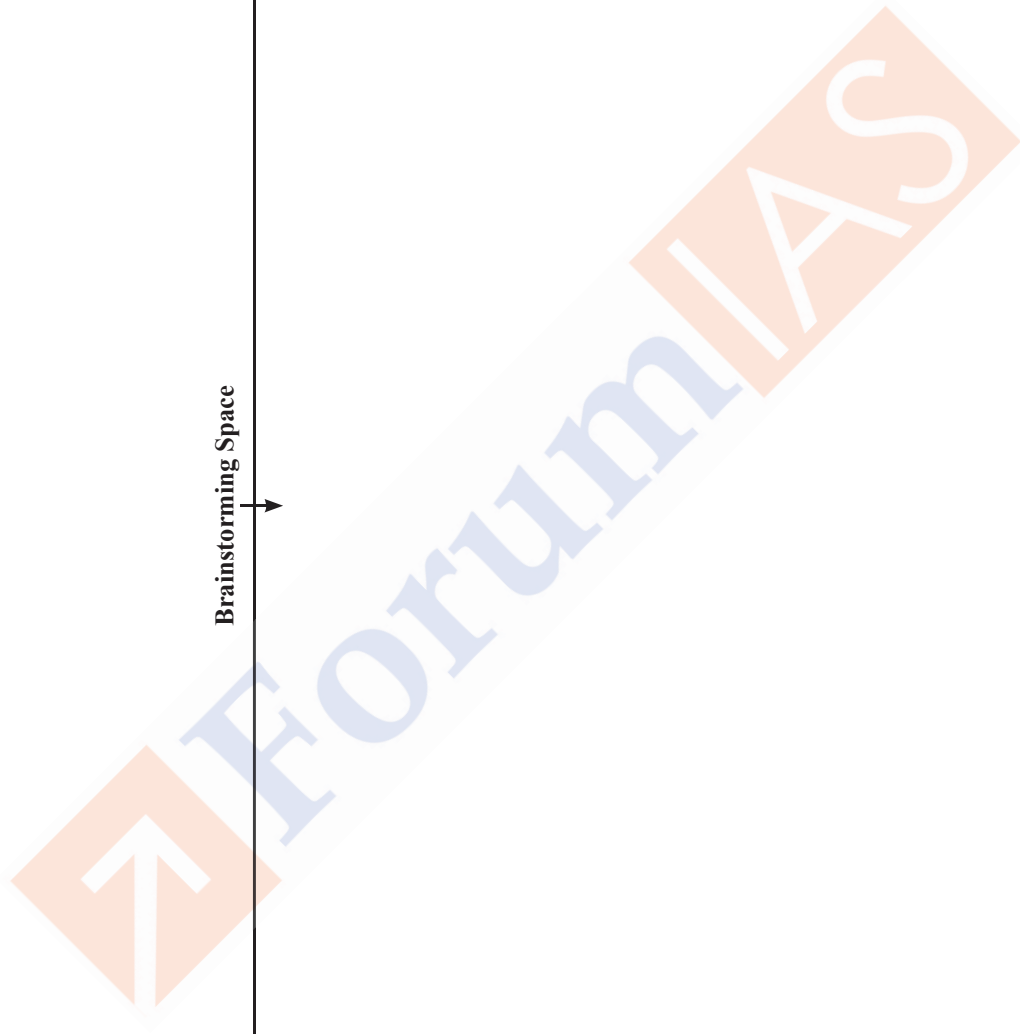
Q.148) What do you understand by the concept 'freedom of speech and expression'? Does it cover hate speech also? Why do the films in India stand on a slightly different plane? (10 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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Q.149) Discuss Section 66A of IT Act, with reference to its alleged violation of Article 19 of the Constitution. (10 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

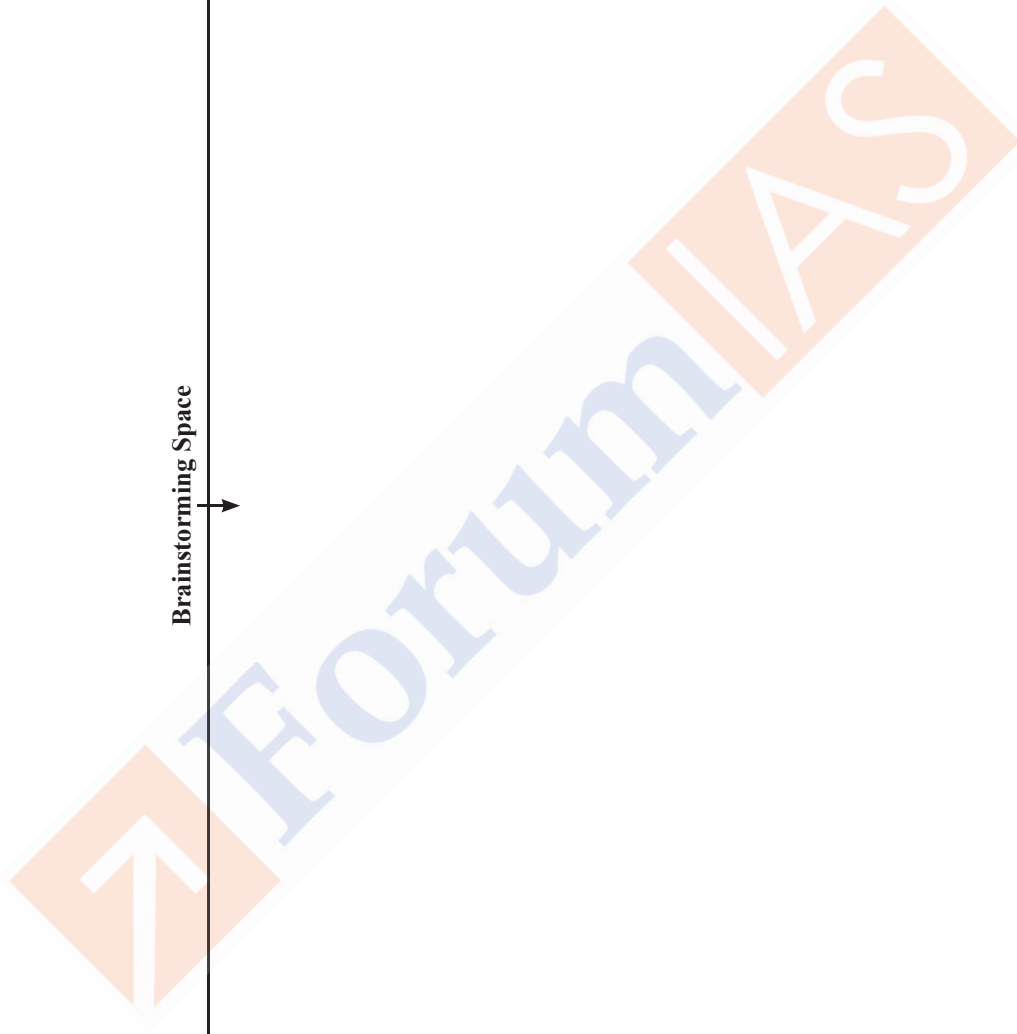
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Q.150) Recent directives from Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas are perceived by the 'Nagas' as a threat to override the exceptional status enjoyed by the State. Discuss in light of Article 371A.

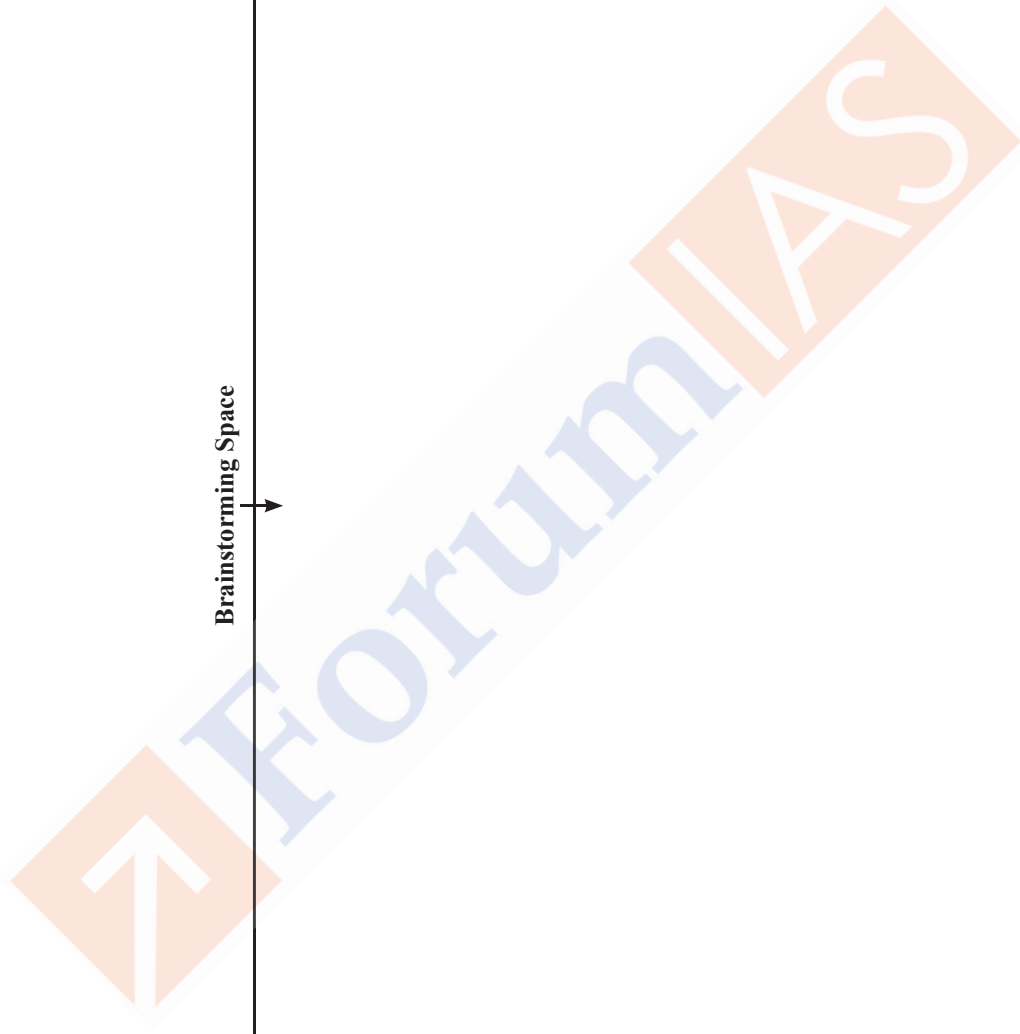
(10 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

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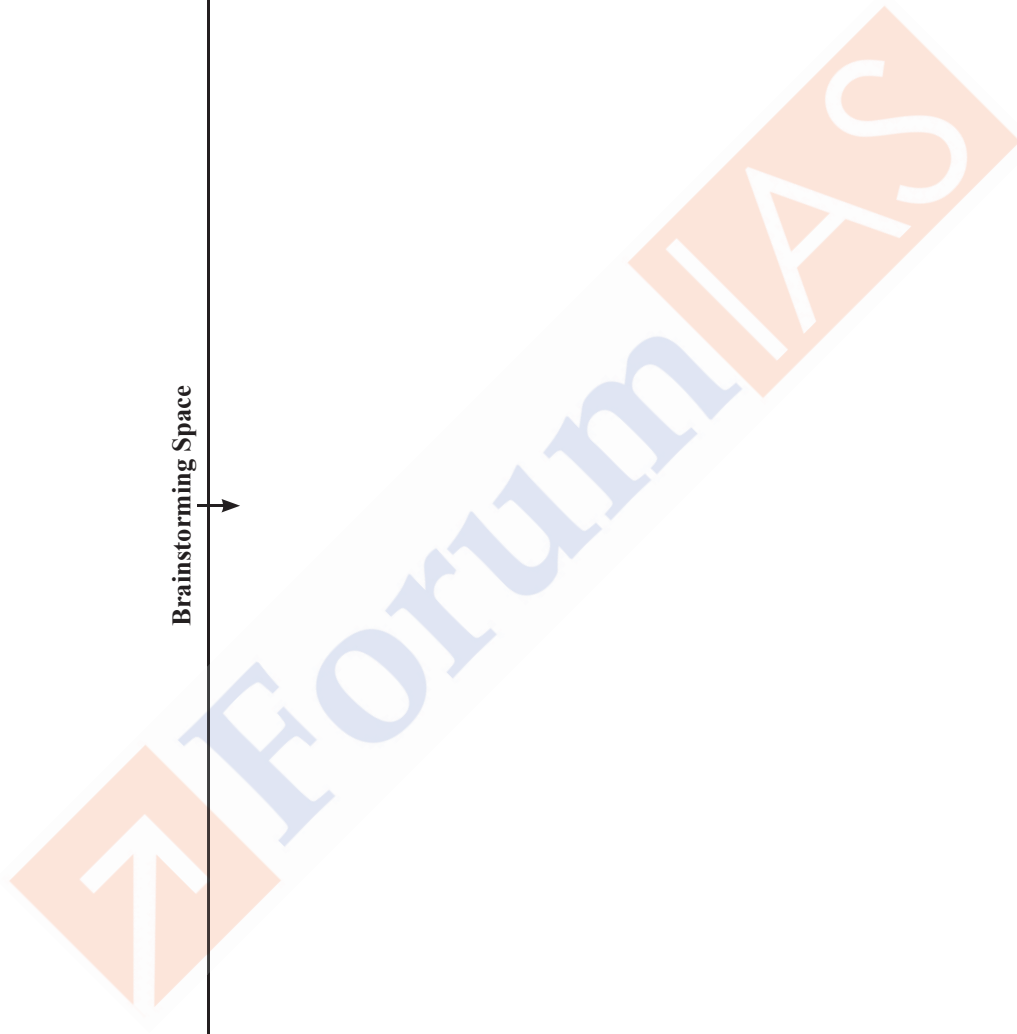
Q.151) Essentially all that is contained in Part IV-A of the Constitution is just a codification of tasks integral to the Indian way of life. Critically examine. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2011]

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Q.152) Enumerate the fundamental duties incorporated in the Constitution after the 42nd amendment. (15 Marks, 150 Words) [2008]

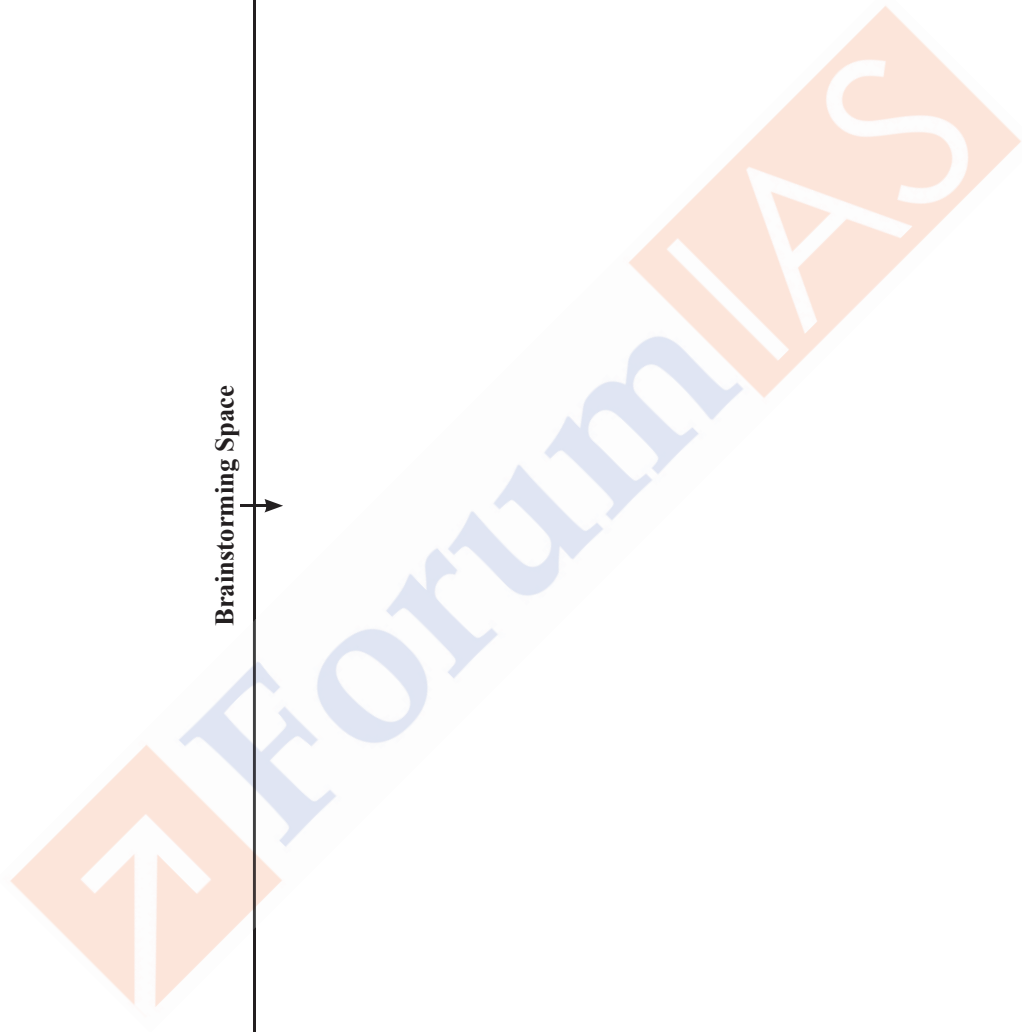
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Q.153) Bring out the differences between the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy. Discuss some measures taken by governments for implementation of DPSP.

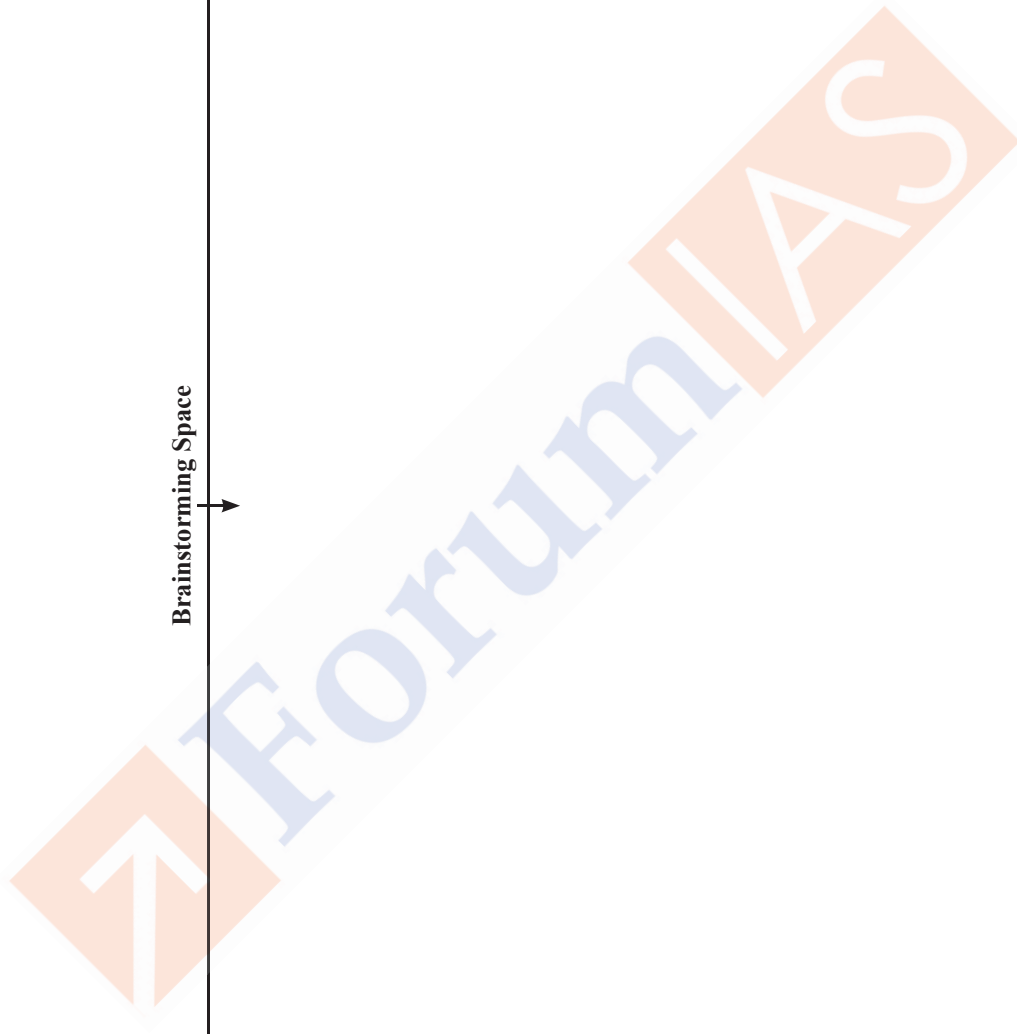
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Q.154) What is right to life and personal liberty? How have the courts expanded its meaning in recent years? (20 Marks, 250 Words) [2006]

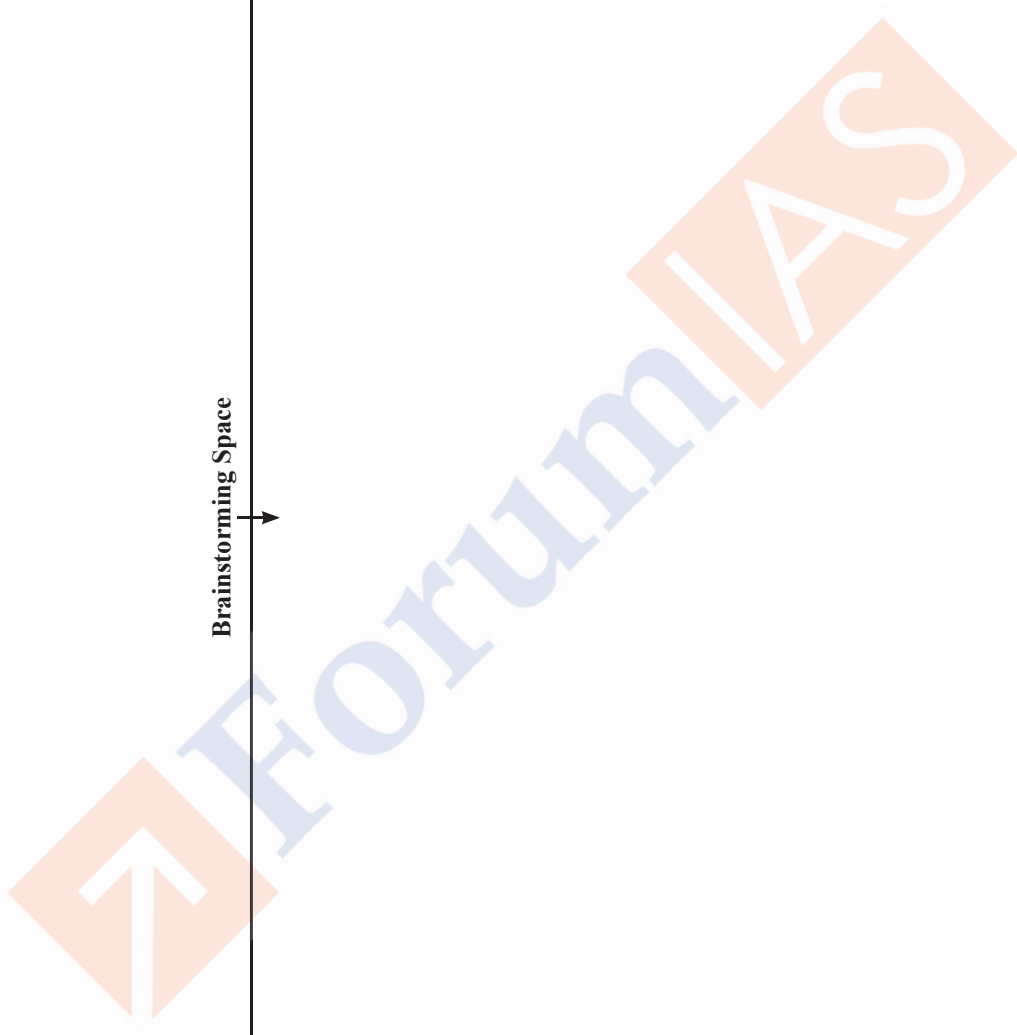
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Q.155) Give your views on the right to freedom of religions as enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Do they make India a secular State?

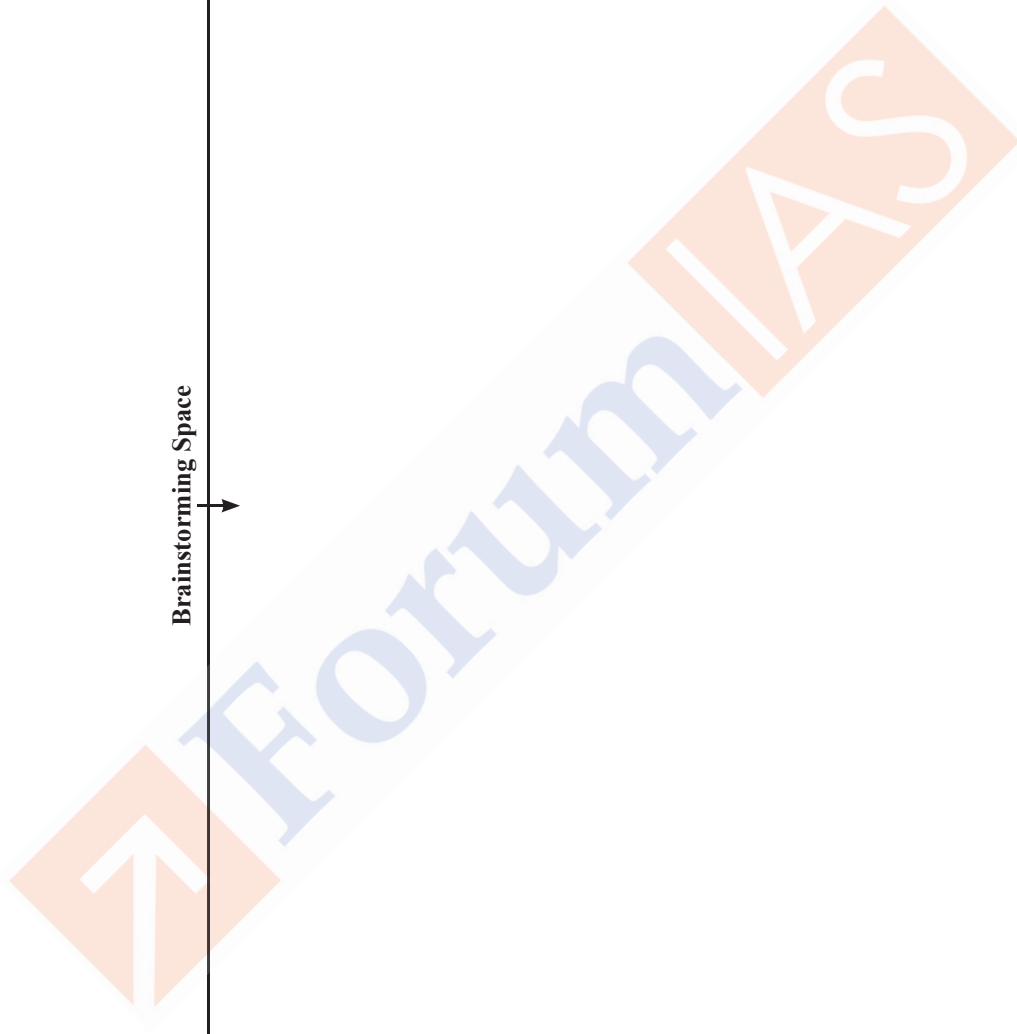
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Q.156) What are the constitutional limitations on the free movements of Indians throughout the country? (15 Marks, 150 Words) [2005]

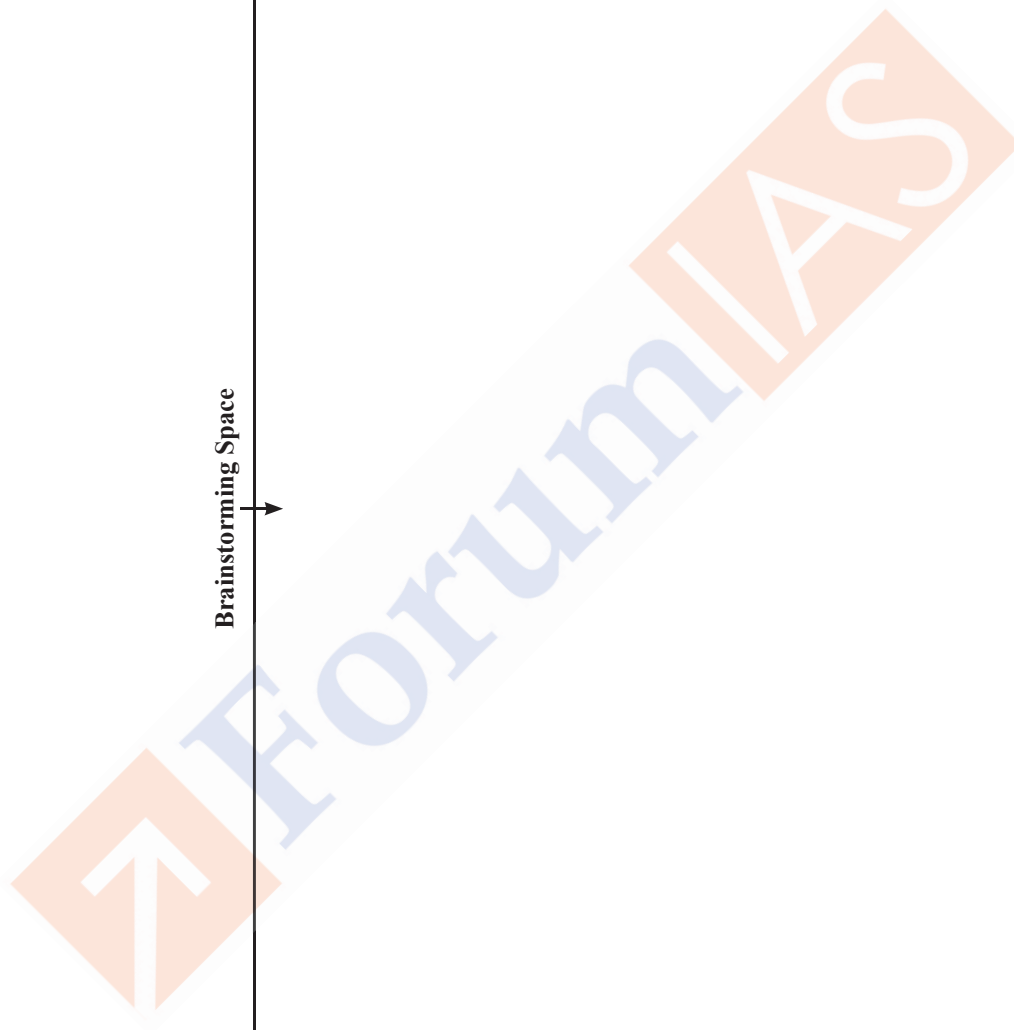
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Q.157) What is the significance of a preamble to a constitution? Bring out the philosophy of the Indian polity as enshrined in the preamble.

(20 Marks, 250 Words) [2004]

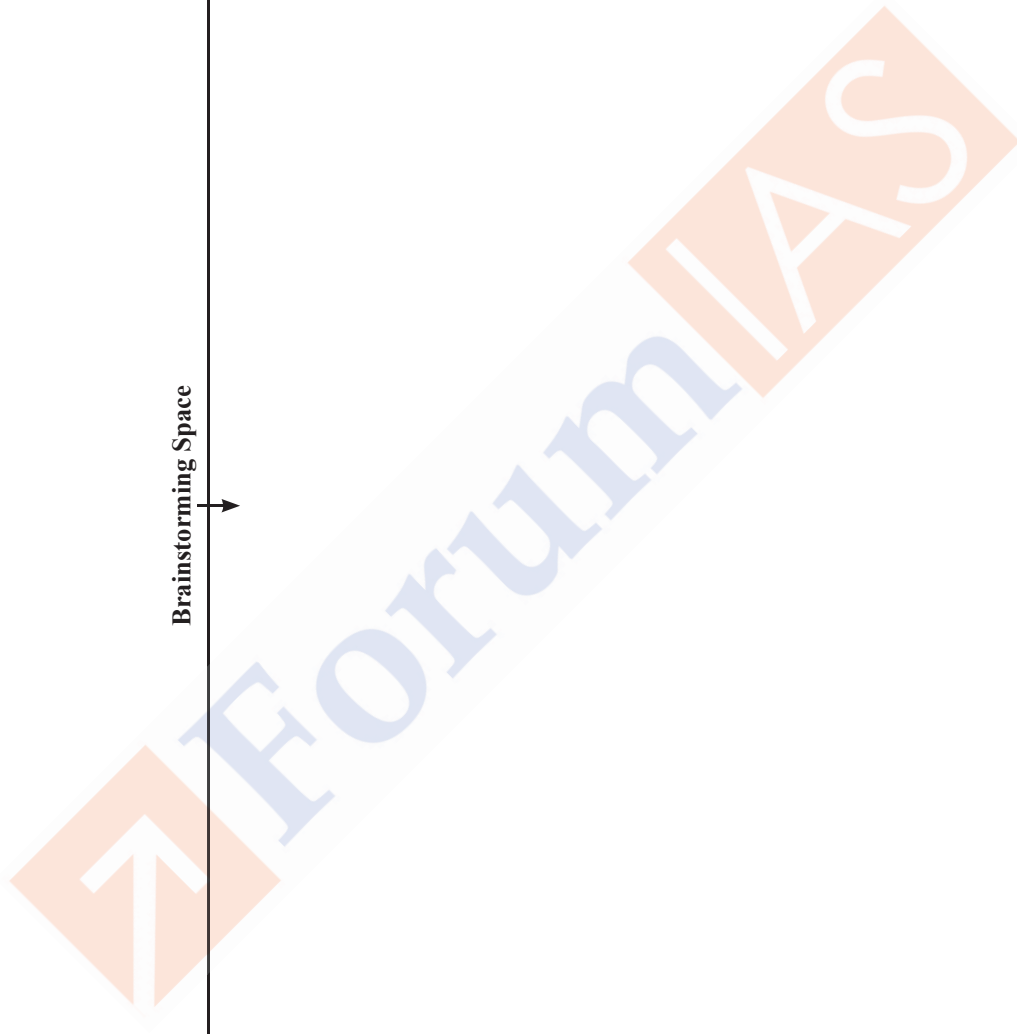
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Q.158) Discuss how the Constitution of India provides equal rights.

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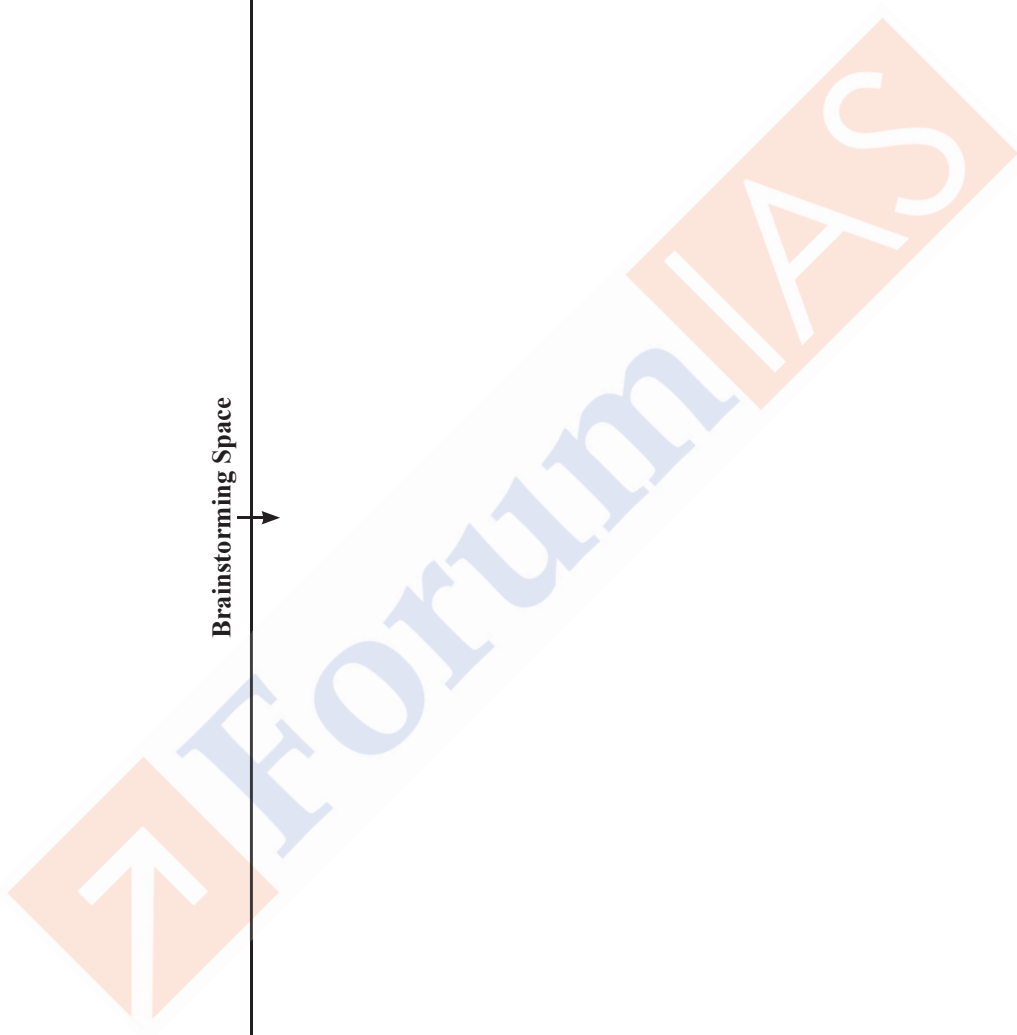
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Q.159) Identify the major Fundamental Duties.

(15 Marks, 150 Words) [2003]

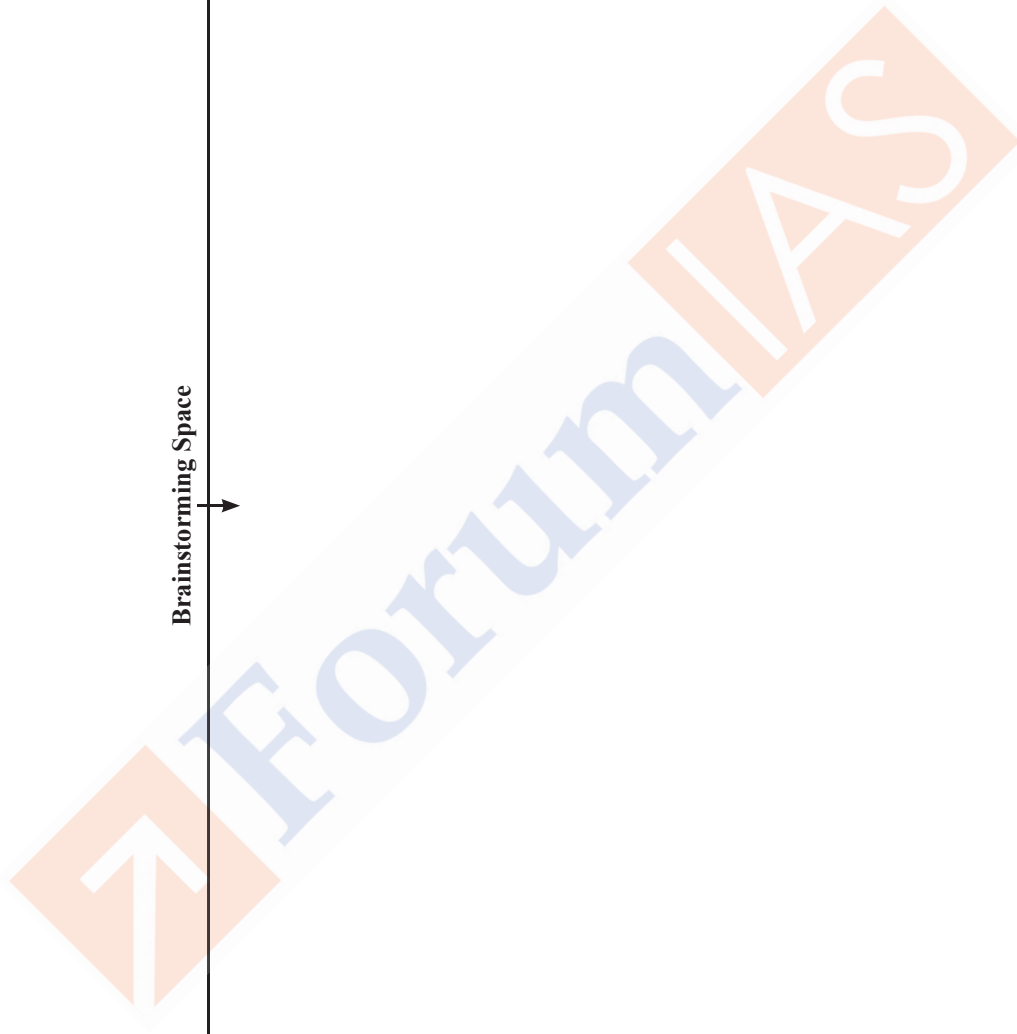
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Q.160) Why does the Constitution of India provide different forms of Oaths for the President, the Ministers, the legislators and the members of the judiciary? Discuss their significance.

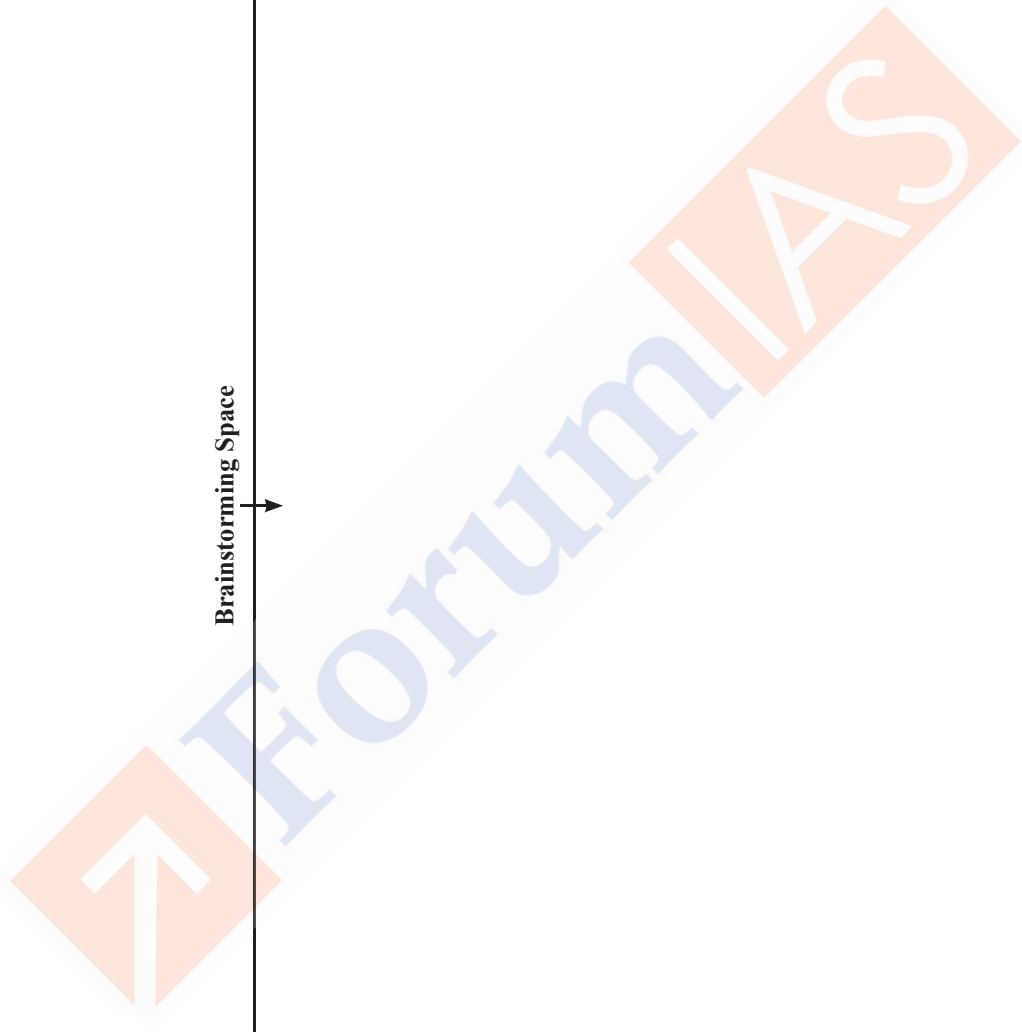
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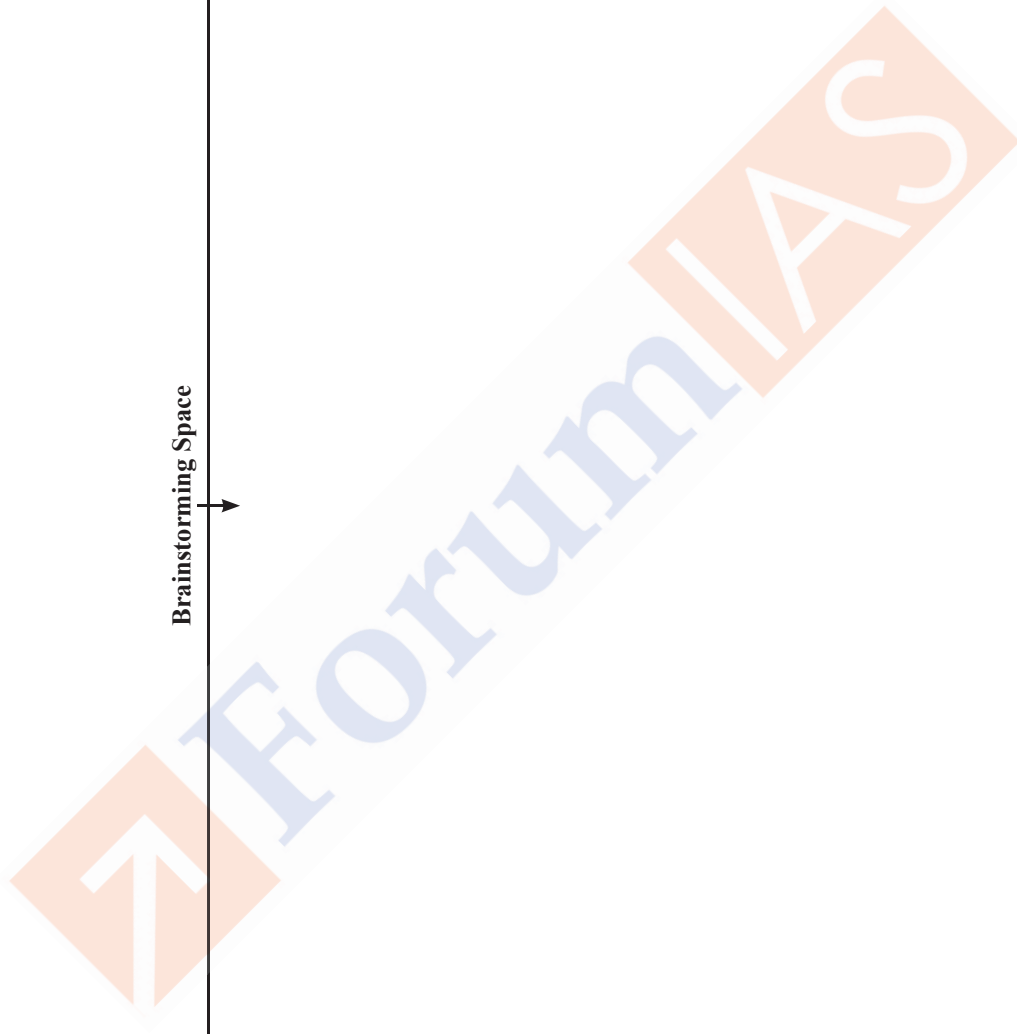
Q.161) Discuss the constitutional provisions relating to the non-justiciable directives binding upon the states. (15 Marks, 150 Words) [2002]

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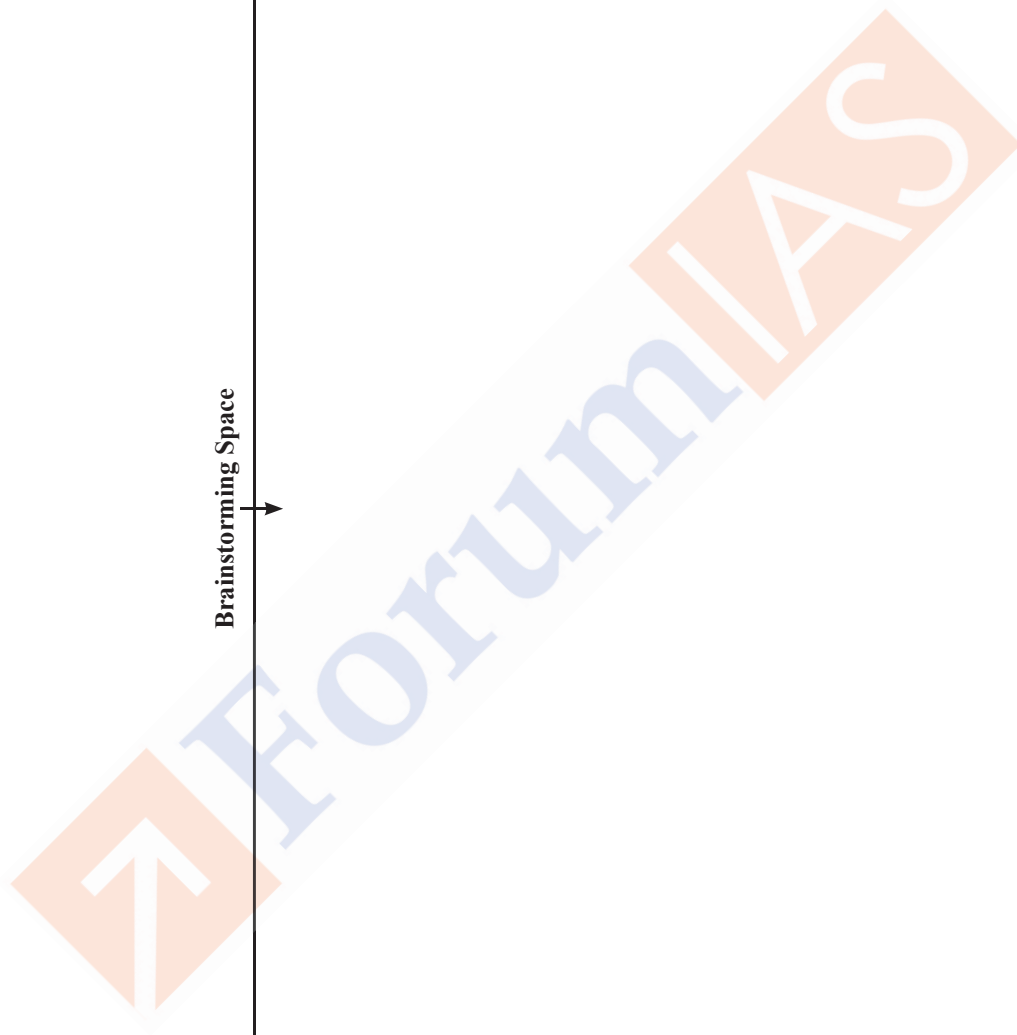
Q.162) What is the constitutional position of Directive Principles of State Policy? How has it been interpreted by the judiciary after the emergency in 1975-77? (20 Marks, 250 Words) [2001]

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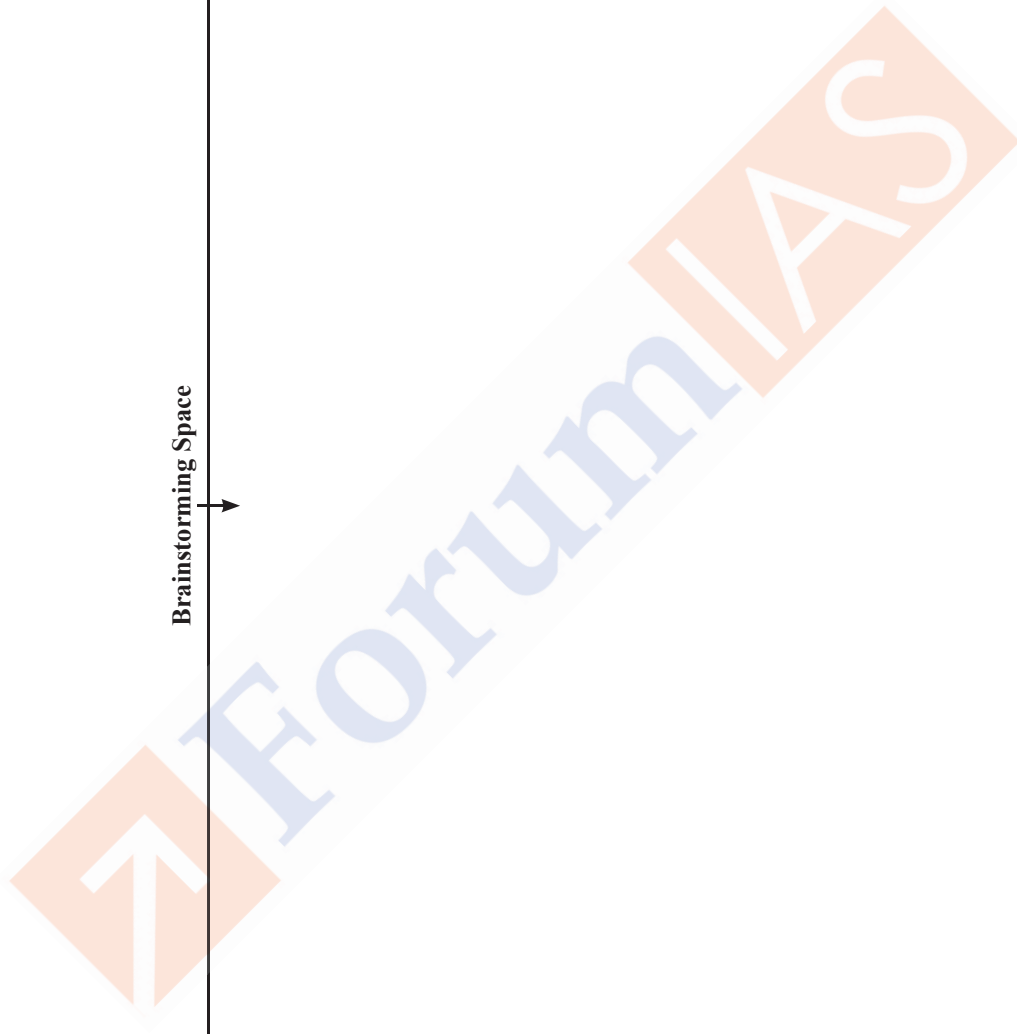
Q.163) Discuss the constitutional provisions regarding the rights of children.
(15 Marks, 150 Words) [2001]

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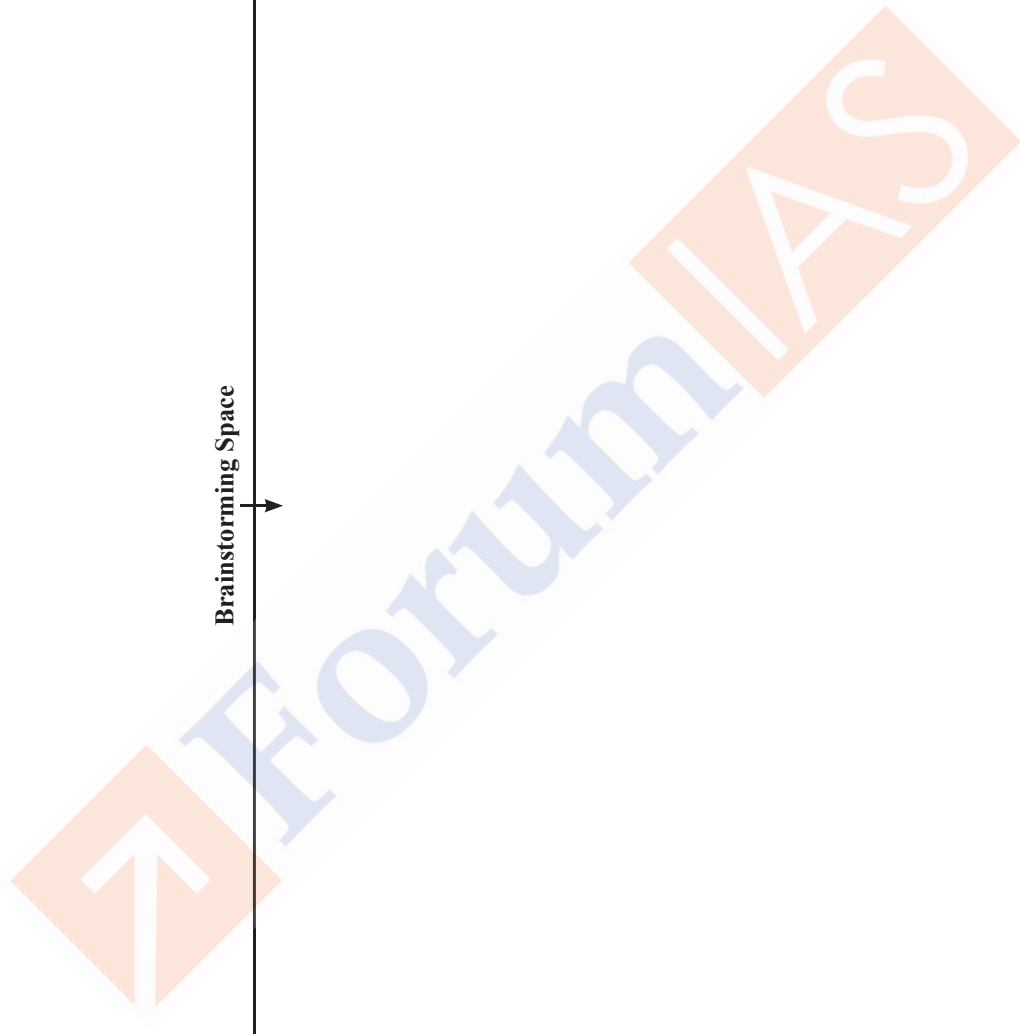
Q.164) What grounds does Article 15 of the Indian Constitution prohibit discrimination? Indicate the way the concept of 'Special protection' has qualified this prohibition. (20 Marks, 250 Words) [1999]

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Q.165) What is the importance of Directive Principles of State Policy? Mention which Directive Principles have got primacy over the Fundamental Rights. (15 Marks, 150 Words) [1999]

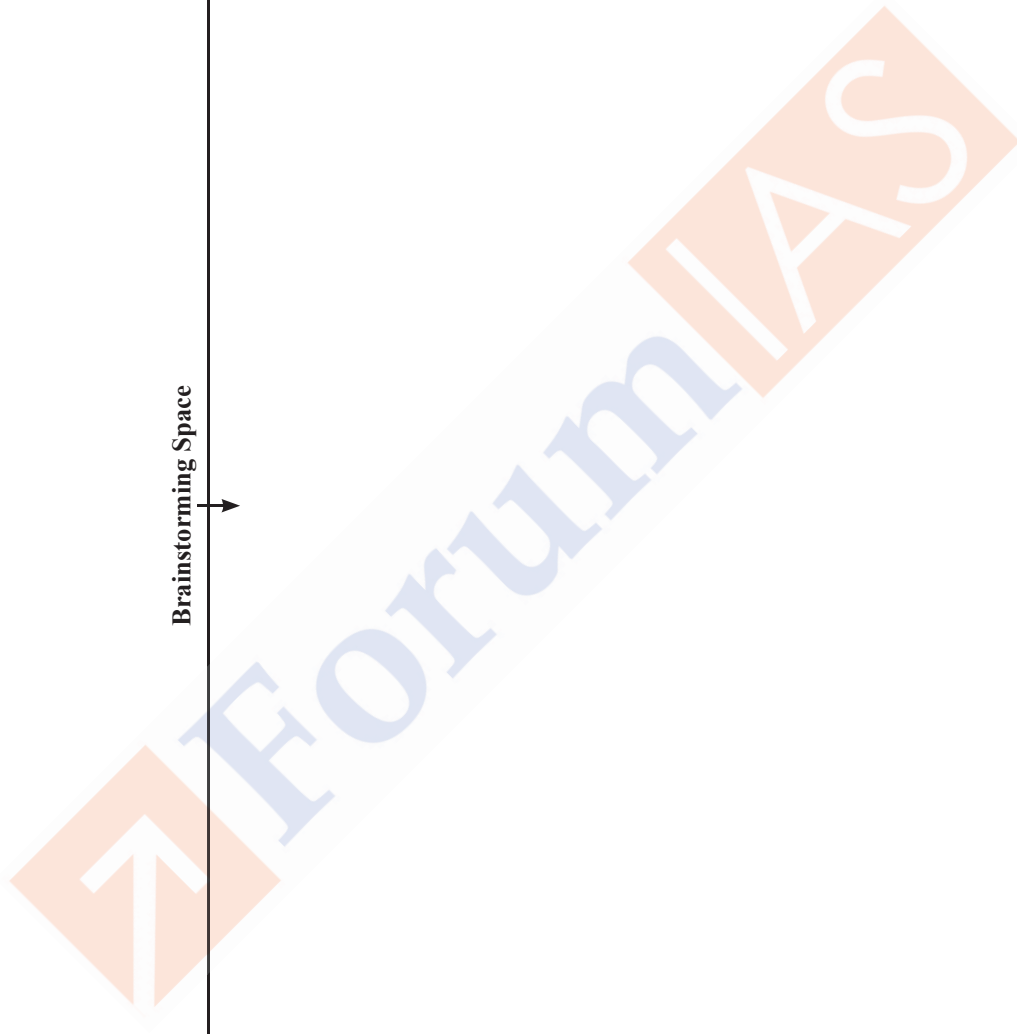
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Q.166) Briefly state the stages through which the present position of the Directive Principles vis-a-vis the Fundamental Rights has emerged.

(20 Marks, 250 Words) [1998]

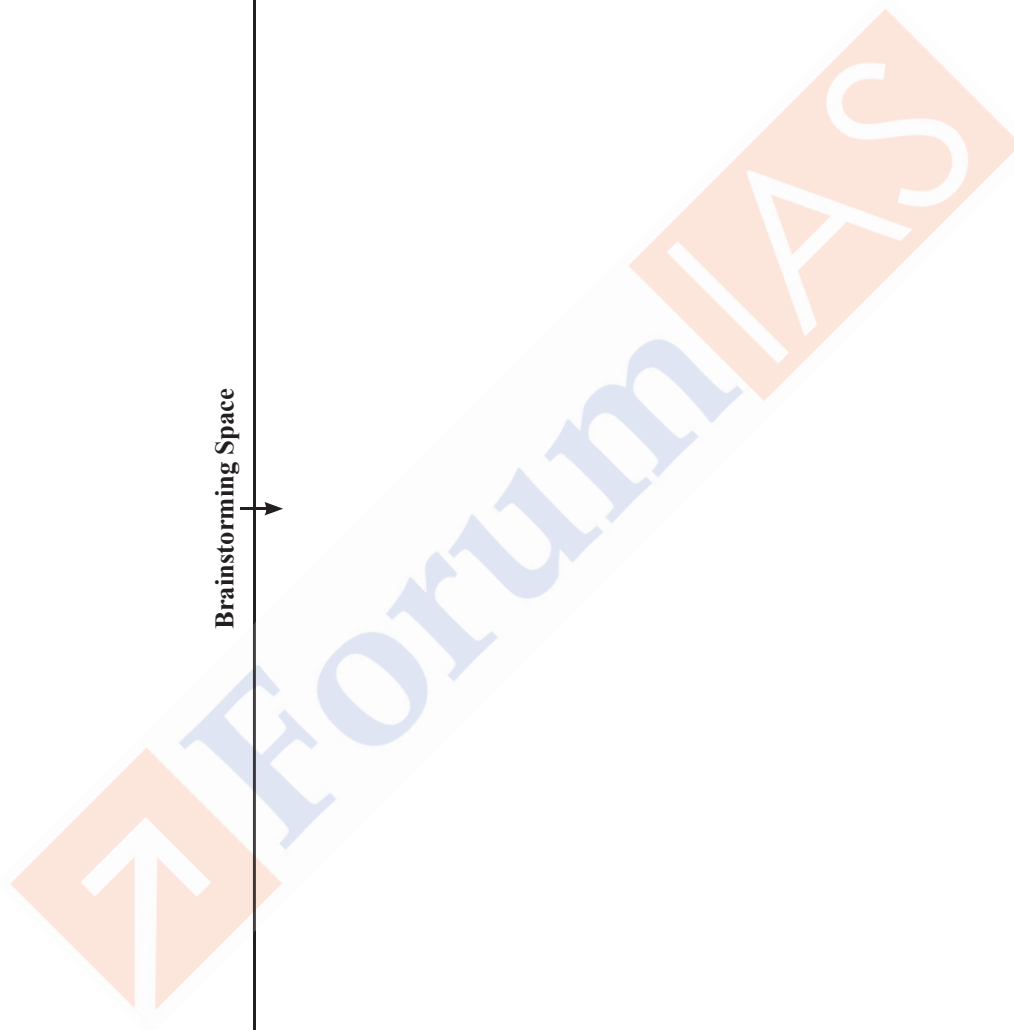
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Q.167) What do you understand by the term Rule of Law? How does the Constitution of India seek to establish it?

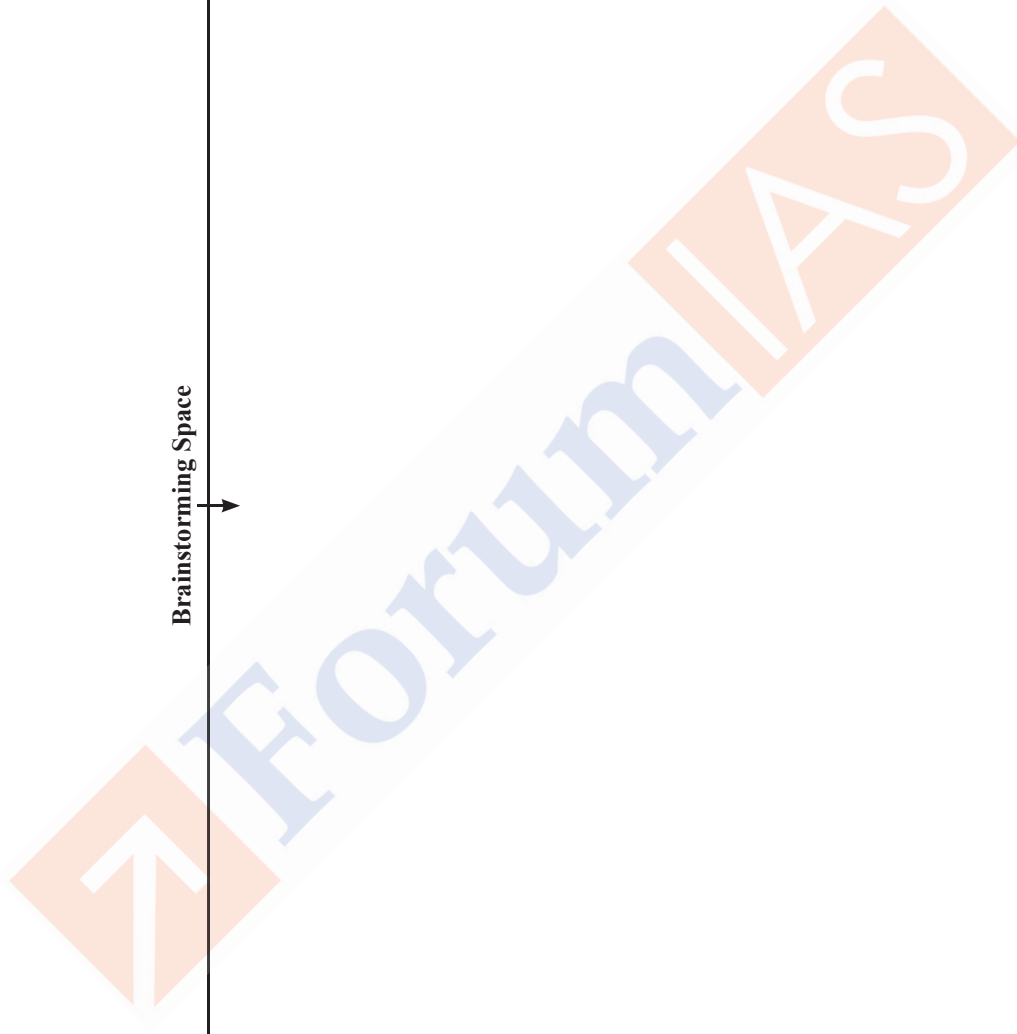
(20 Marks, 250 Words) [1996]

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Q.168) Why does the Constitution of India contain different forms of Oath for the President, the Ministers, the Legislators and the members of the Judiciary? Discuss their significance. (20 Marks, 250 Words) [1996]

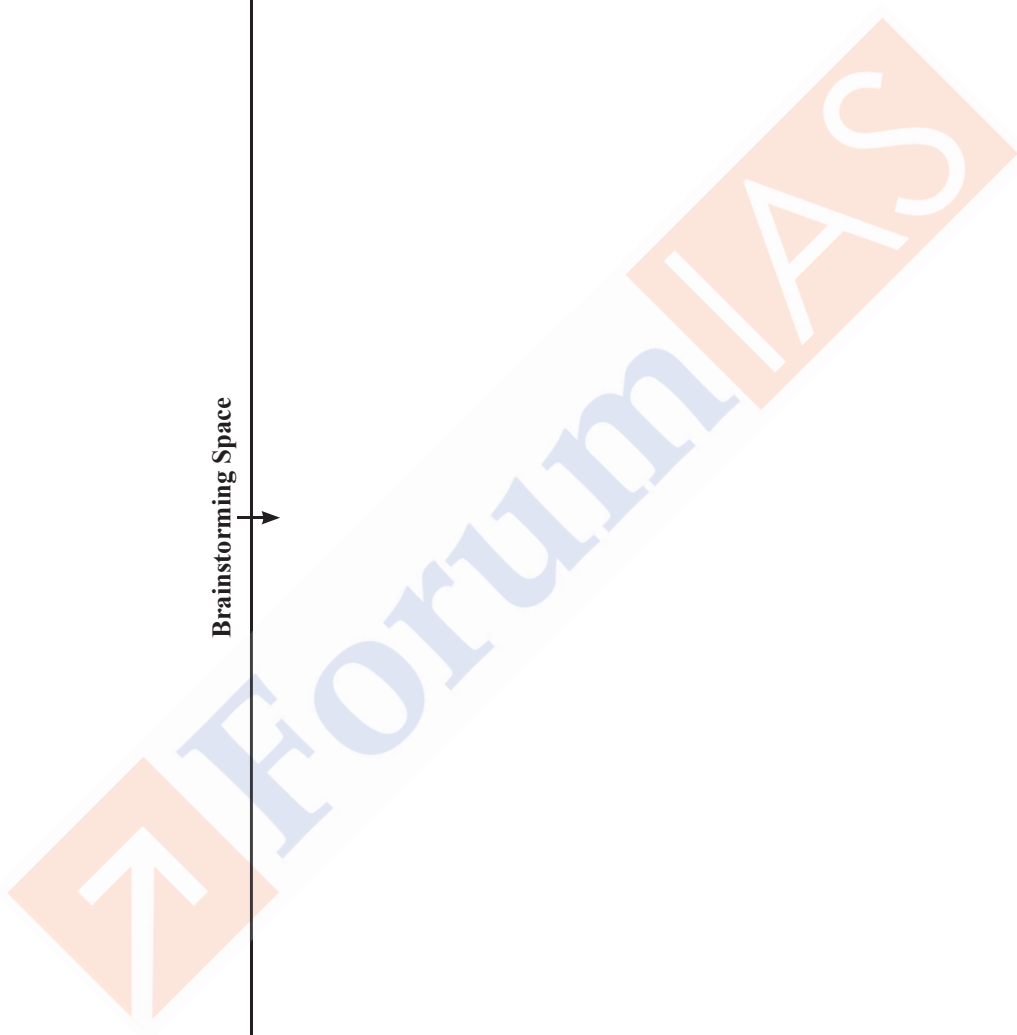
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Q.169) What are the constitutional rights of the citizens of India? What do you think about the demand of the NRI's for dual citizenship?

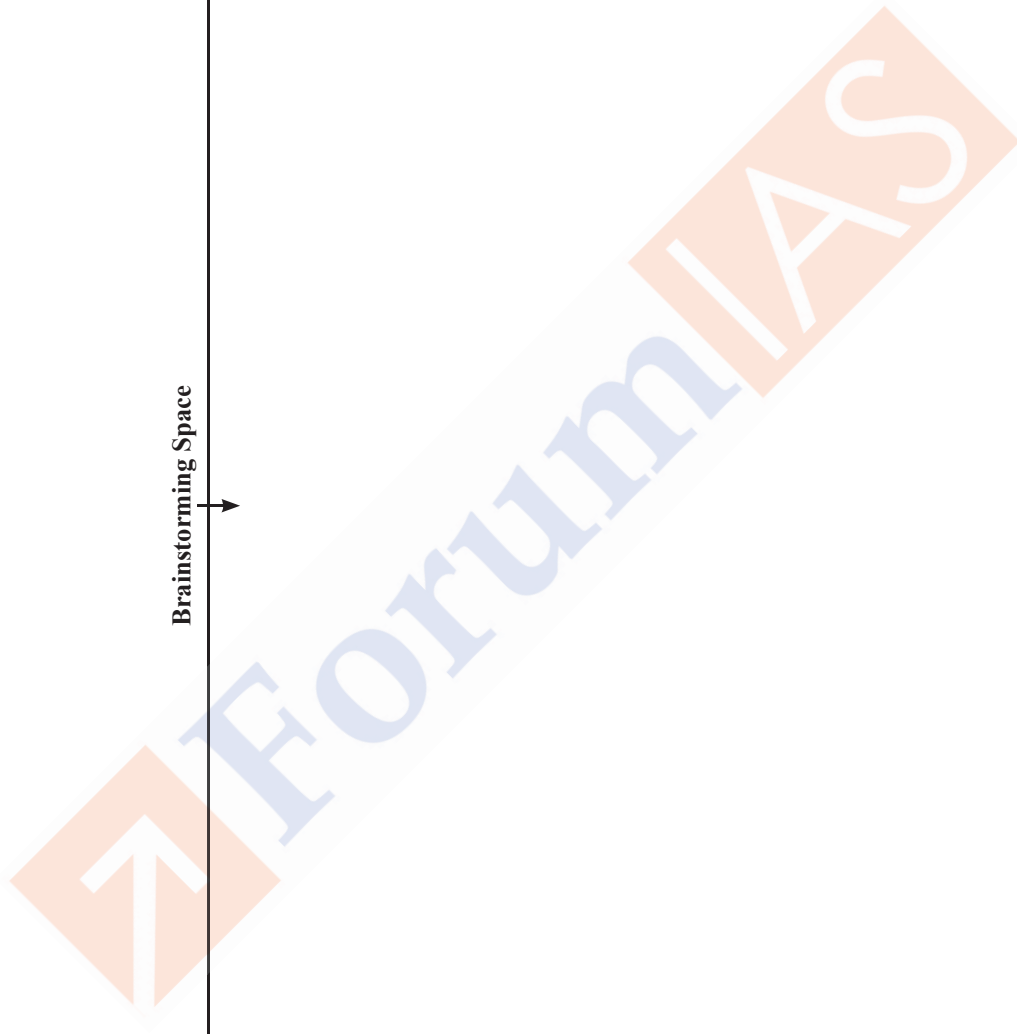
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1995]

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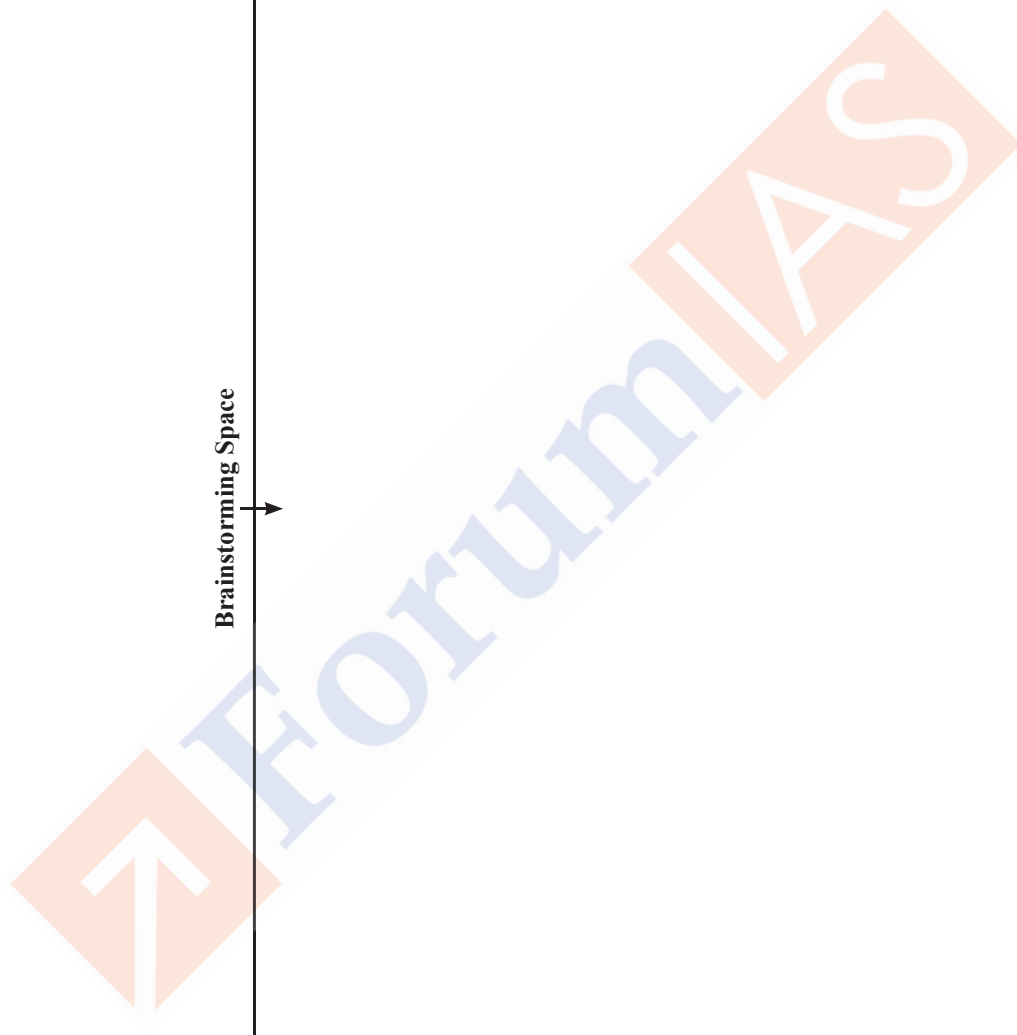
Q.170) Differentiate between the 'due process of law' and 'the procedure established by law' in the context of deprivation of personal liberty in India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1994]

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Q.171) Indicate the provisions of Indian Constitution relating to Secularism.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1994]

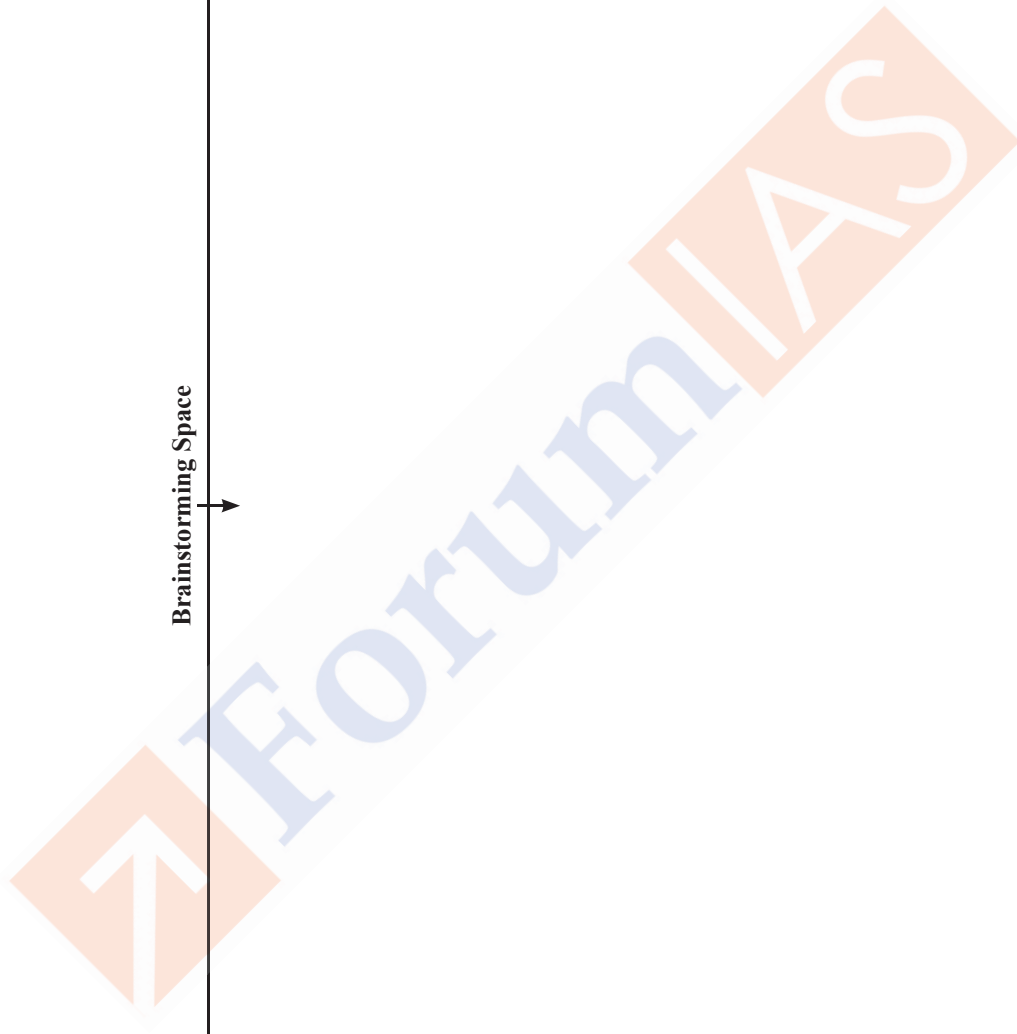
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Q.172) What are the fundamental duties and their implications?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

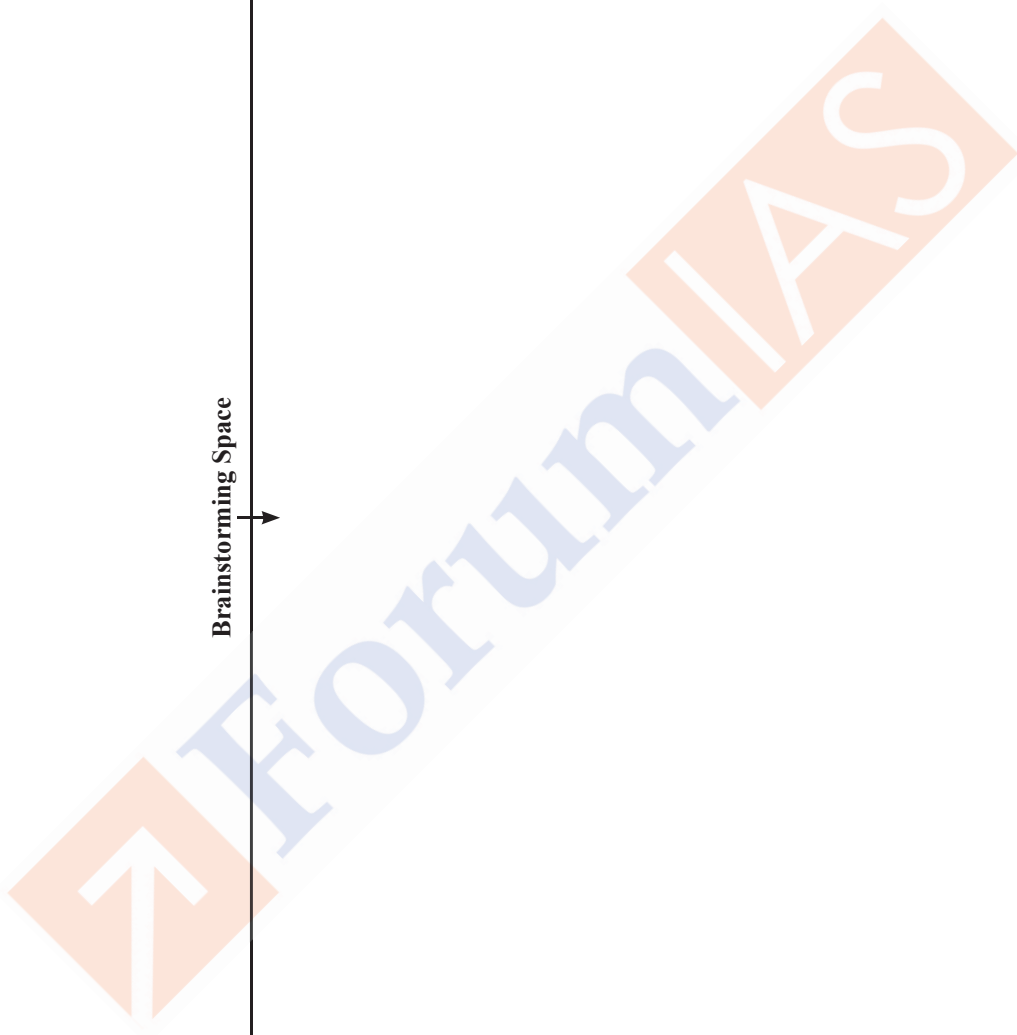
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Q.173) Distinguish between preventive detention and punitive detention.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

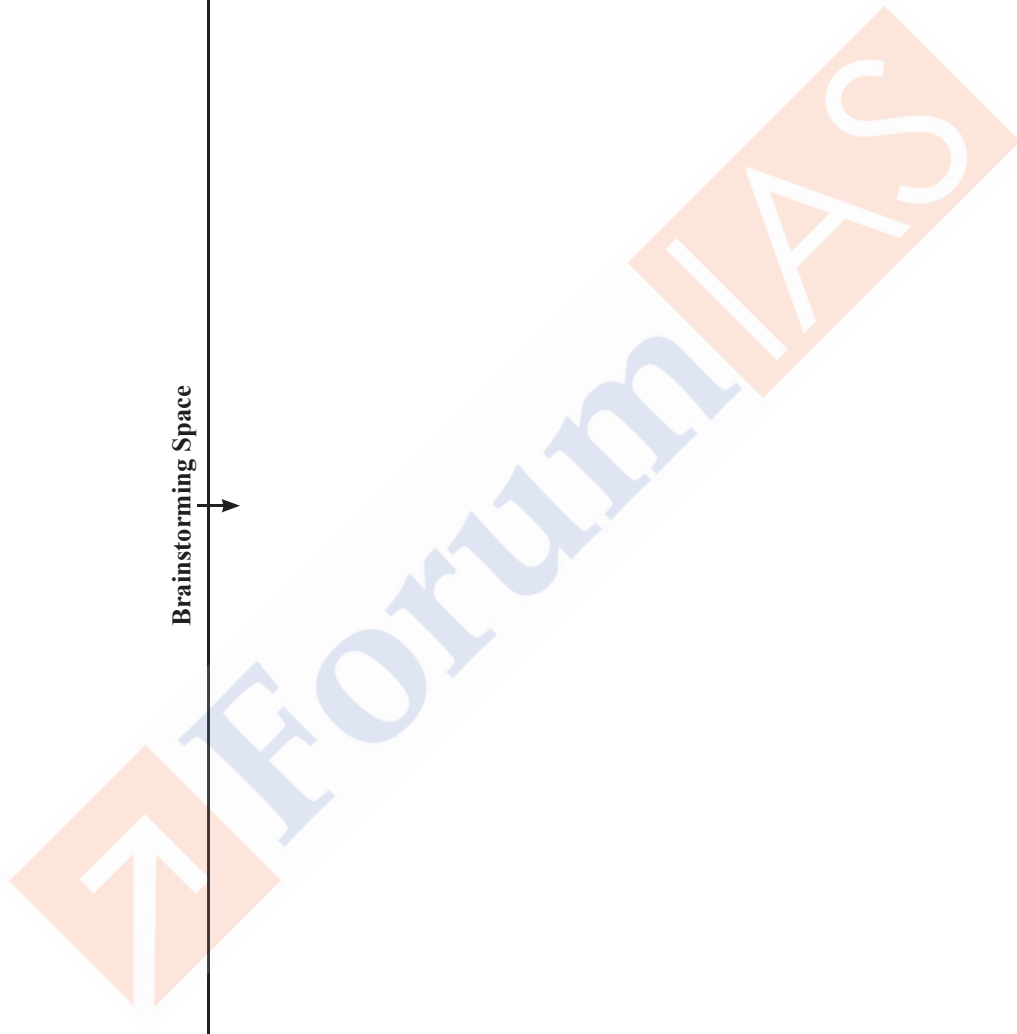
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Q.174) What are the various writs available to the citizens of India?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

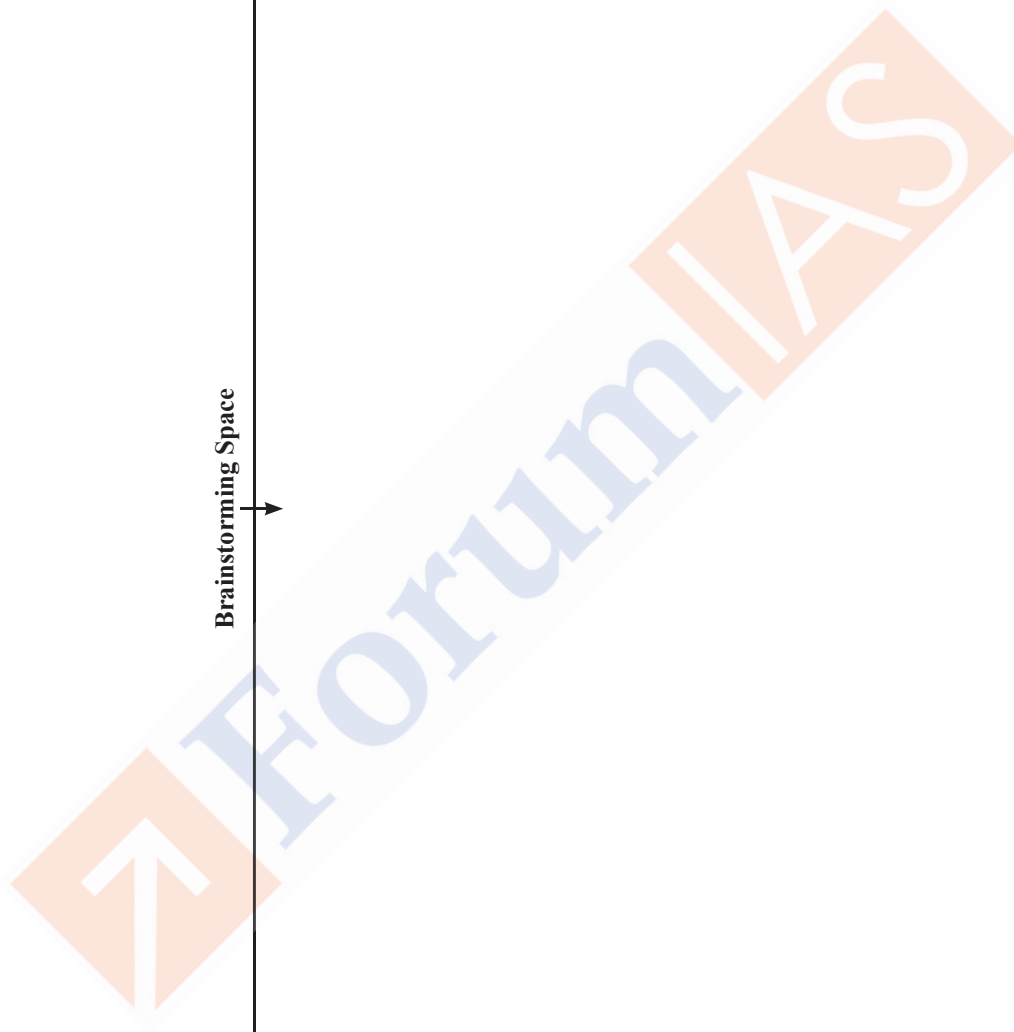
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Q.175) What is meant by 'equal protection of law'?

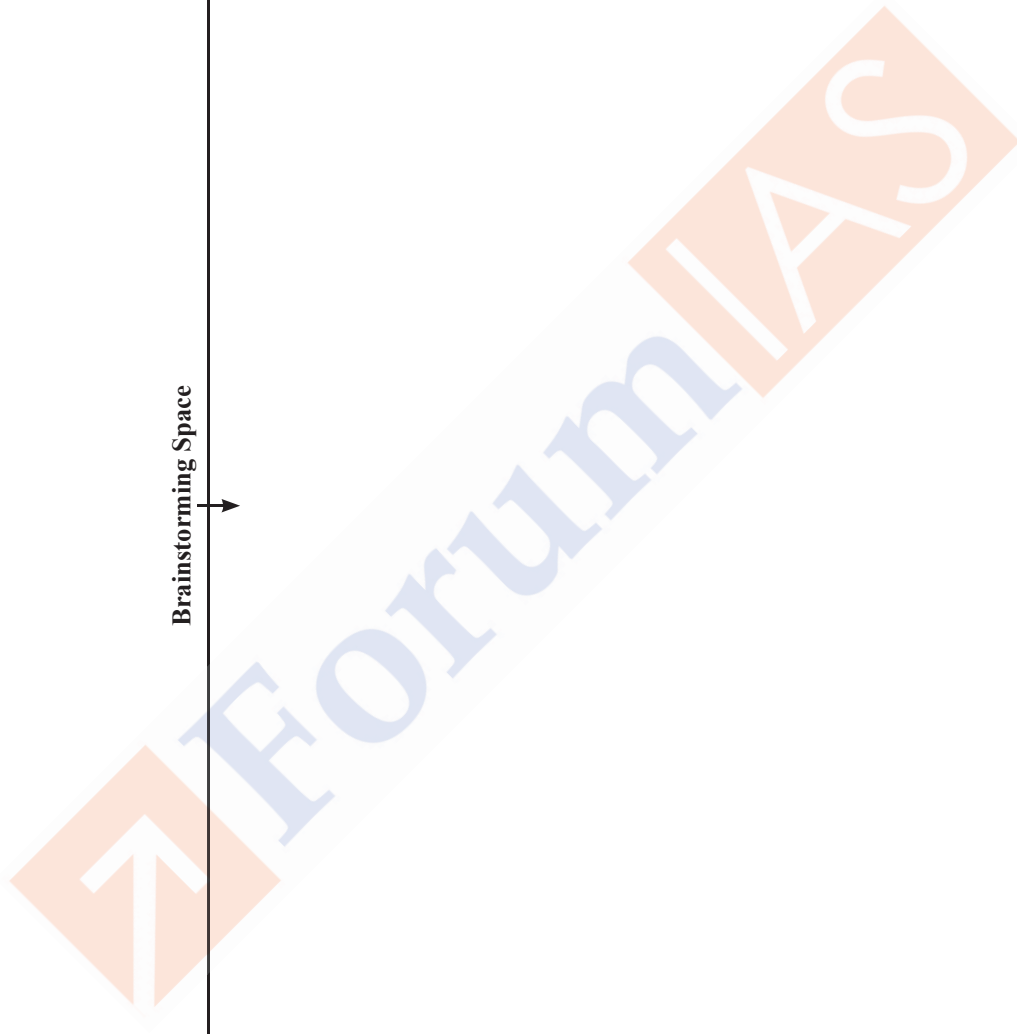
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

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Q.176) What is the content of the 10th schedule of the Constitution of India?
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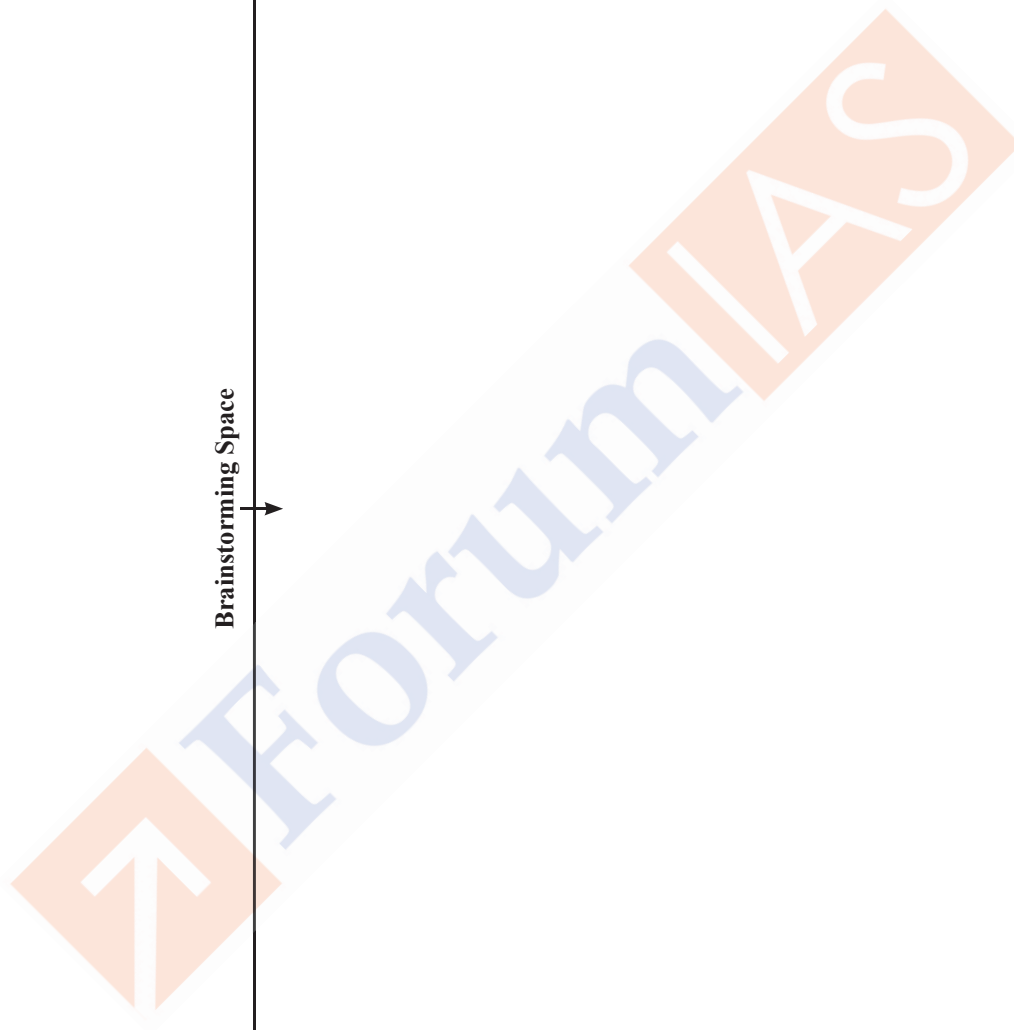
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Q.177) What is the purpose of Article 24 of the Constitution of India?

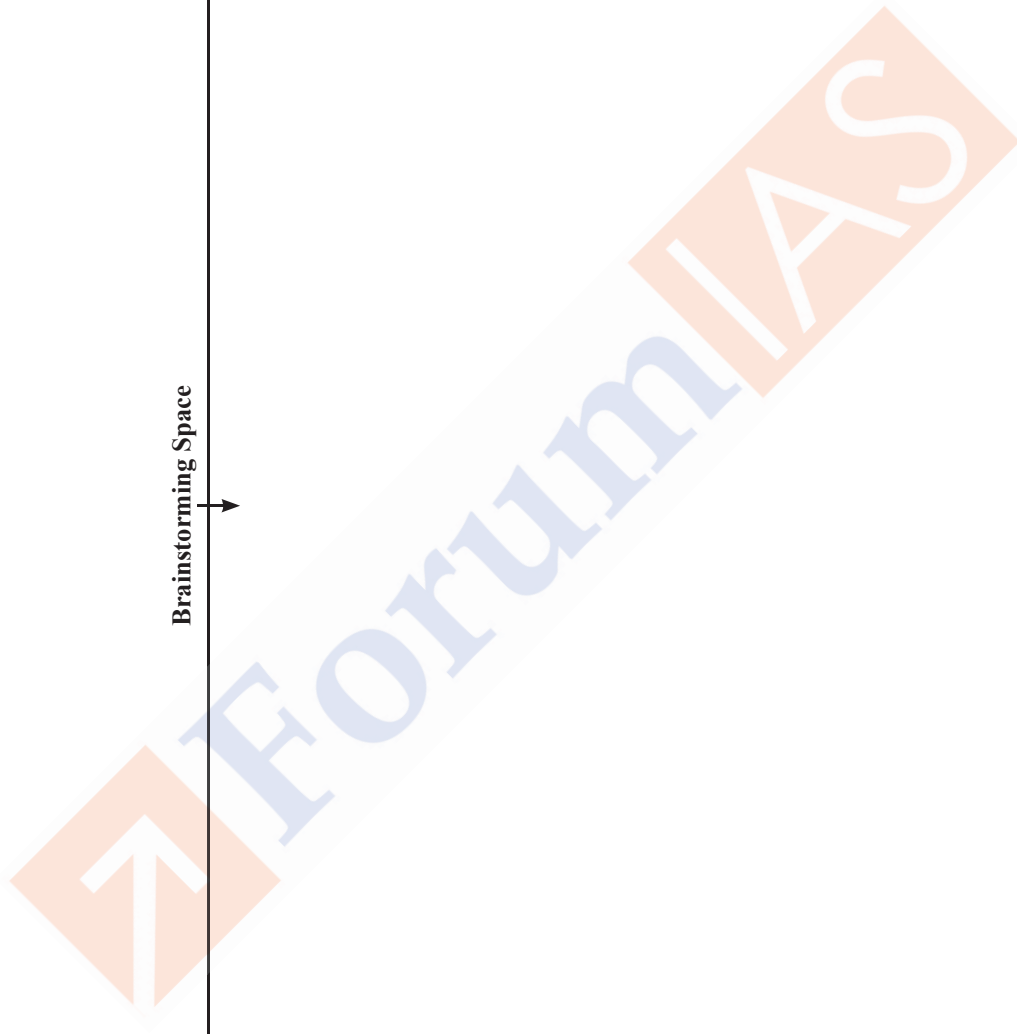
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

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Q.178) Discuss the secular nature of Indian polity and the position of minorities in India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

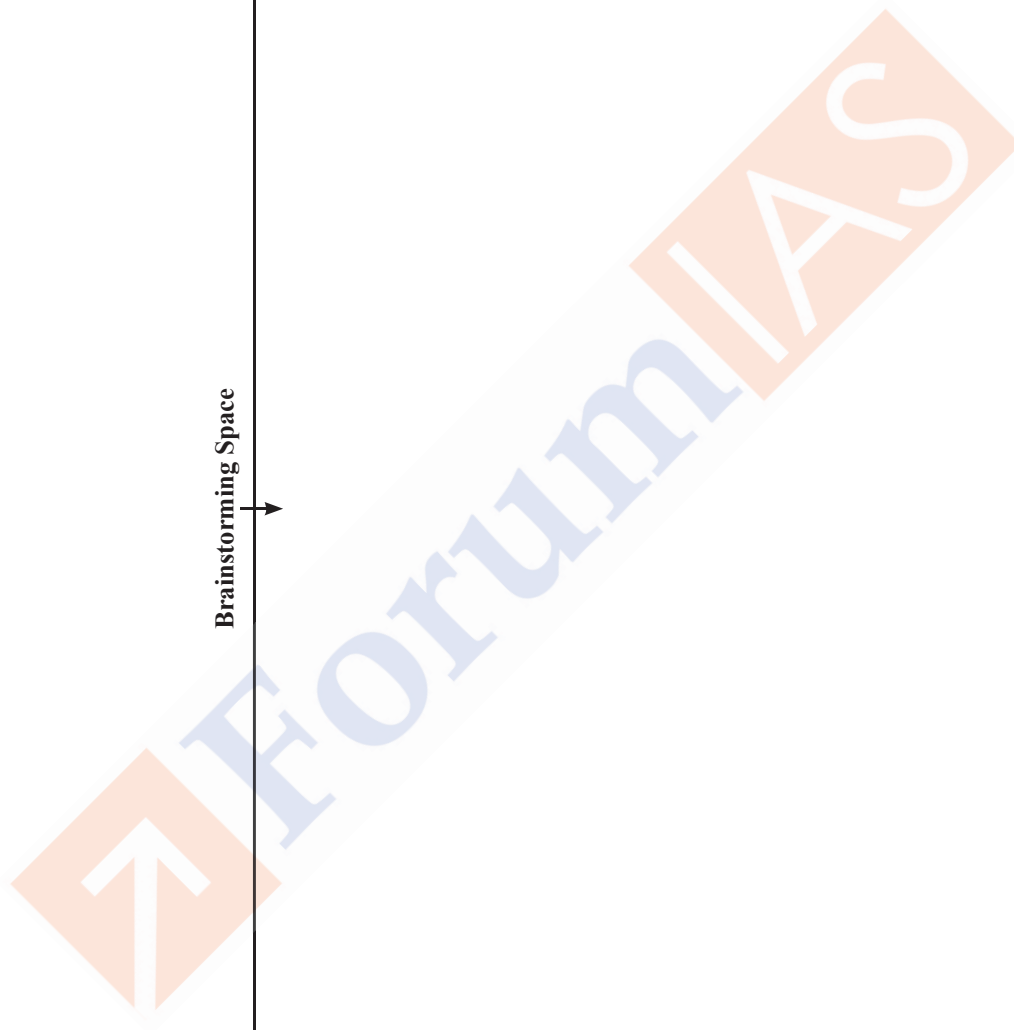
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Q.179) What are the reasonable restrictions mentioned in the Indian Constitution accompanying the fundamental rights?

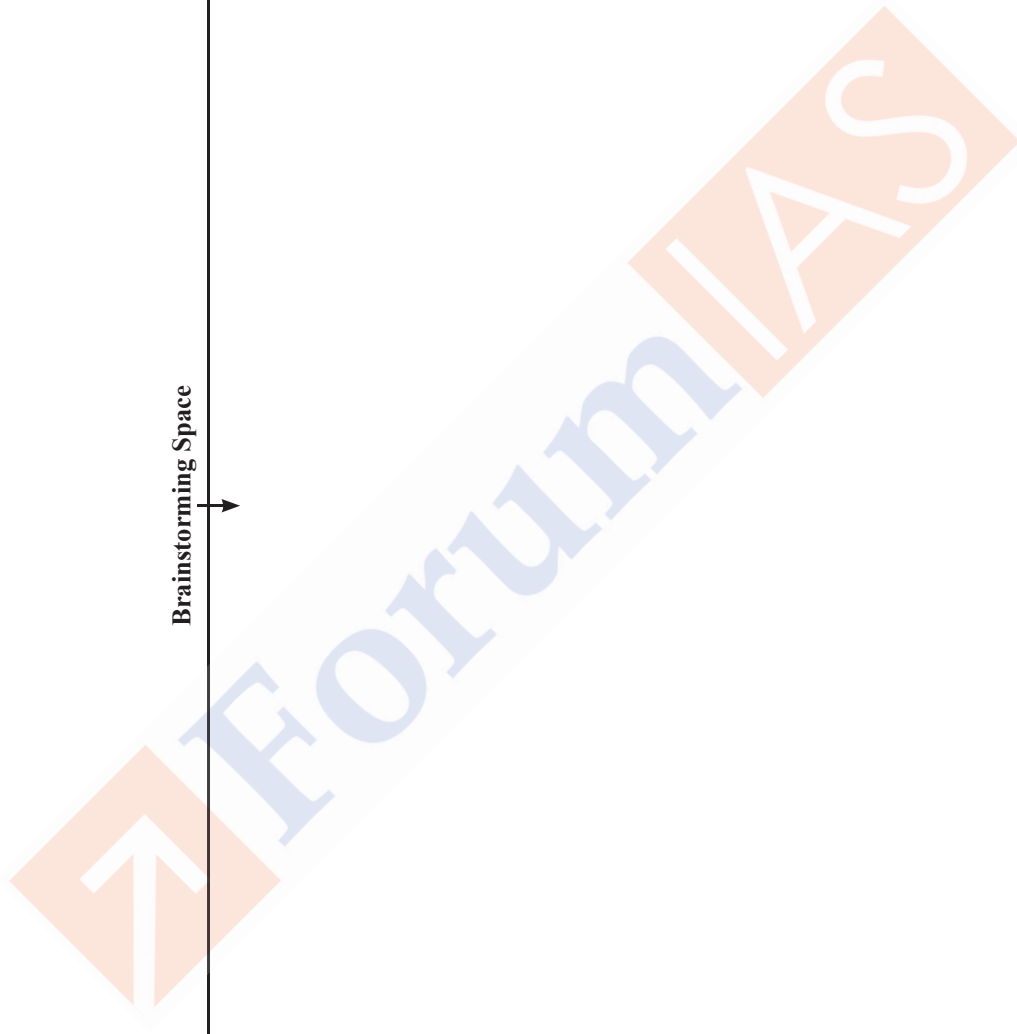
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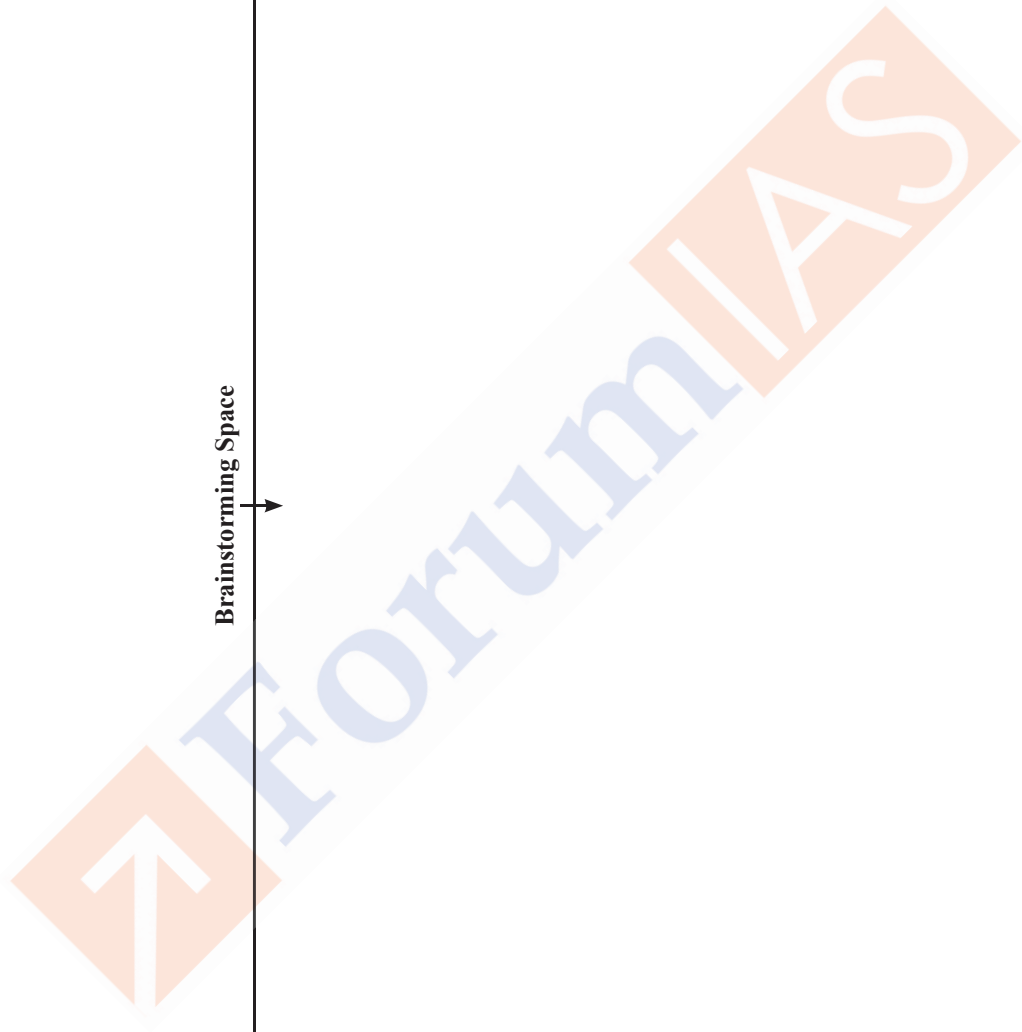
Q.180) Briefly mention why and how the Chapter on Directive Principles gained precedence over the Chapter on Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1987]

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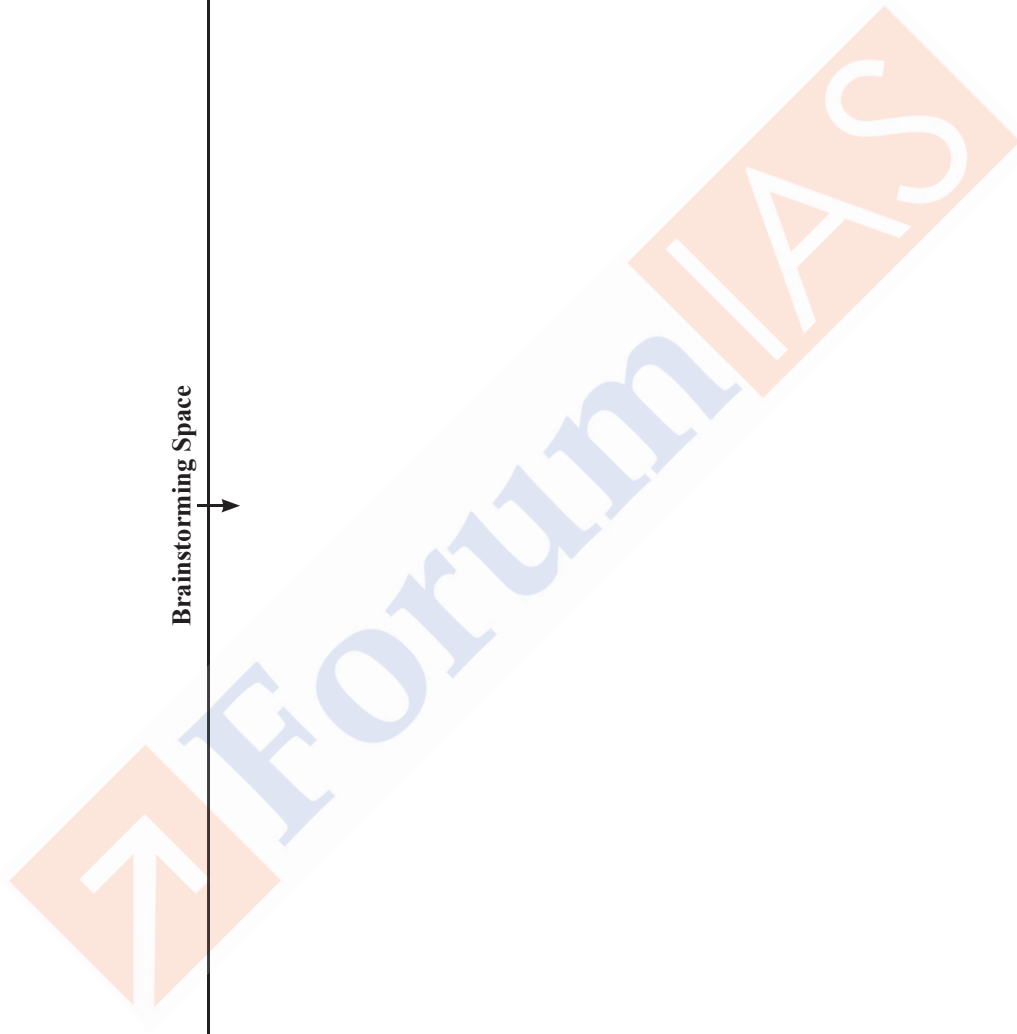
Q.181) Differentiate between the fundamental rights and directive principle of state policy, do you think that the later has been adequately implemented? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1982]

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Q.182) Bring out the significance of the Fundamental Rights provided in the Constitution of India. The right to acquire, hold and dispose of property has ceased to be a fundamental right. Examine the purpose of the change. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1981]

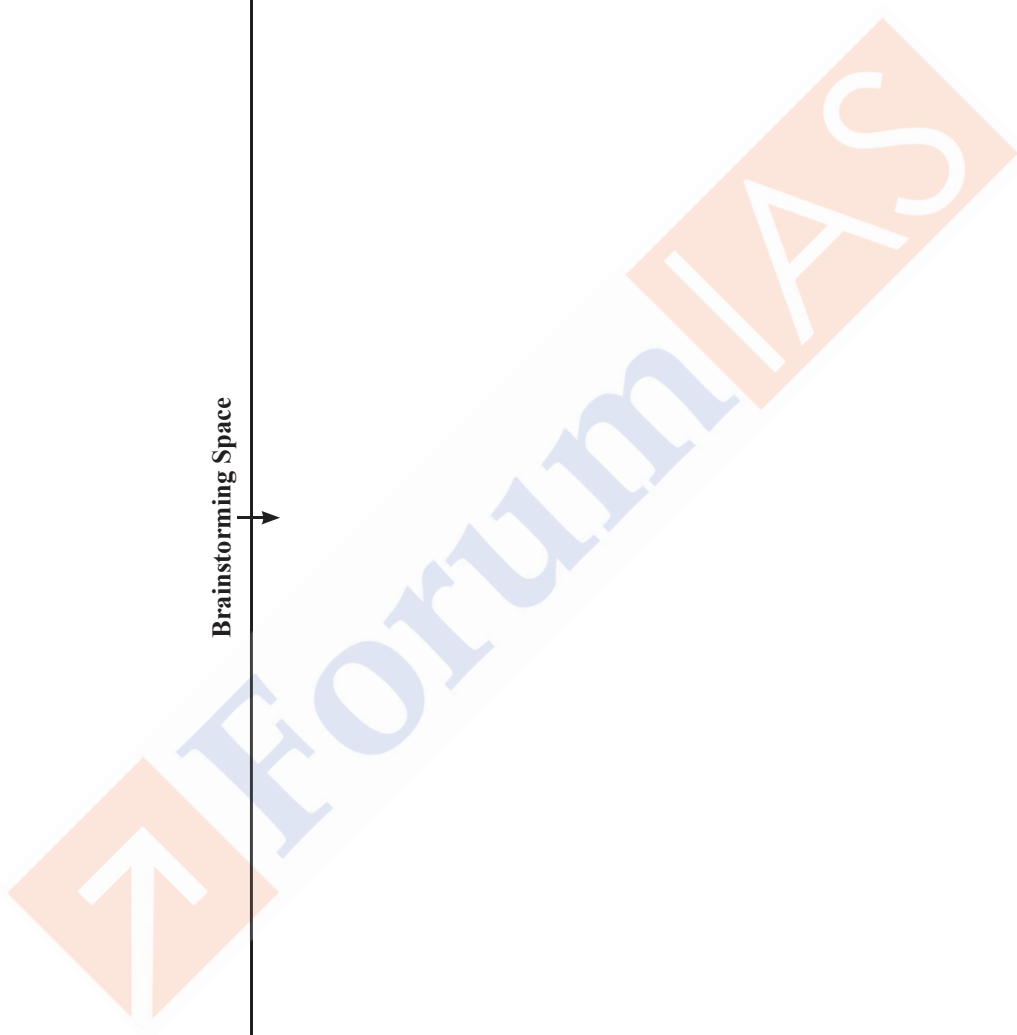
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Q.183) 'Constitutional morality is the fulcrum which acts as an essential check upon the high functionaries and citizens alike.' Explain constitutional morality and its application to ensure balance between judicial independence and judicial accountability.

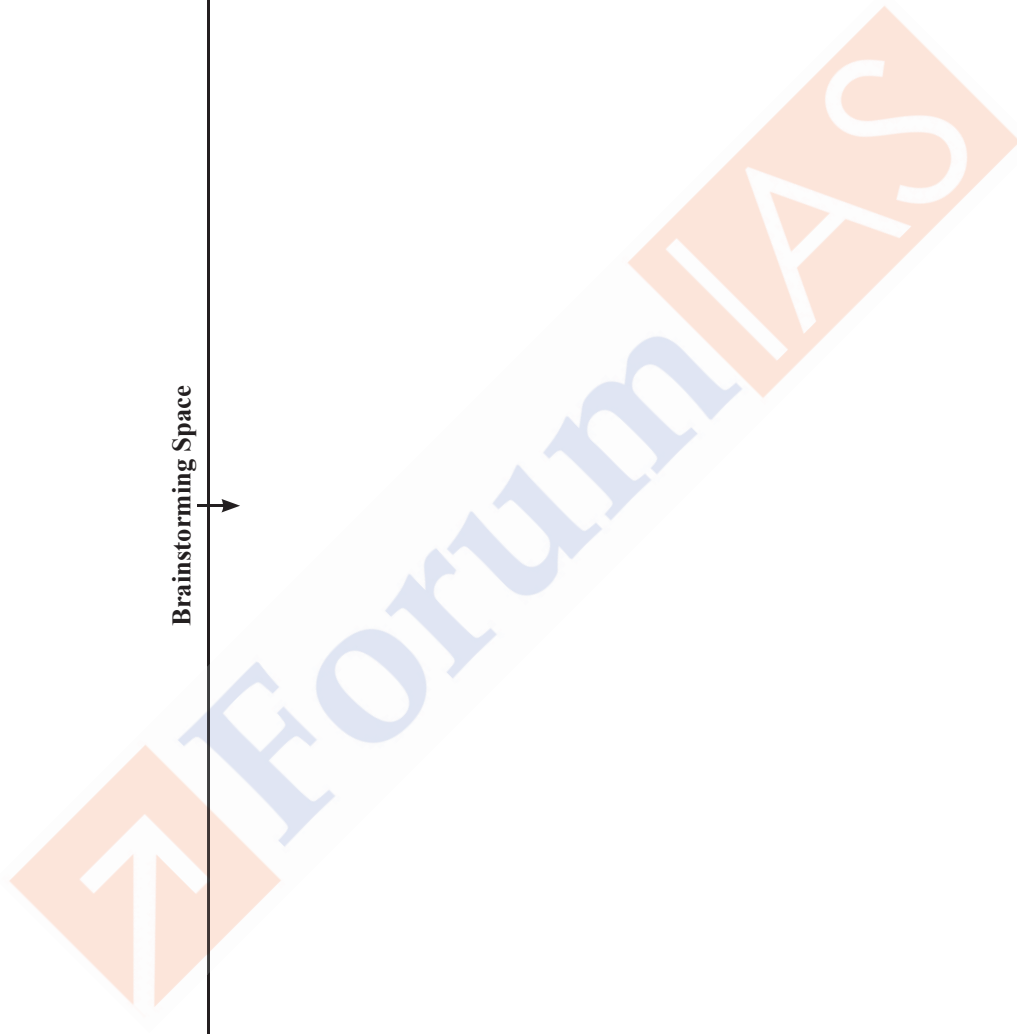
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2025]

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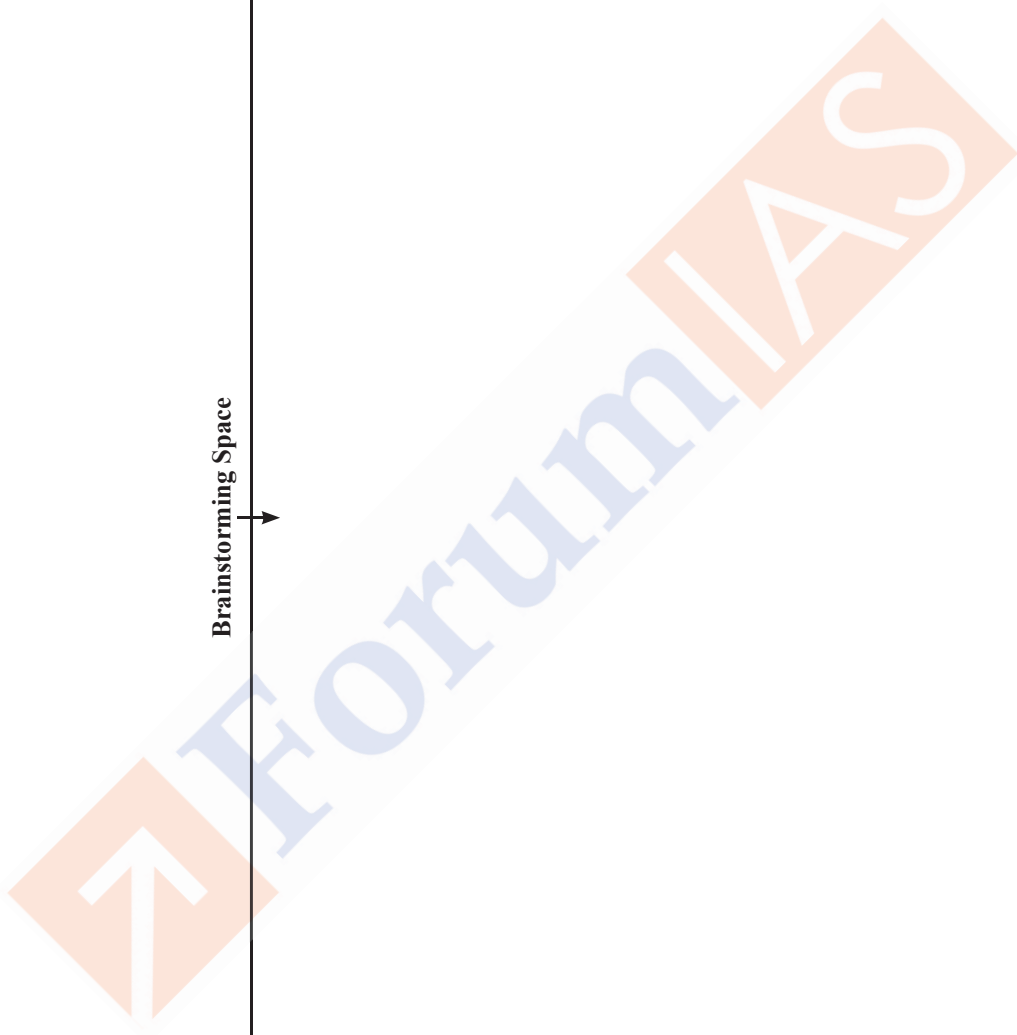
Q.184) Discuss the evolution of the collegium system in India. Critically examine the advantages and disadvantages of the system of appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court of India and that of the USA. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2025]

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Q.185) Explain the reasons for the growth of public interest litigation in India. As a result of it, has the Indian Supreme Court emerged as the world's most powerful judiciary? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

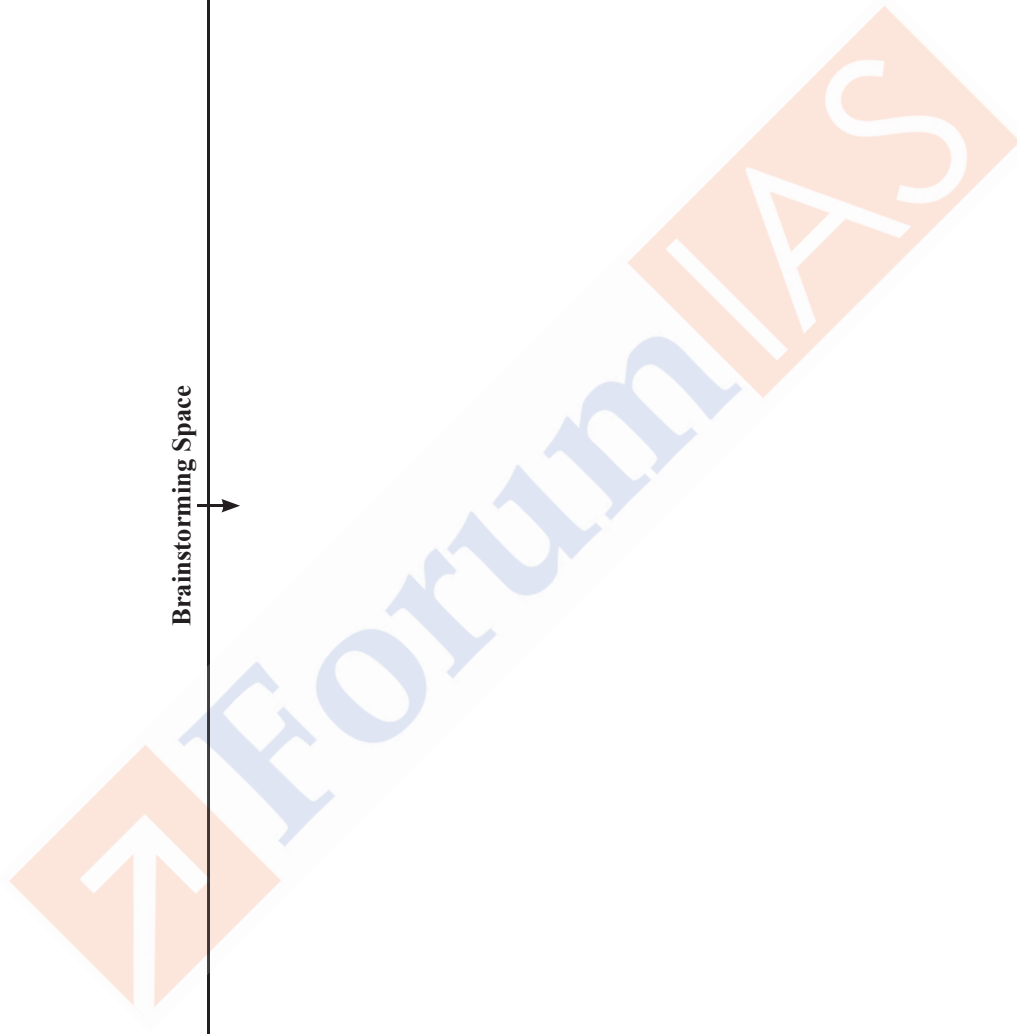
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Q.186) Who are entitled to receive free legal aid? Assess the role of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in rendering free legal aid in India.

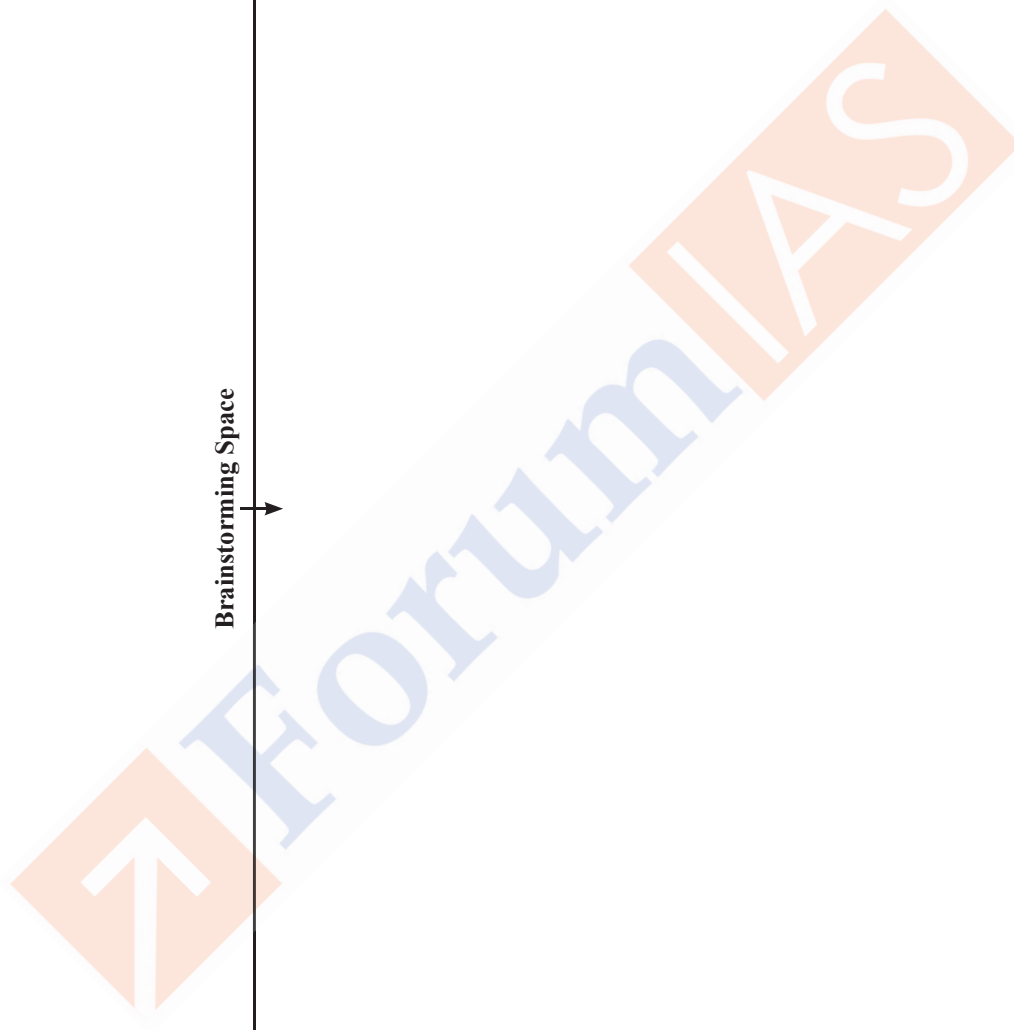
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

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Q.187) The most significant achievement of modern law in India is the constitutionalization of environmental problems by the Supreme Court. Discuss with relevant case laws. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2022]

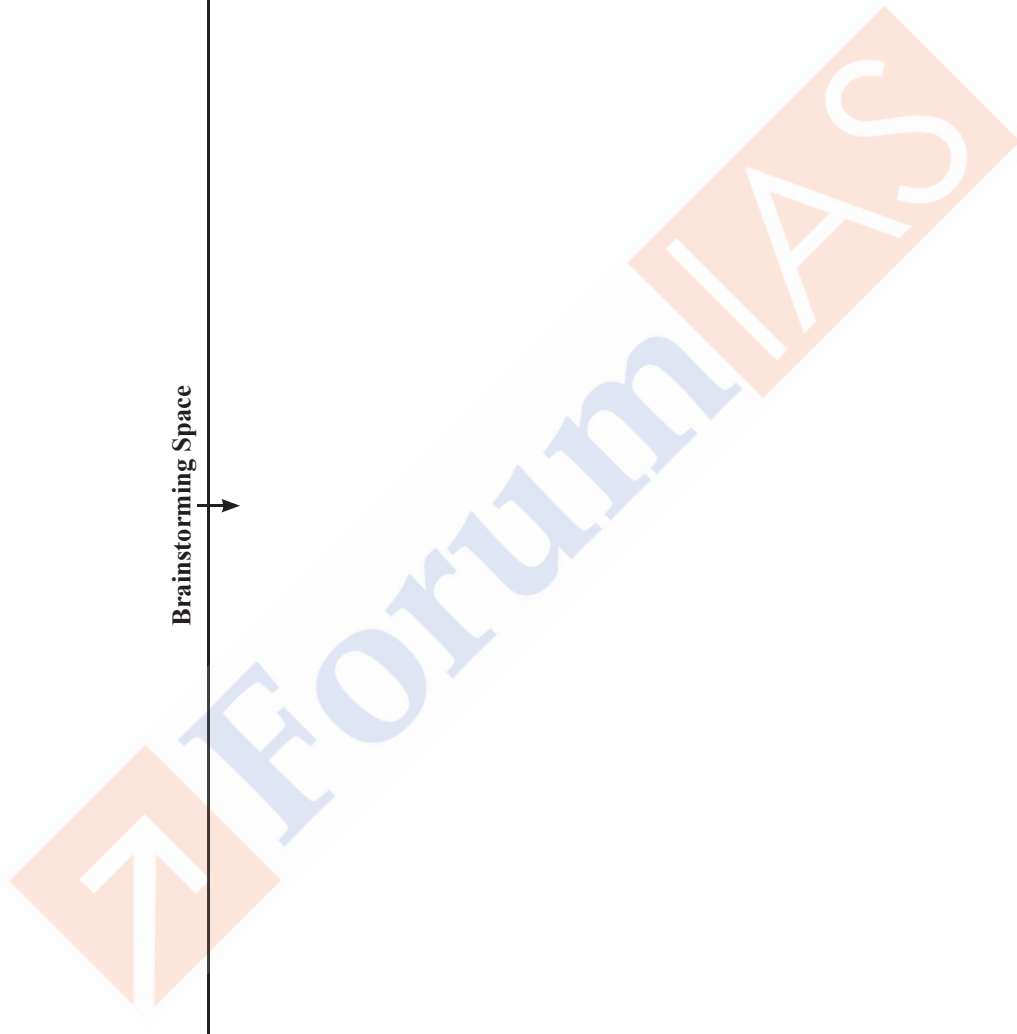
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Q.188) Discuss the desirability of greater representation to women in the higher judiciary to ensure diversity, equity and inclusiveness.

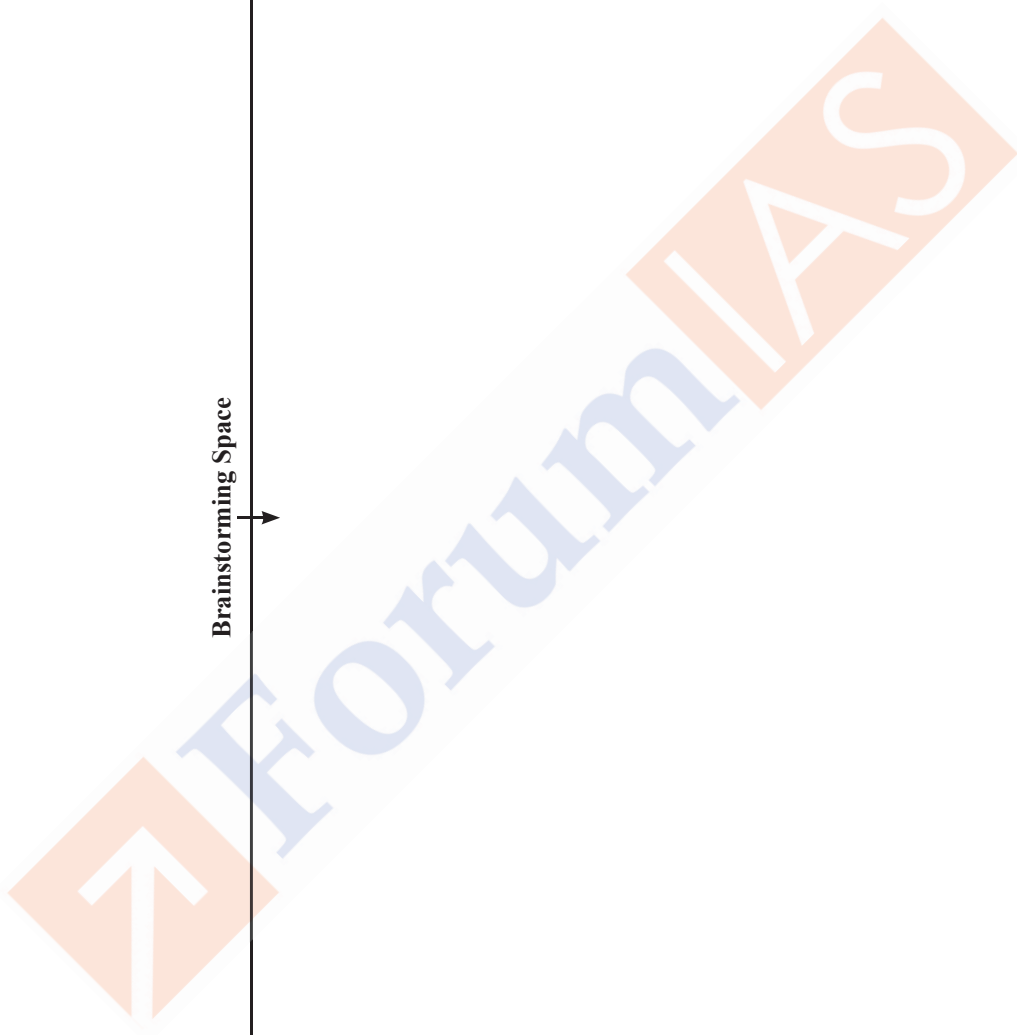
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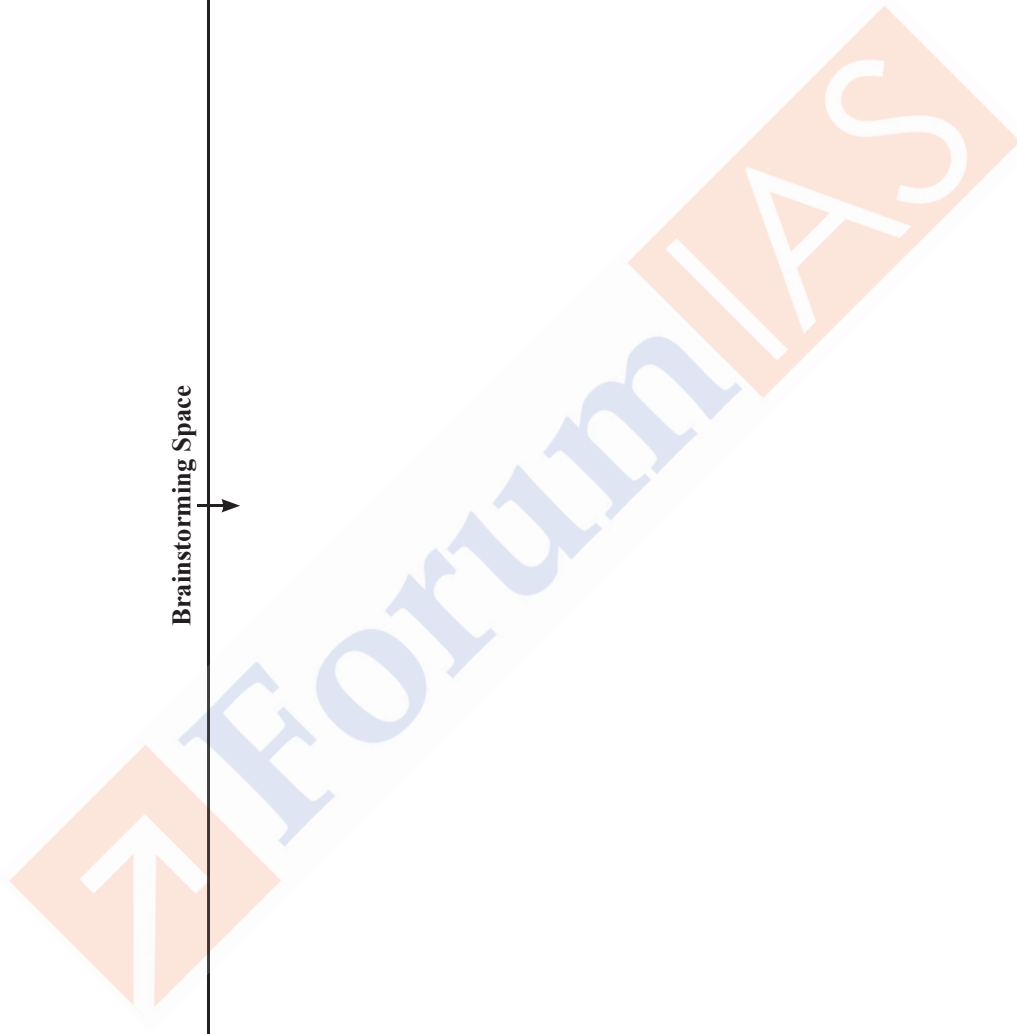
Q.189) How far do you agree with the view that tribunals curtail the jurisdiction of ordinary courts? Discuss the constitutional validity and competency of the tribunals in India. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2018]

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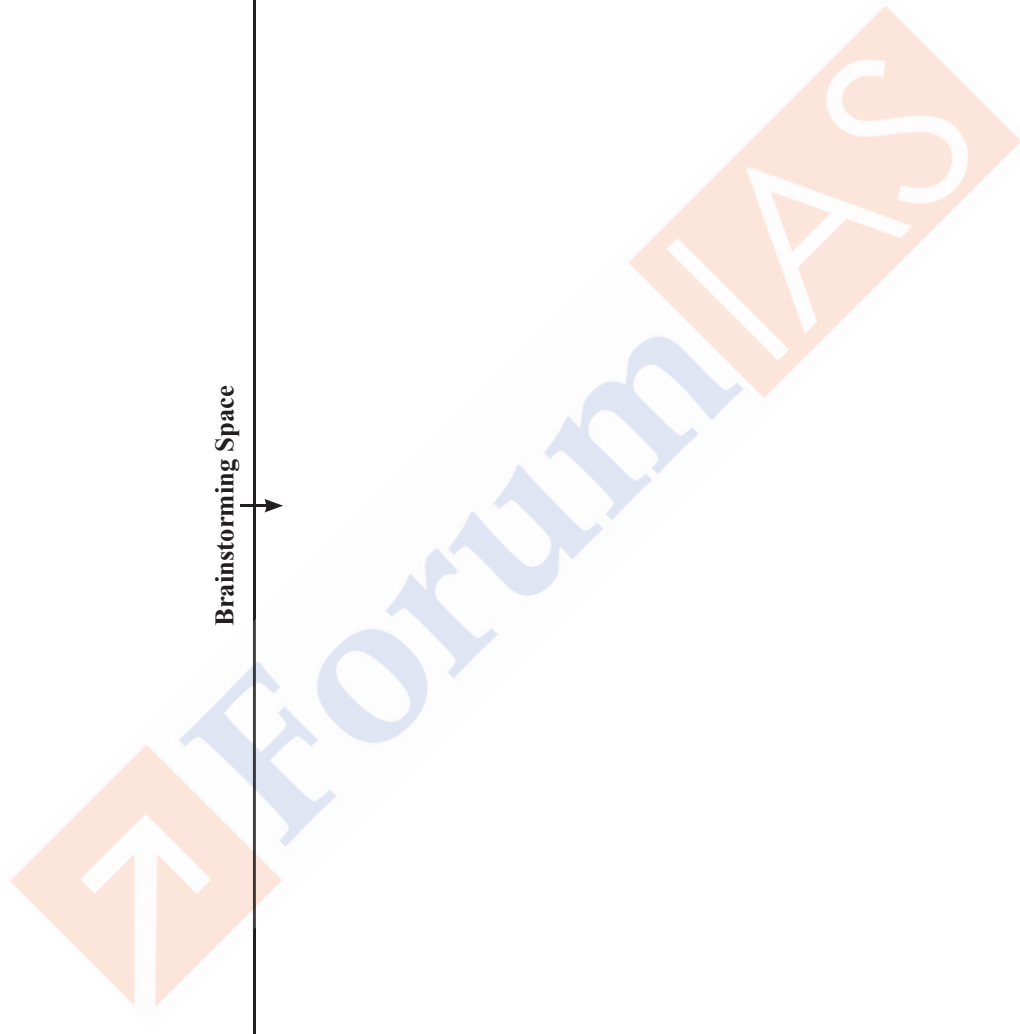
Q.190) Critically examine the Supreme Court's judgement on 'National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014' with reference to appointment of judges. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

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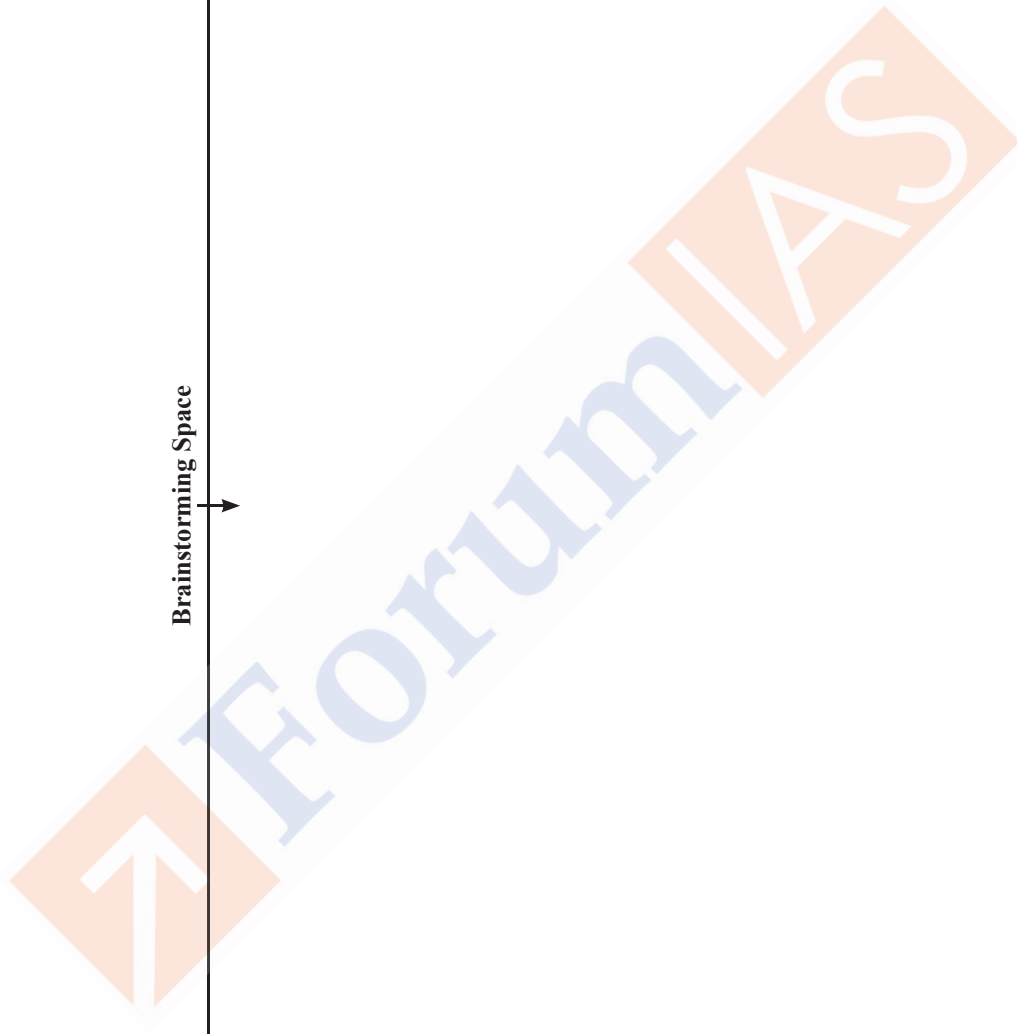
Q.191) What was held in the Coelho case? In this context, can you say that judicial review is of key importance amongst the basic features of the Constitution? (12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2016]

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Q.192) What are the major changes brought in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 through the recent Ordinance? How far will it improve India's dispute resolution mechanism? (15 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

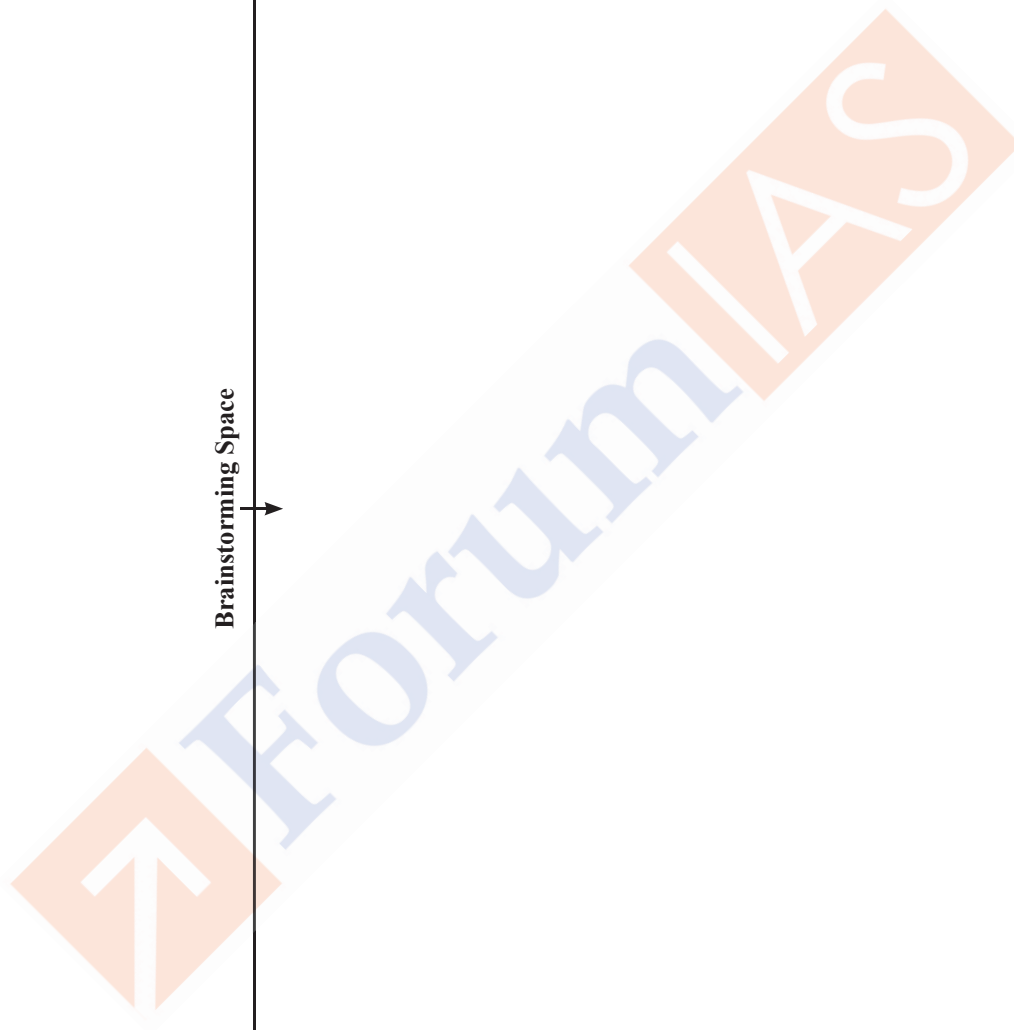
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Q.193) Starting from inventing the basic structure doctrine, the judiciary has played a highly proactive role in ensuring that India develops into a thriving democracy. Evaluate the role played by judicial activism.

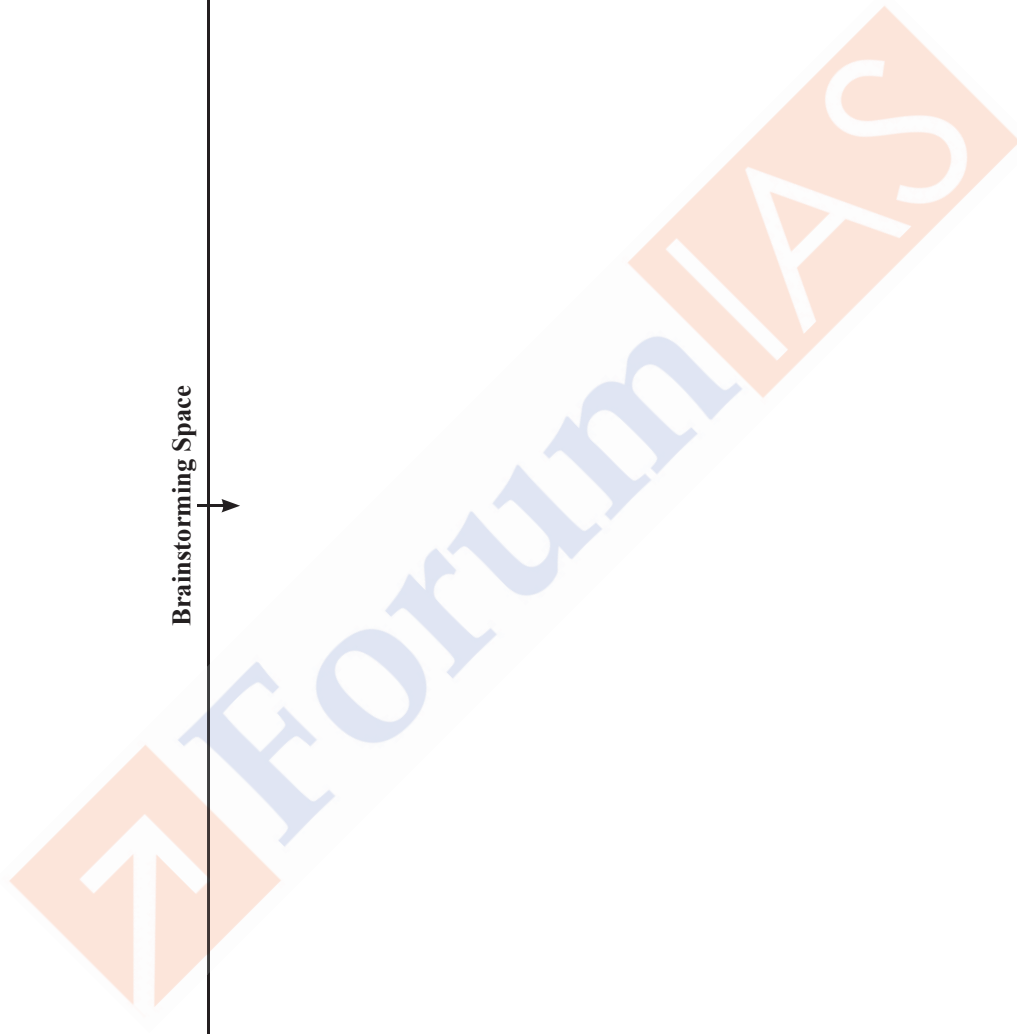
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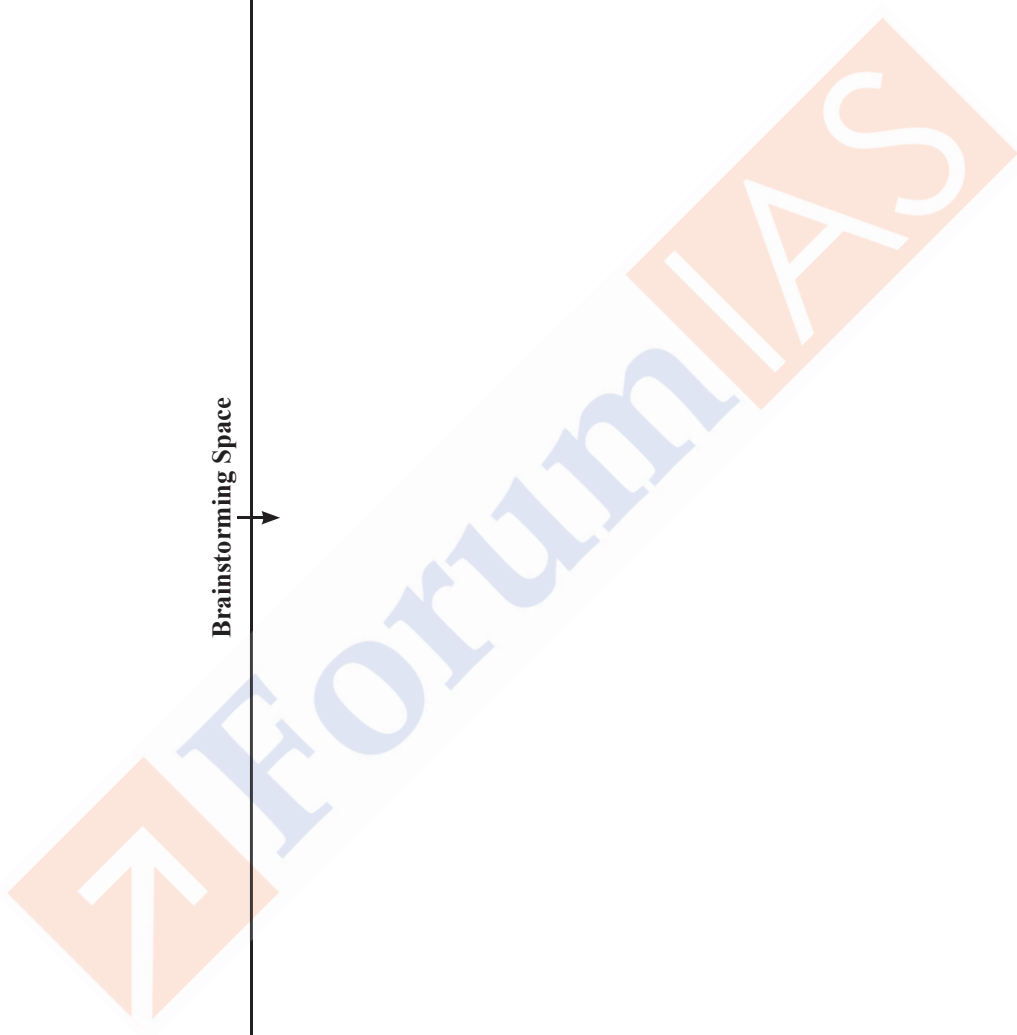
Q.194) What is meant by Judicial Activism? Evaluate its role in the context of the functioning of Indian Polity. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2008]

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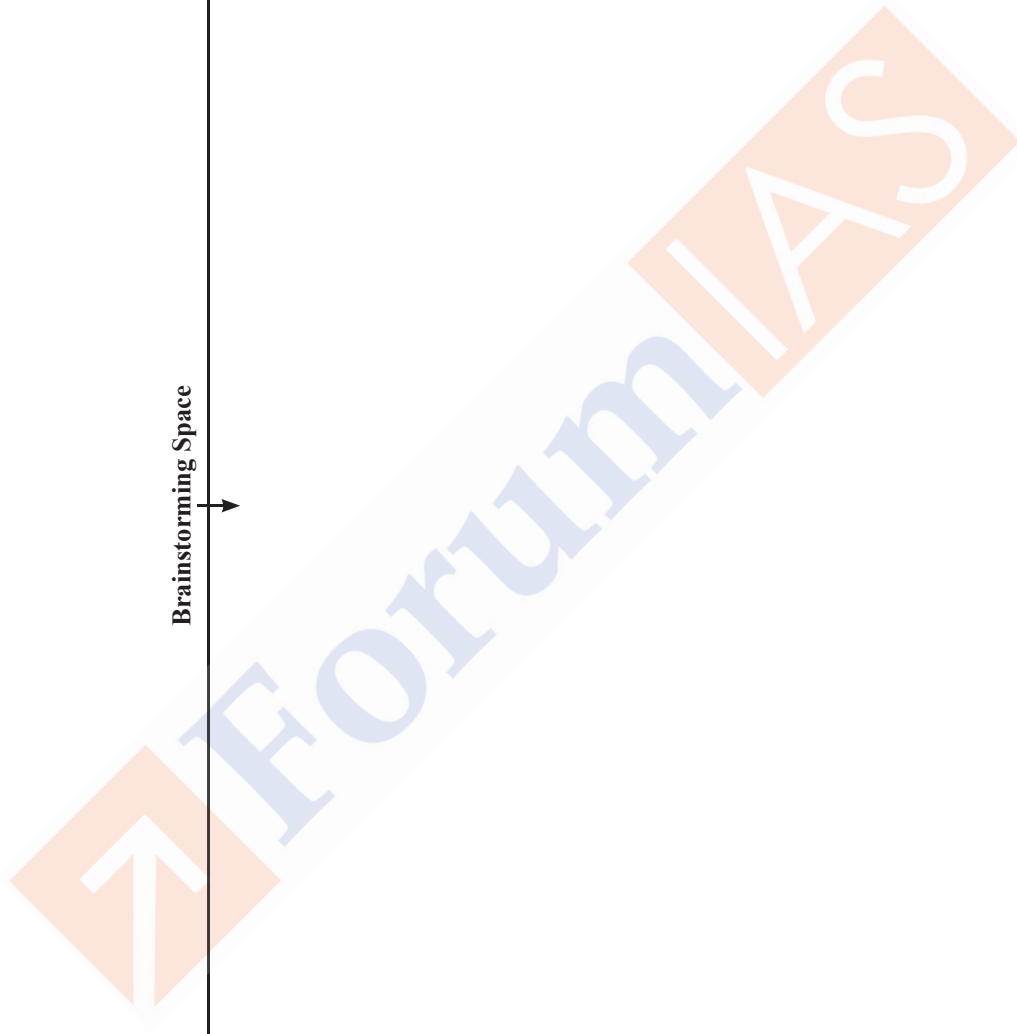
Q.195) Is the High Courts' power to issue 'writs' wider than that of the Supreme Court of India? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2006]

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Q.196) Is it possible to distinguish between judicial review and judicial activism in India? Does the recent behaviour of the Indian judiciary partake more of judicial activism? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2005]

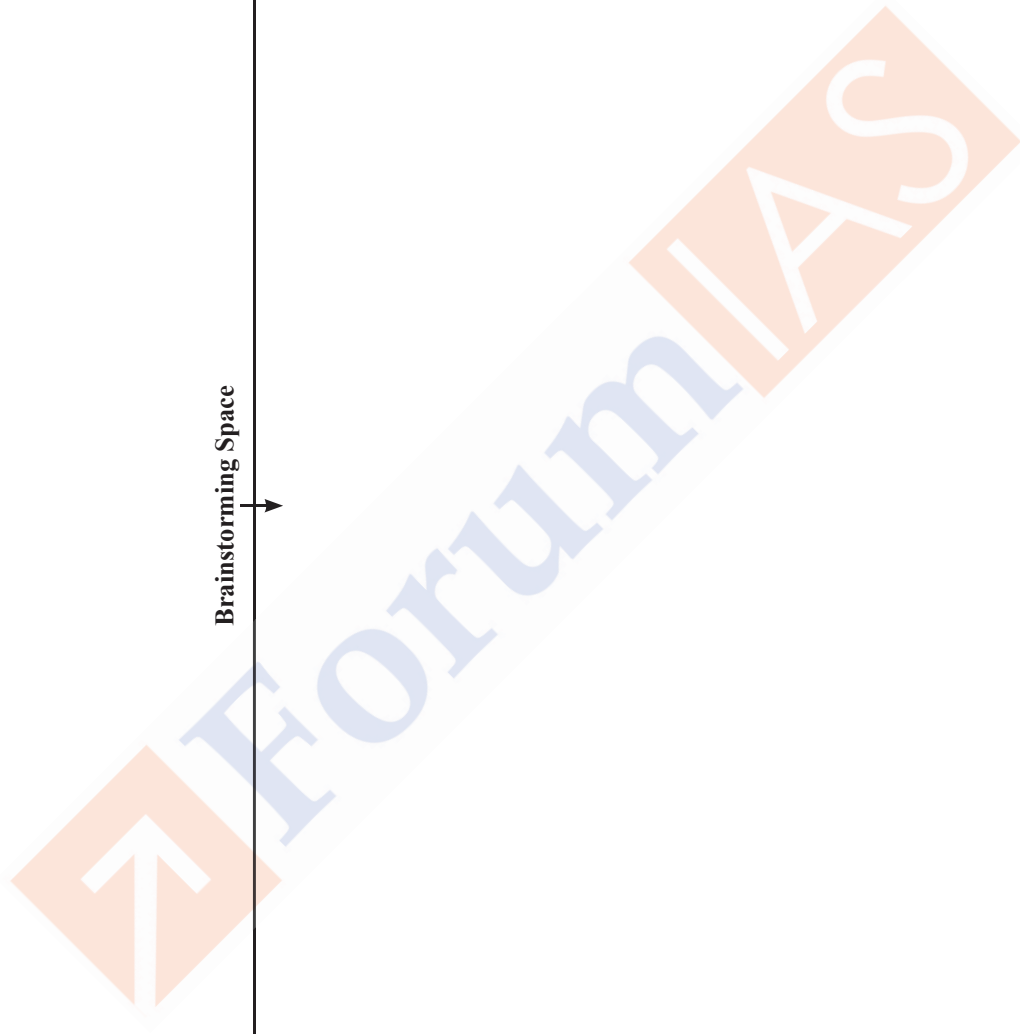
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Q.197) What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? How far does it play its role as guardian of the Constitution?

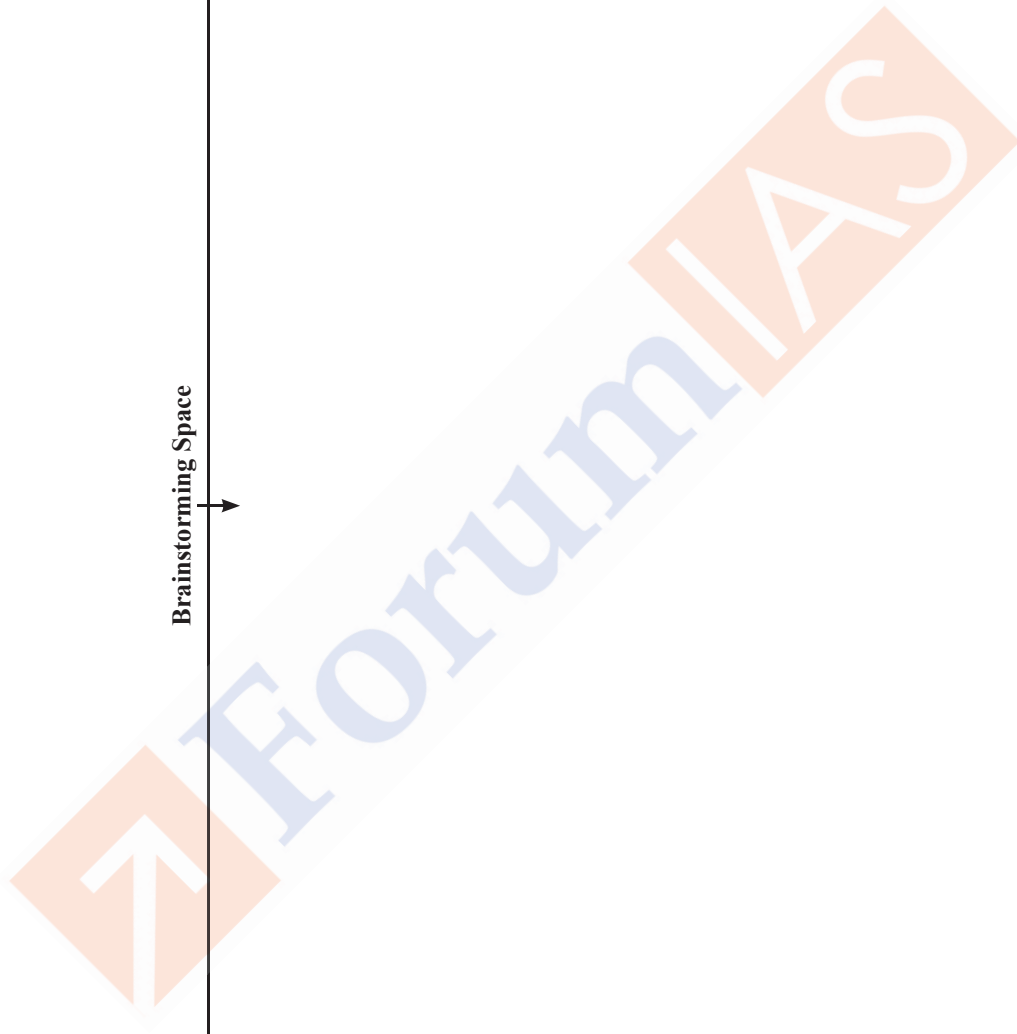
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2002]

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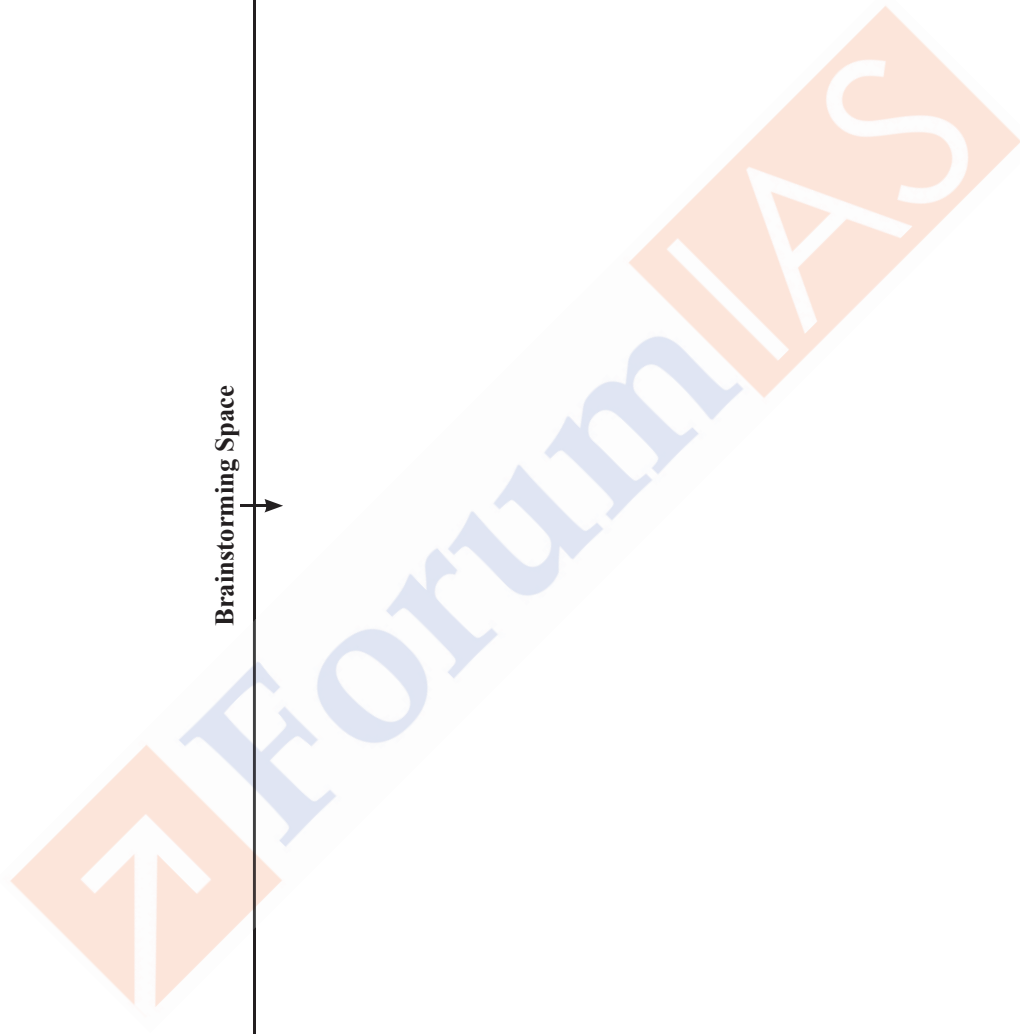
Q.198) Explain Public Interest Litigation. Who can file it and on what basis can it be rejected by the Court of Law? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2000]

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Q.199) What is meant by 'Judicial Activism'? Evaluate its role in reducing corruption in public life. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1996]

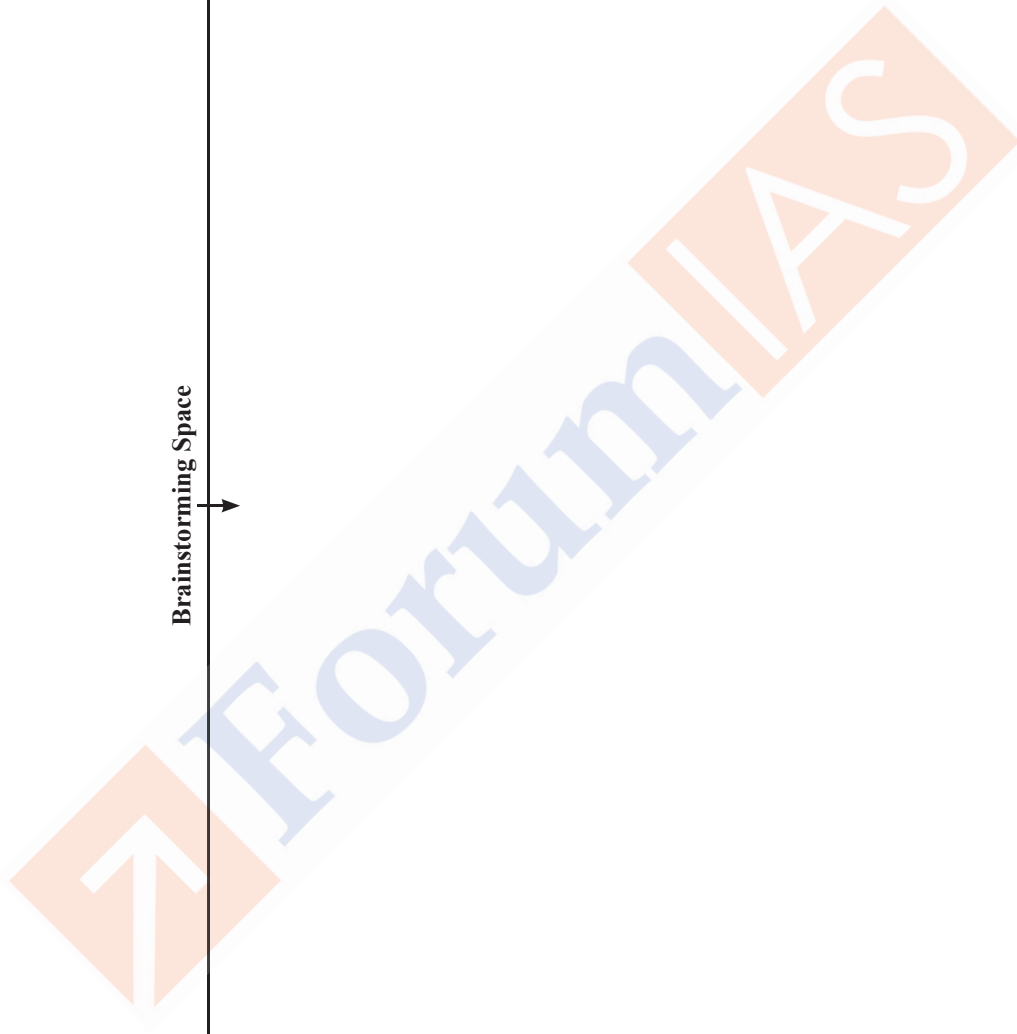
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Q.200) What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? Discuss its role as a guardian of the Constitution.

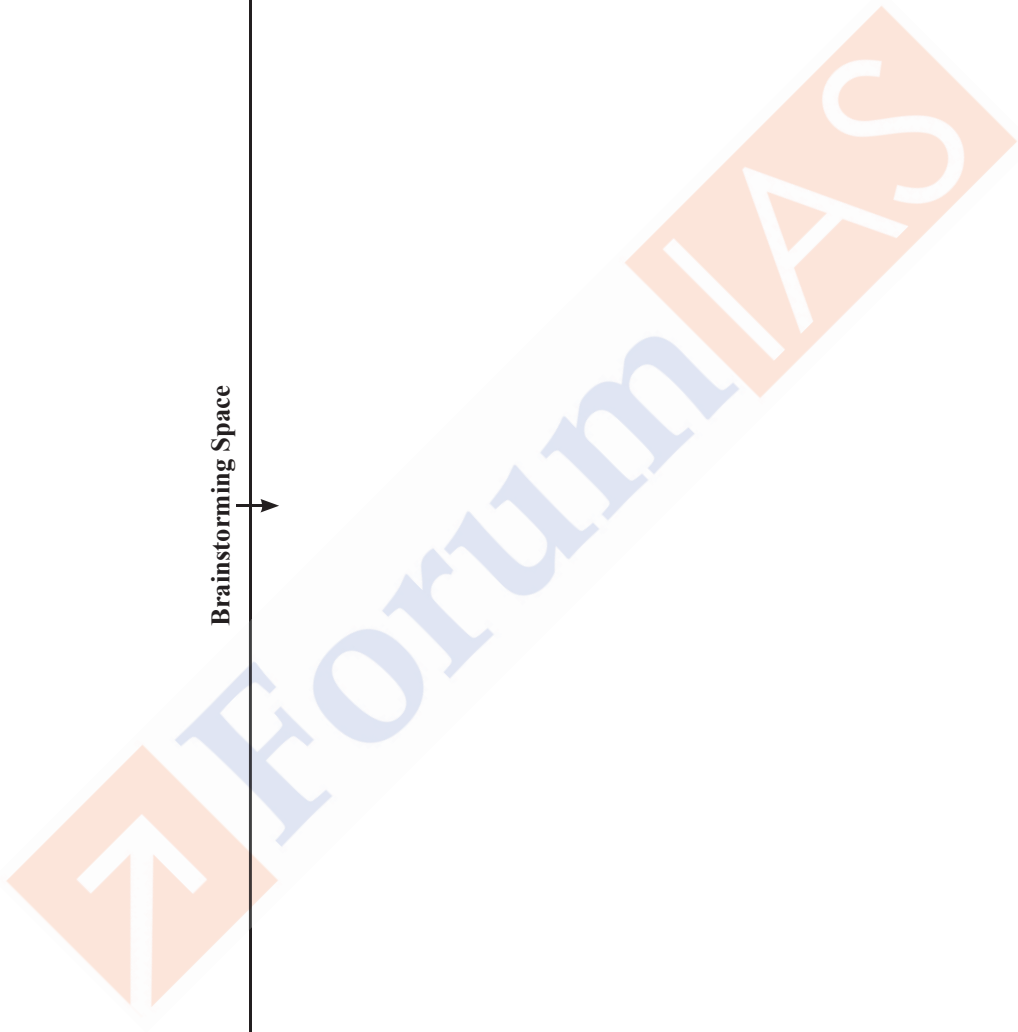
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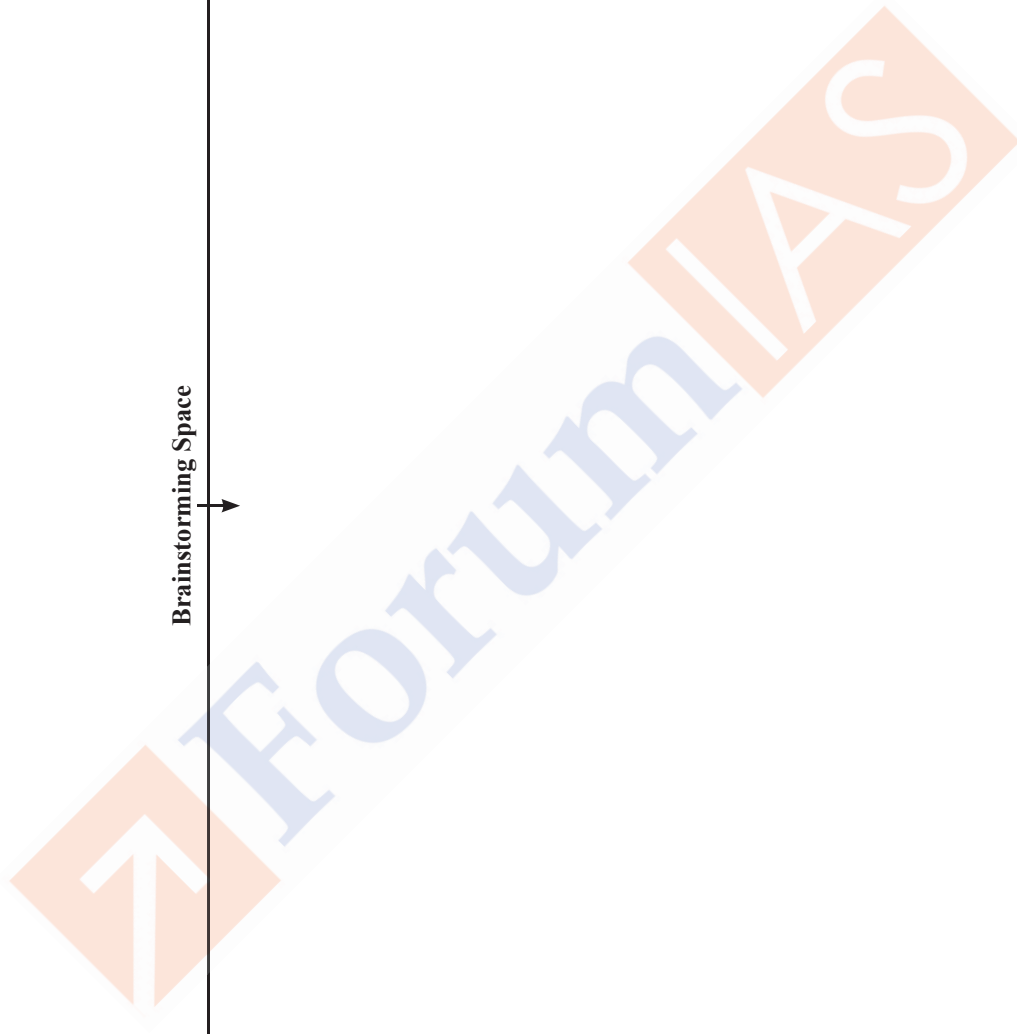
Q.201) Explain the significance of the April 1994 Supreme Court judgement on the proclamation of President's rule. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1994]

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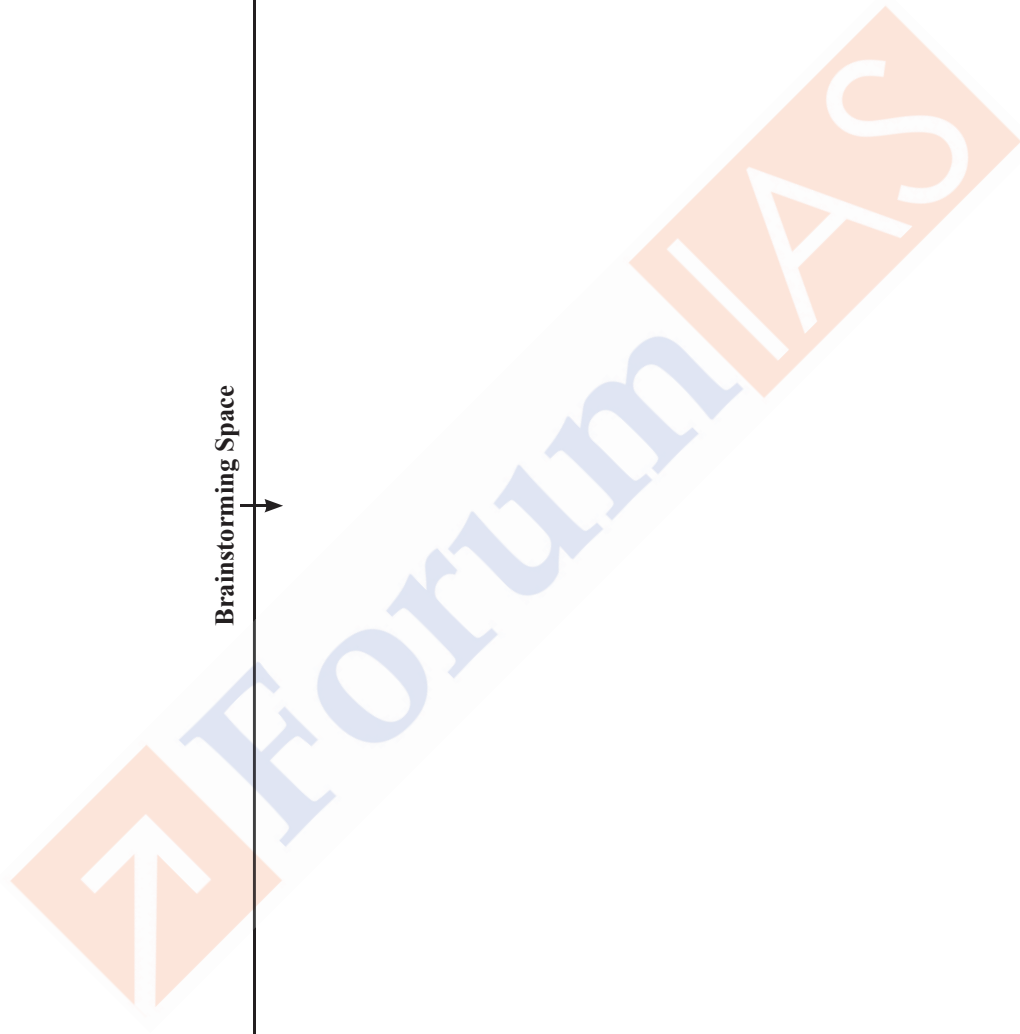
Q.202) What was the magnitude of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and what were the salient features of the Supreme Court verdict on the Bhopal Gas Tragedy? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1991]

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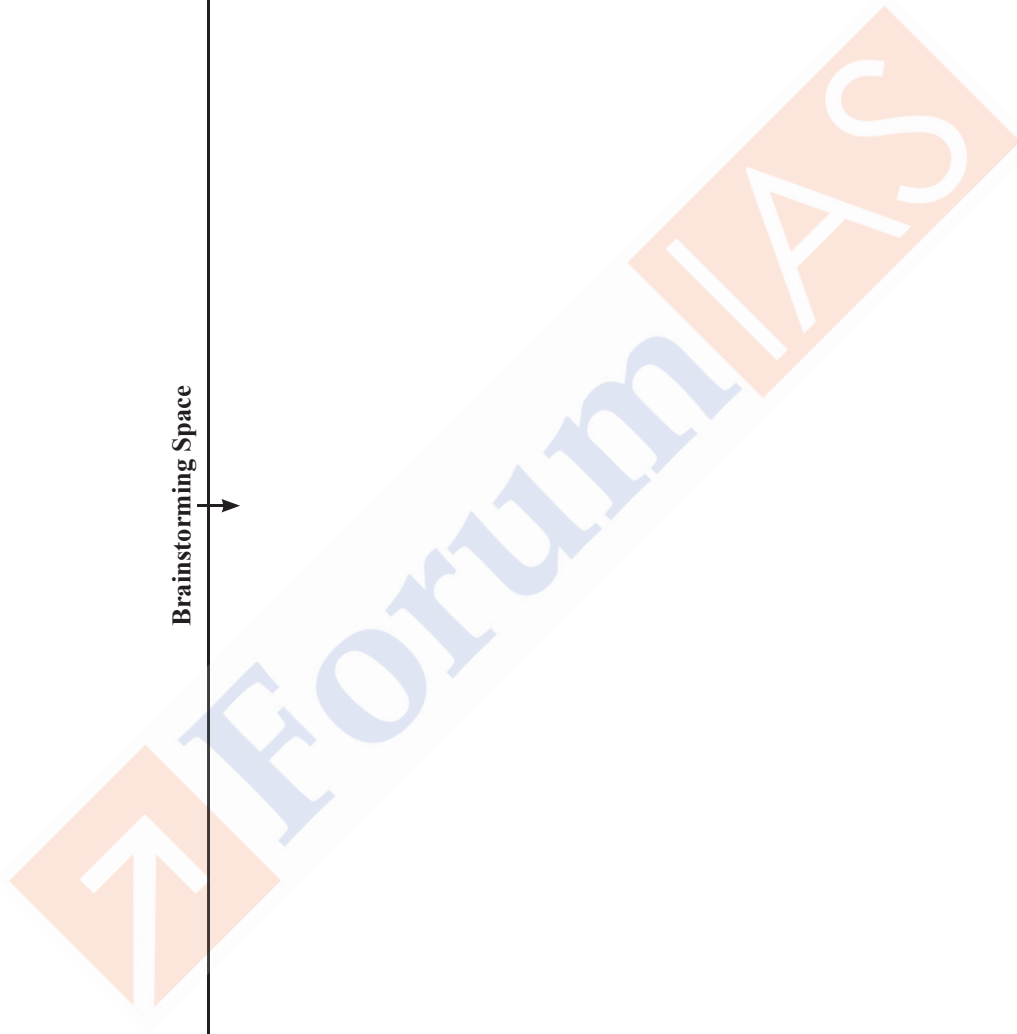
Q.203) Analyse the role of local bodies in providing good governance at local level and bring out the pros and cons of merging the rural local bodies with the urban local bodies. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

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Q.204) 'The states in India seem reluctant to empower urban local bodies both functionally as well as financially!' (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

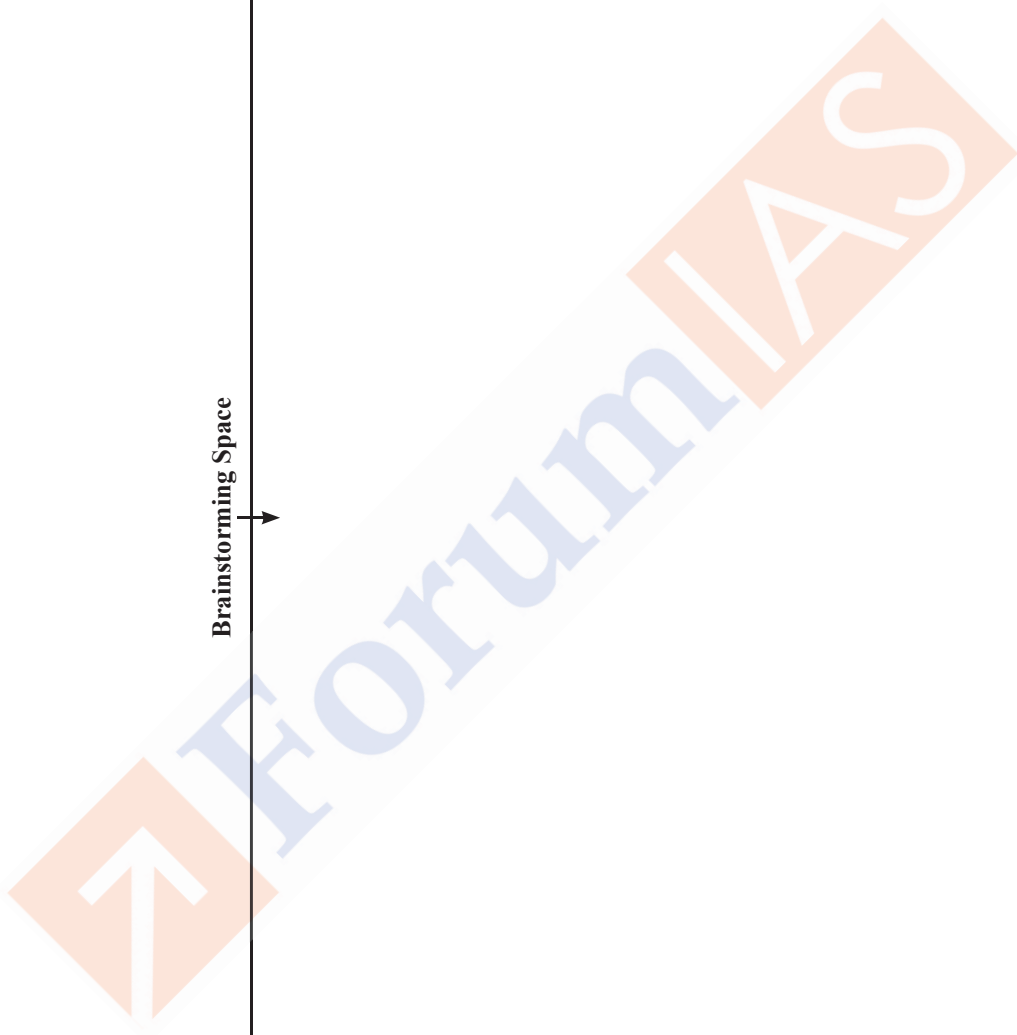
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Q.205) To what extent in your opinion has the decentralisation of power in India changed the governance landscape at the grassroots?

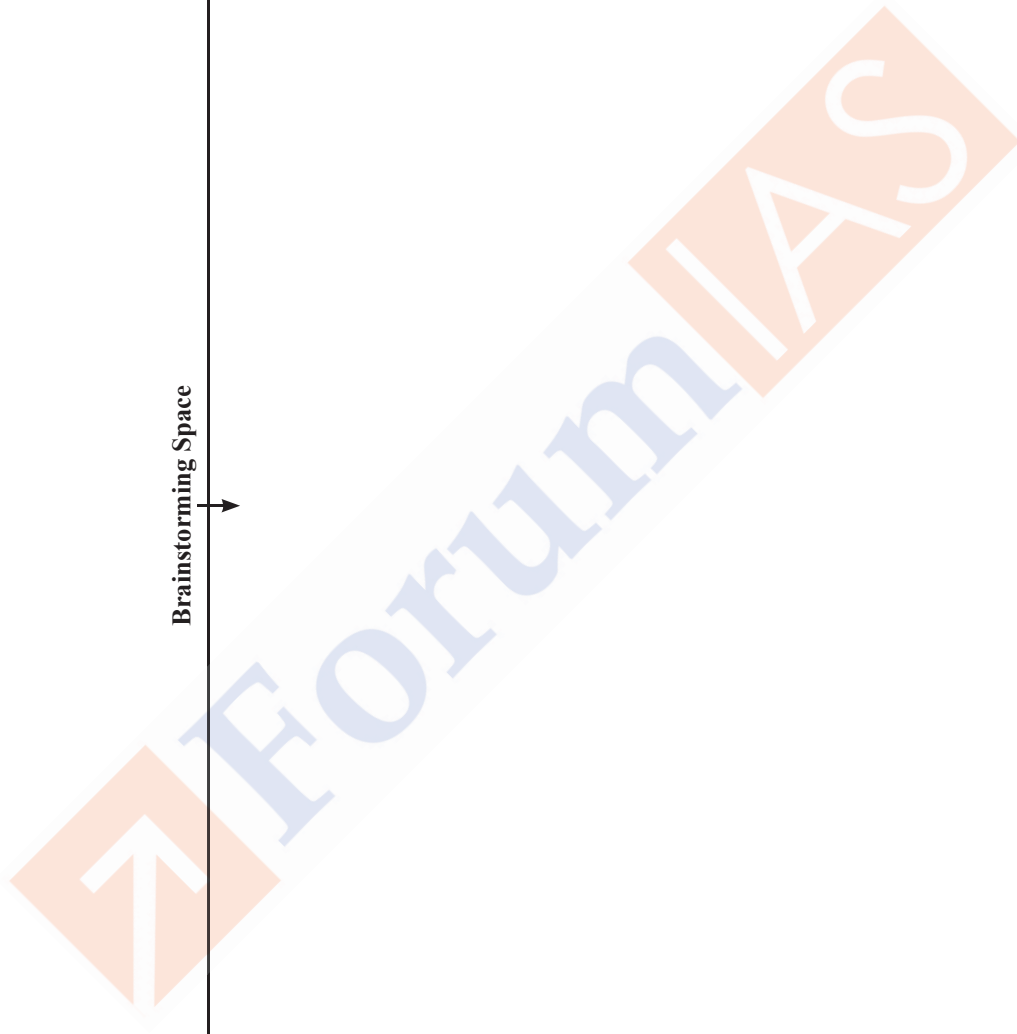
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2022]

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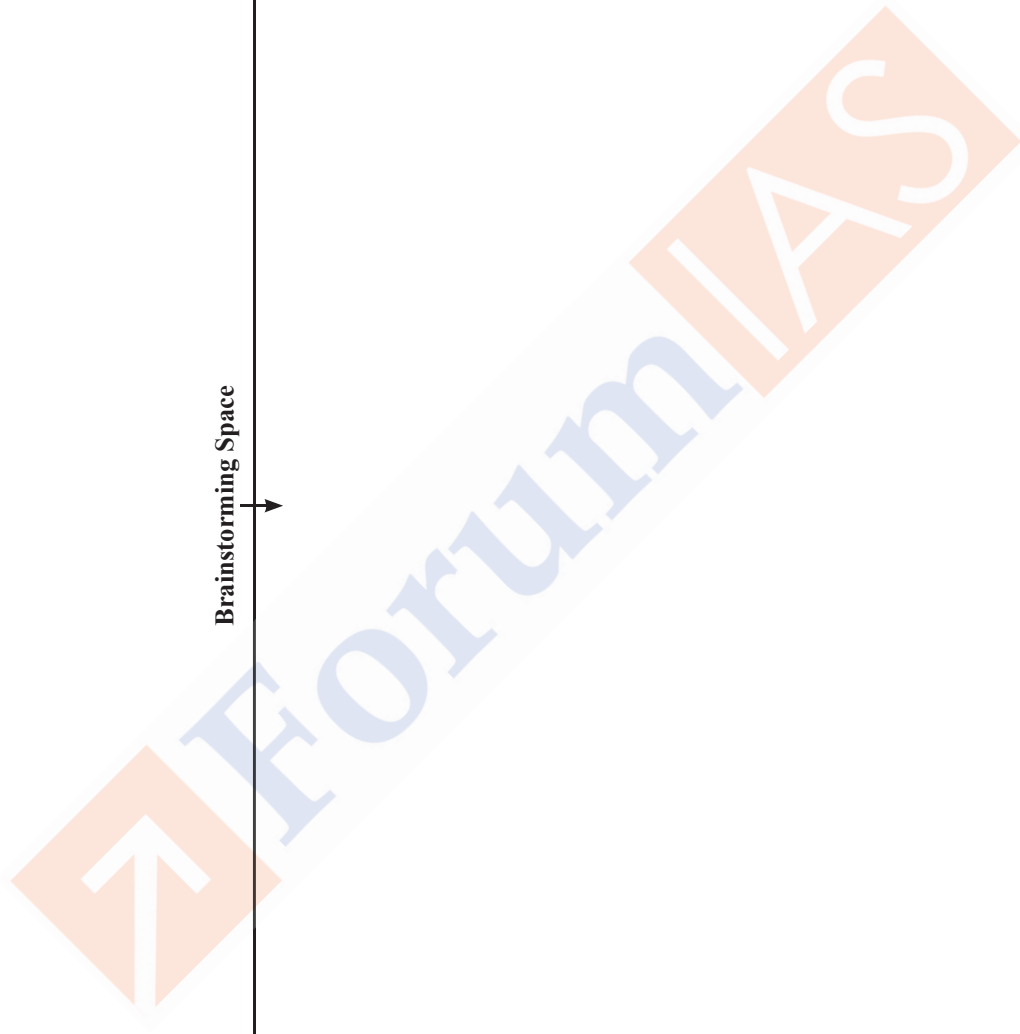
Q.206) The strength and sustenance of local institutions in India has shifted from their formative phase of 'functions, functionaries and funds' to the contemporary stage of 'functionality'. Highlight the critical challenges faced by local institutions. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2020]

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Q.207) 'The reservation of seats for women in the institution of local self-government has had a limited impact on the patriarchal character of the Indian political process.' Comment. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2019]

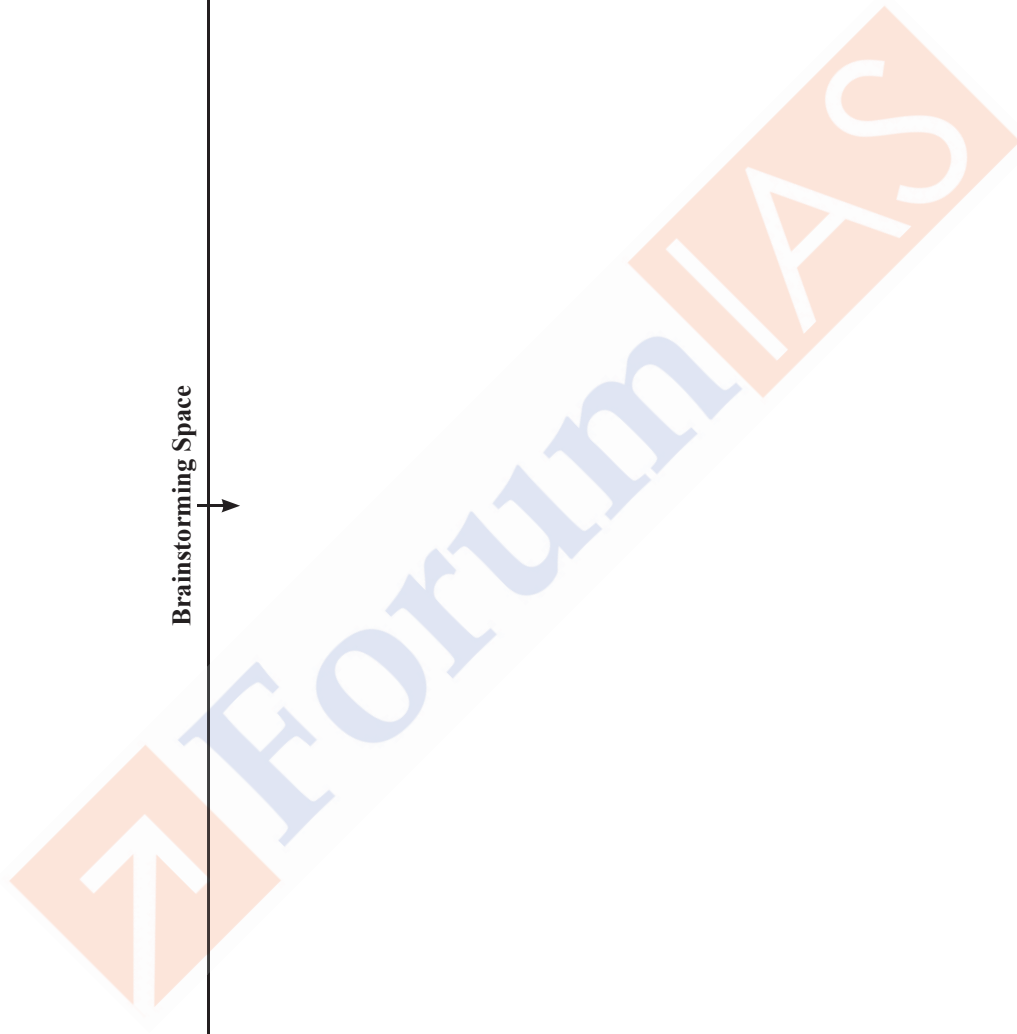
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Q.208) Assess the importance of the Panchayat system in India as a part of local government. Apart from government grants, what sources the Panchayats can look out for financing developmental projects?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2018]

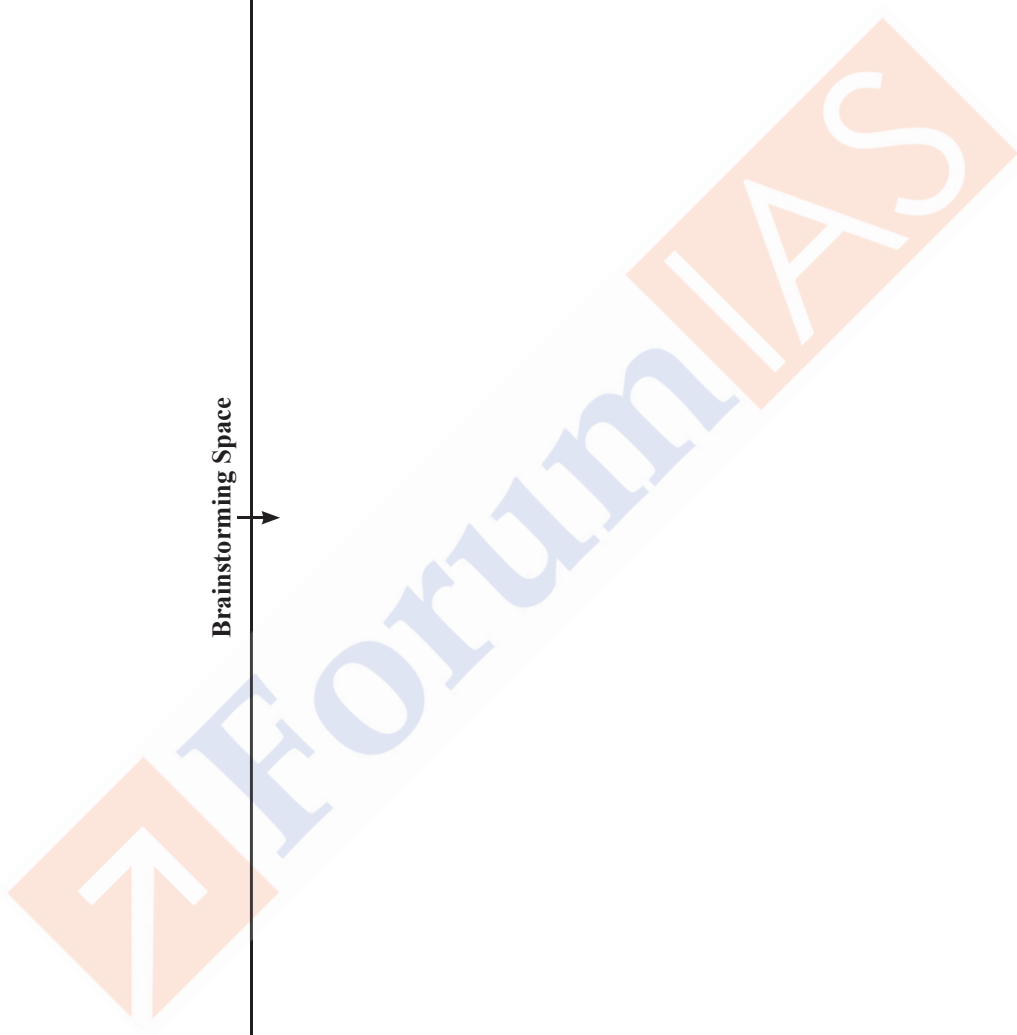
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Q.209) 'The local self-government system in India has not proved to be effective instrument of governance.' Critically examine the statement and give your views to improve the situation.

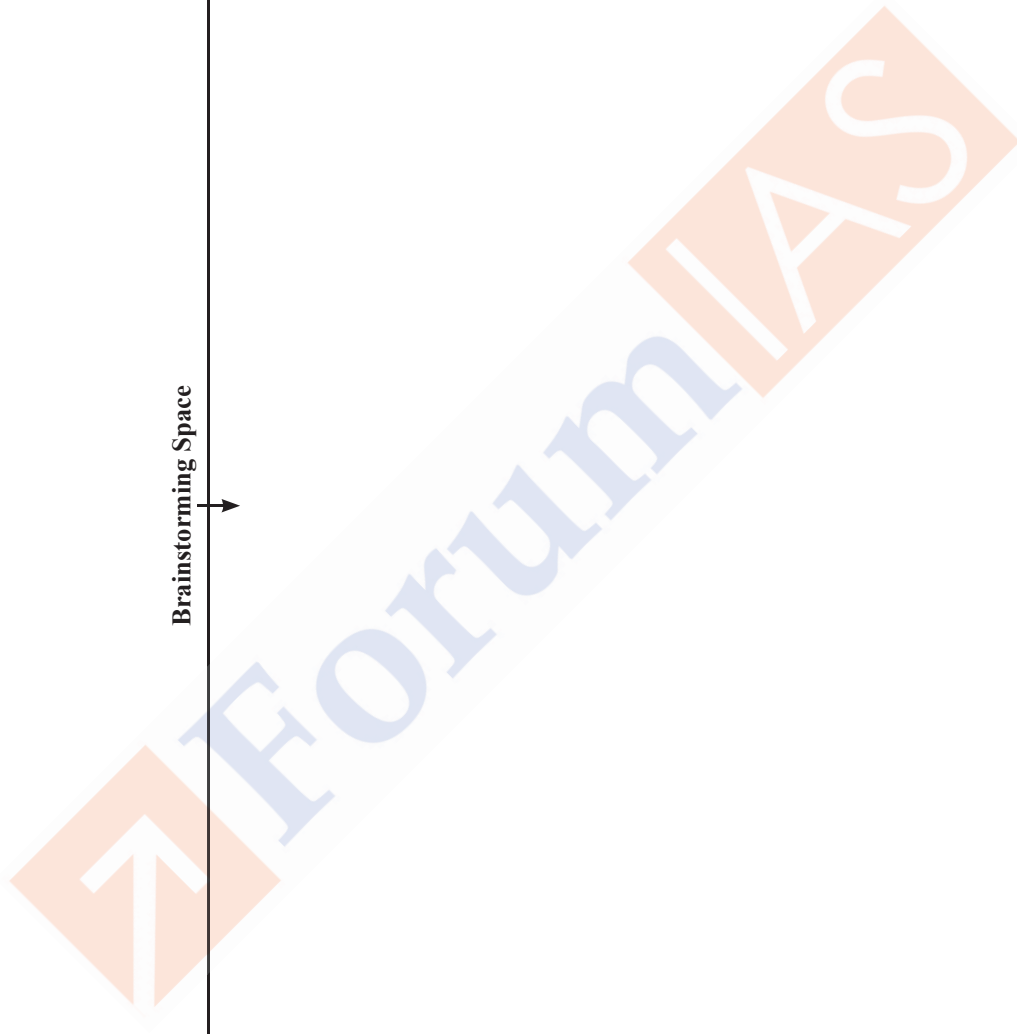
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

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Q.210) In absence of a well-educated and organized local level government system, 'Panchayats' and 'Samitis' have remained mainly political institutions and not effective instruments of governance. Critically discuss. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2015]

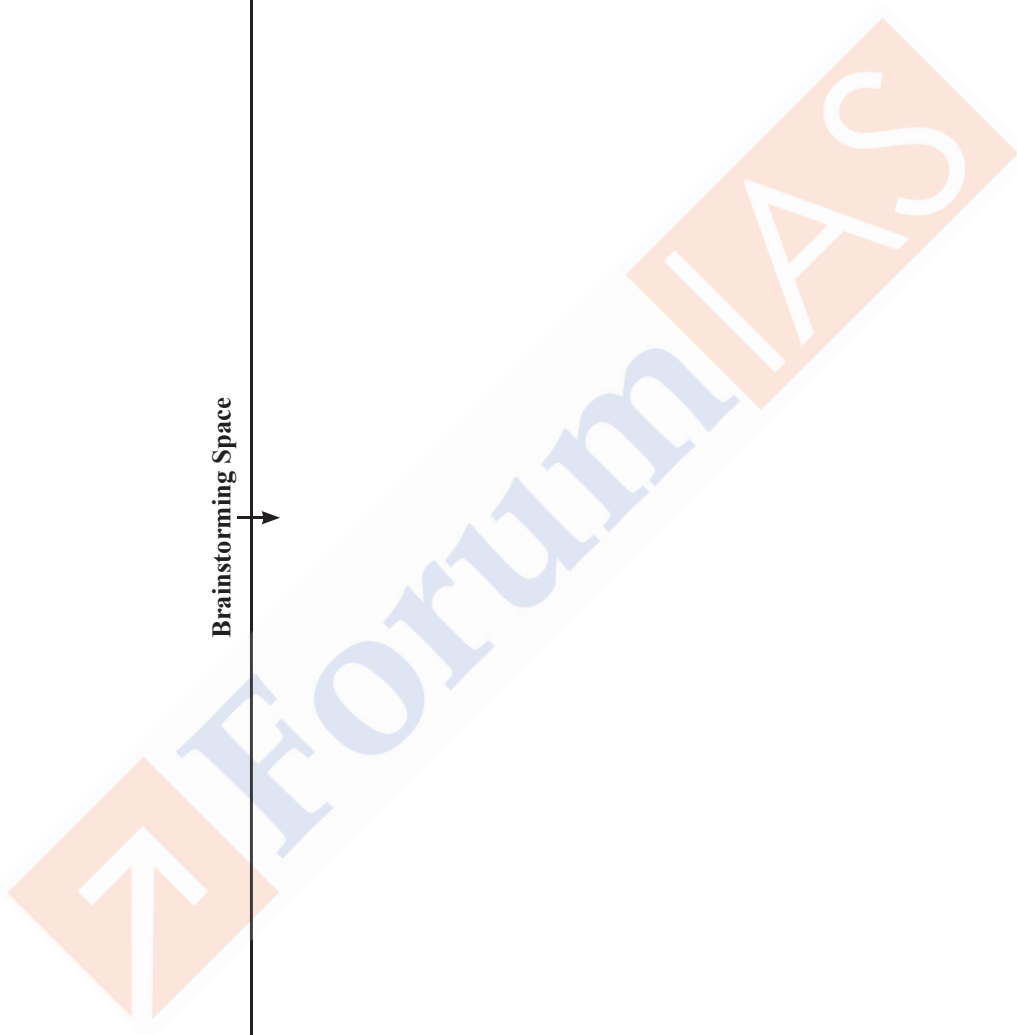
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Q.211) Khap Panchayats have been in the news for functioning as extra-constitutional authorities, often delivering pronouncements amounting to human rights violations. Discuss critically the actions taken by the legislative, executive and the judiciary.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2015]

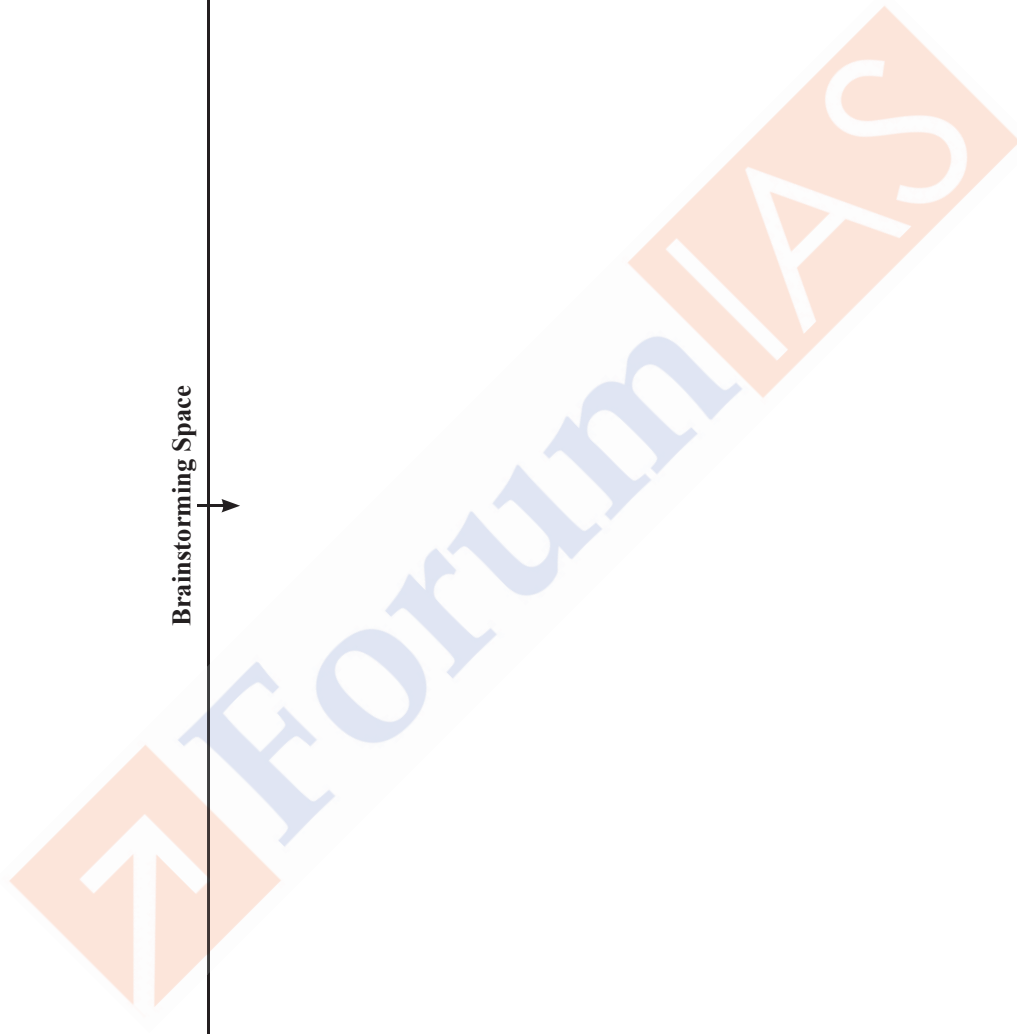
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Q.212) Would you say that the implementation of the Panchayati System in the last ten years has led to a real restructuring of the Indian polity?

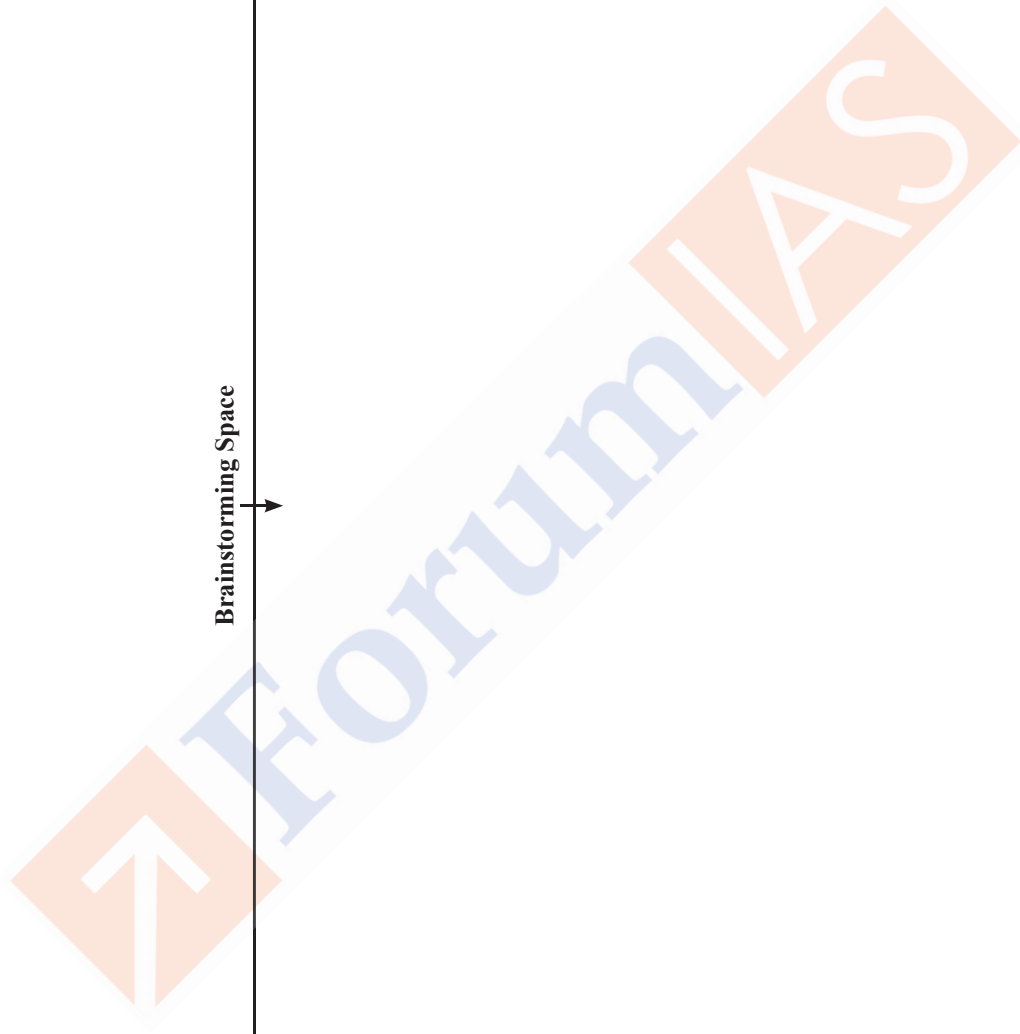
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2005]

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Q.213) Discuss how State government can exercise control over panchayats.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2004]

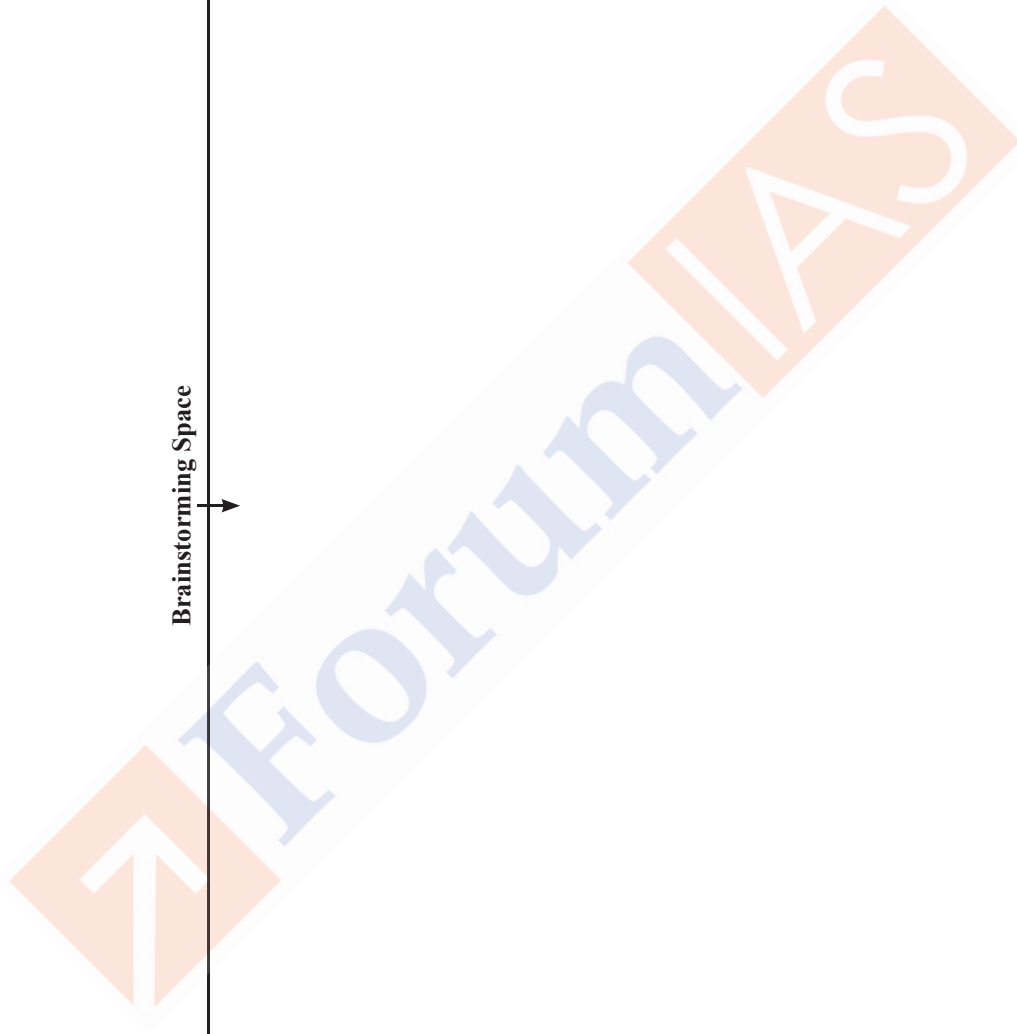
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Q.214) Bring out the main change in the Panchayati Raj System in India through the Seventy Third Constitutional Amendment Act.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

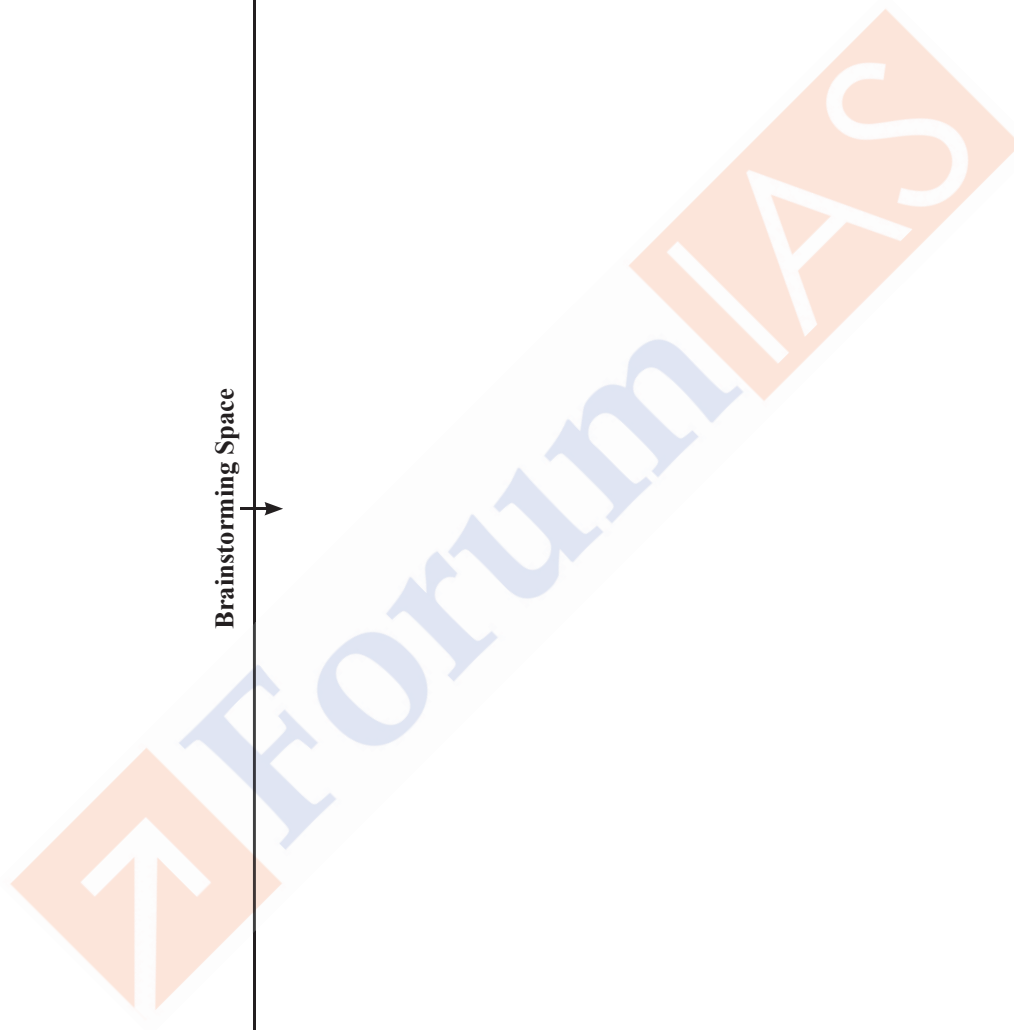
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Q.215) What were the aims with which Panchayati raj was created in India? Have these aims been fulfilled? What is the present situation?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1983]

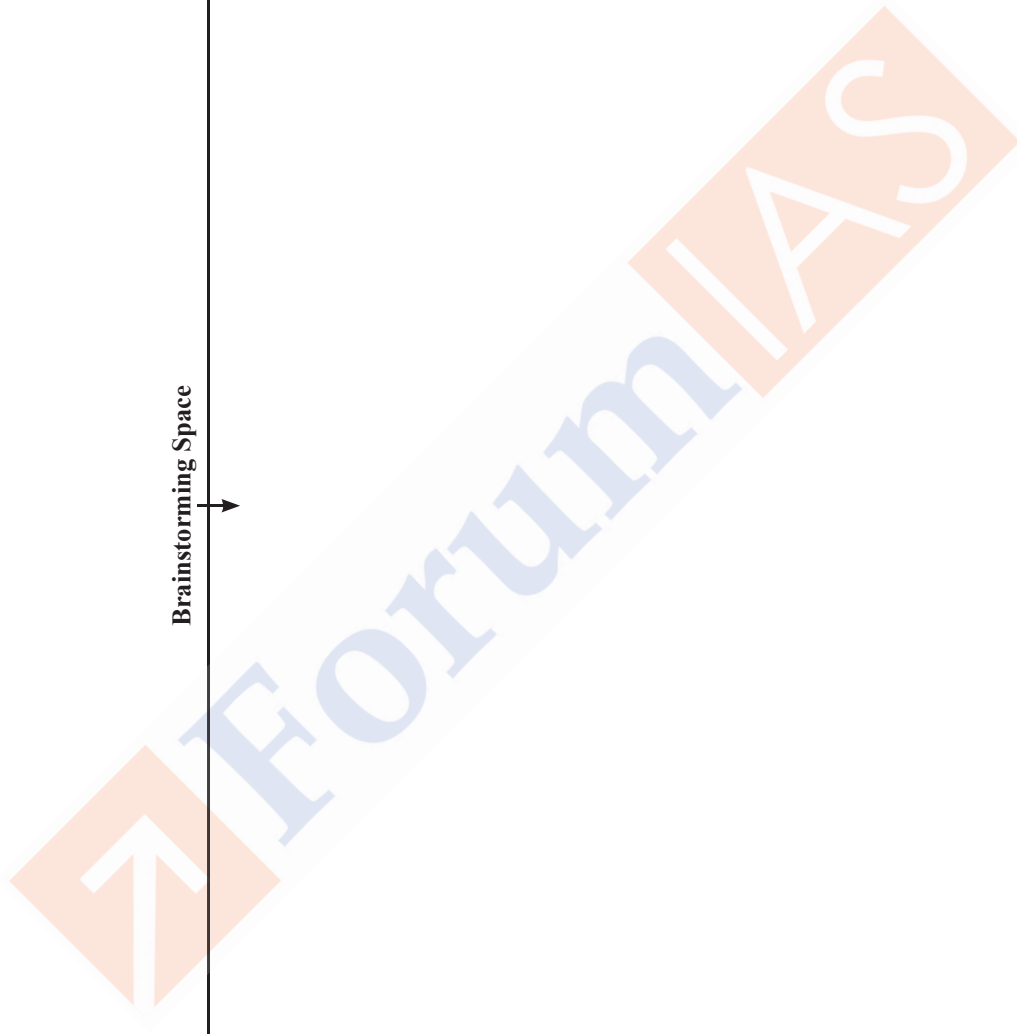
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Q.216) Panchayati Raj has been designed to function as the grass root of democracy in India. Describe its organisational setup. What is the present position? Assess the performances of Panchayati System.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1981]

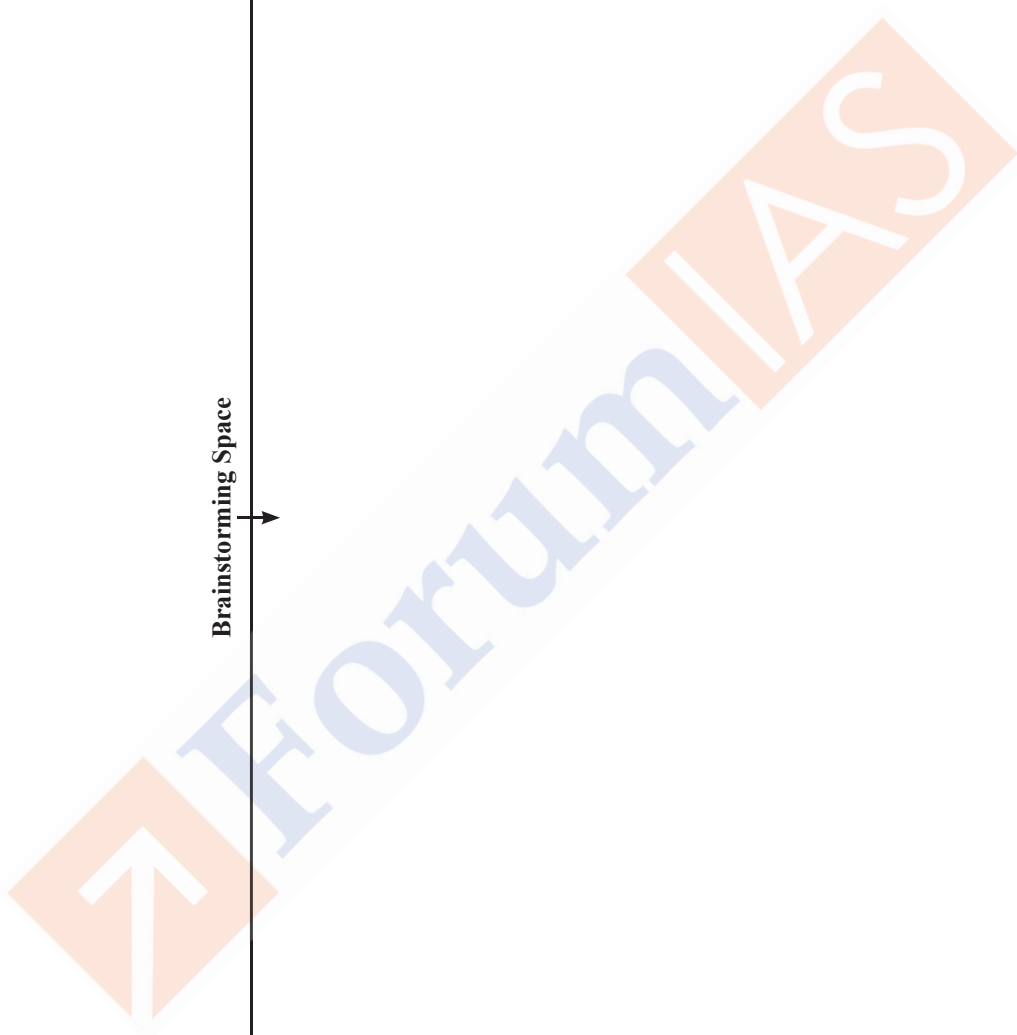
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Q.217) What are the aims and objects of the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024? Whether University/State Education Board examinations are covered under the Act?

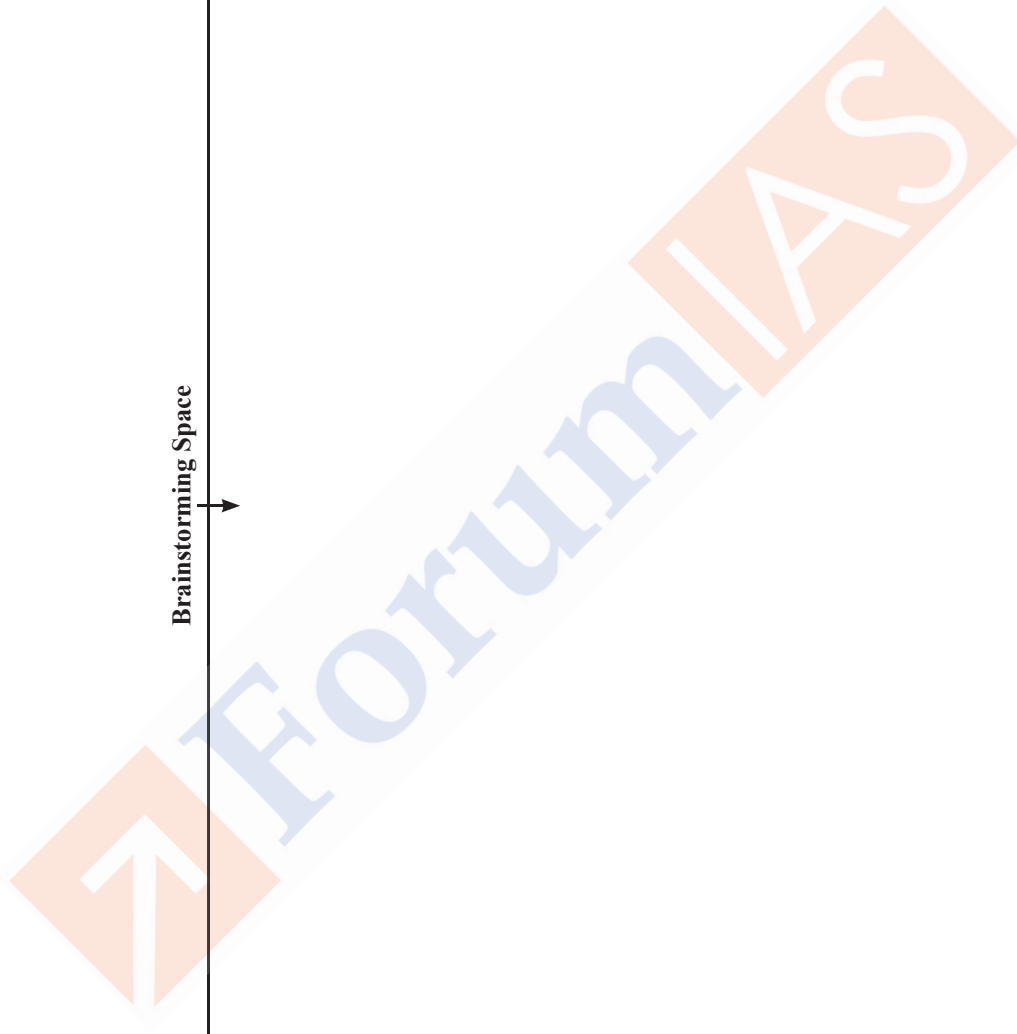
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2024]

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Q.218) Explain the structure of the Parliamentary Committee system. How far have the financial committees helped in the institutionalization of Indian Parliament? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2023]

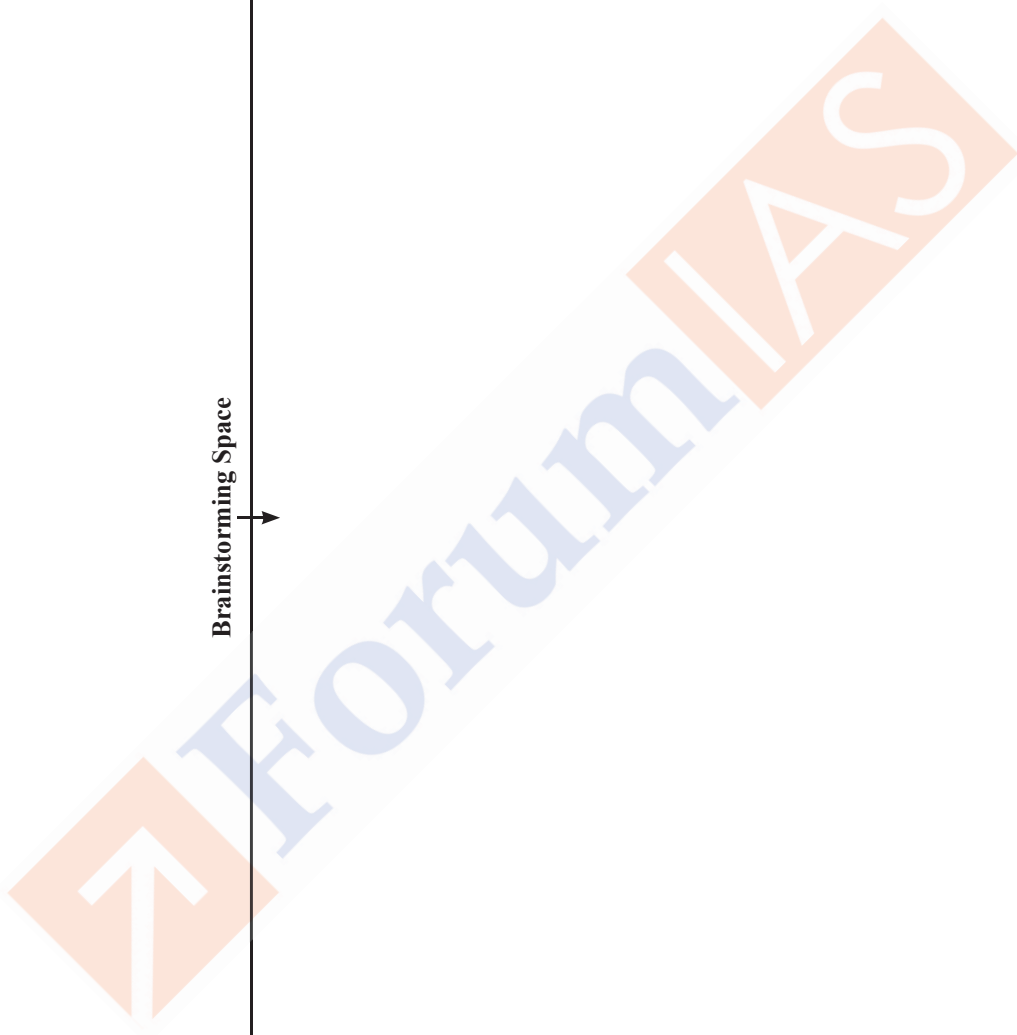
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Q.219) Discuss the role of Presiding Officers of state legislatures in maintaining order and impartiality in conducting legislative work.

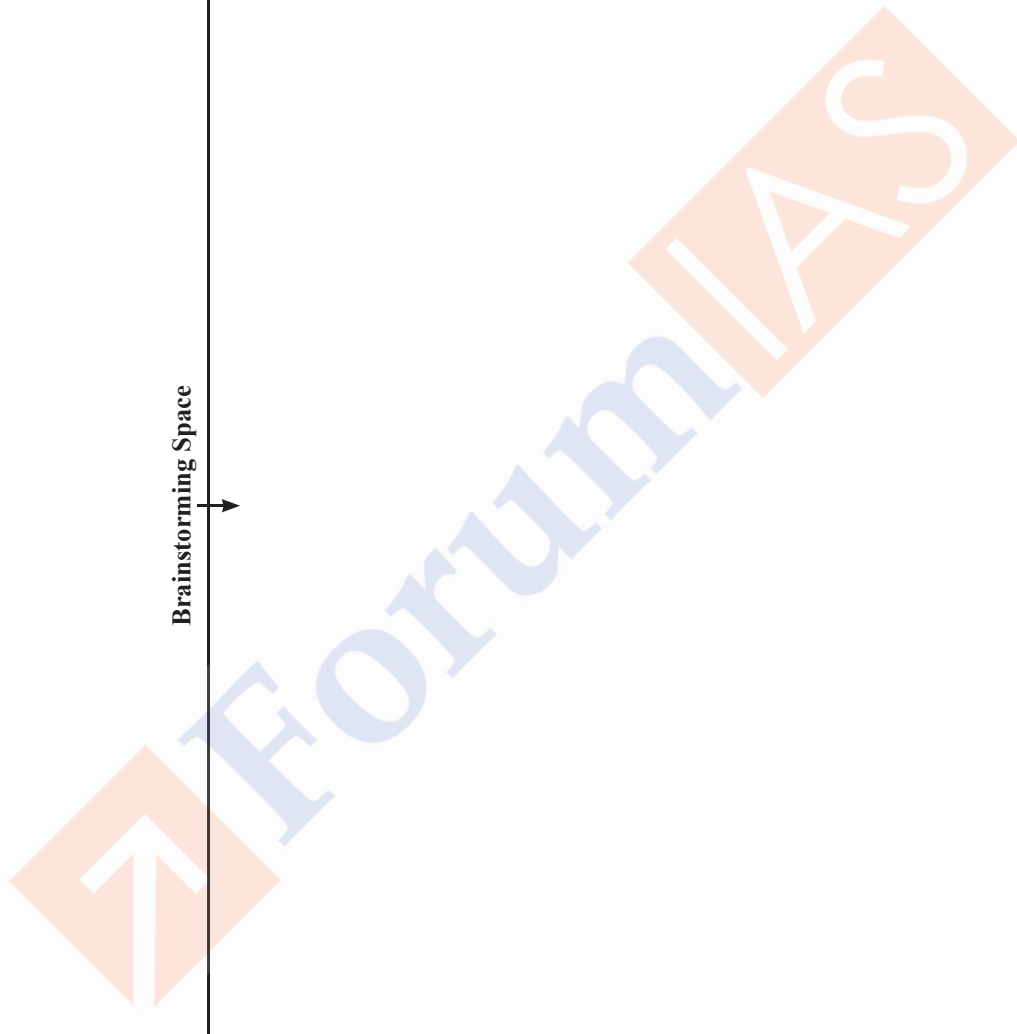
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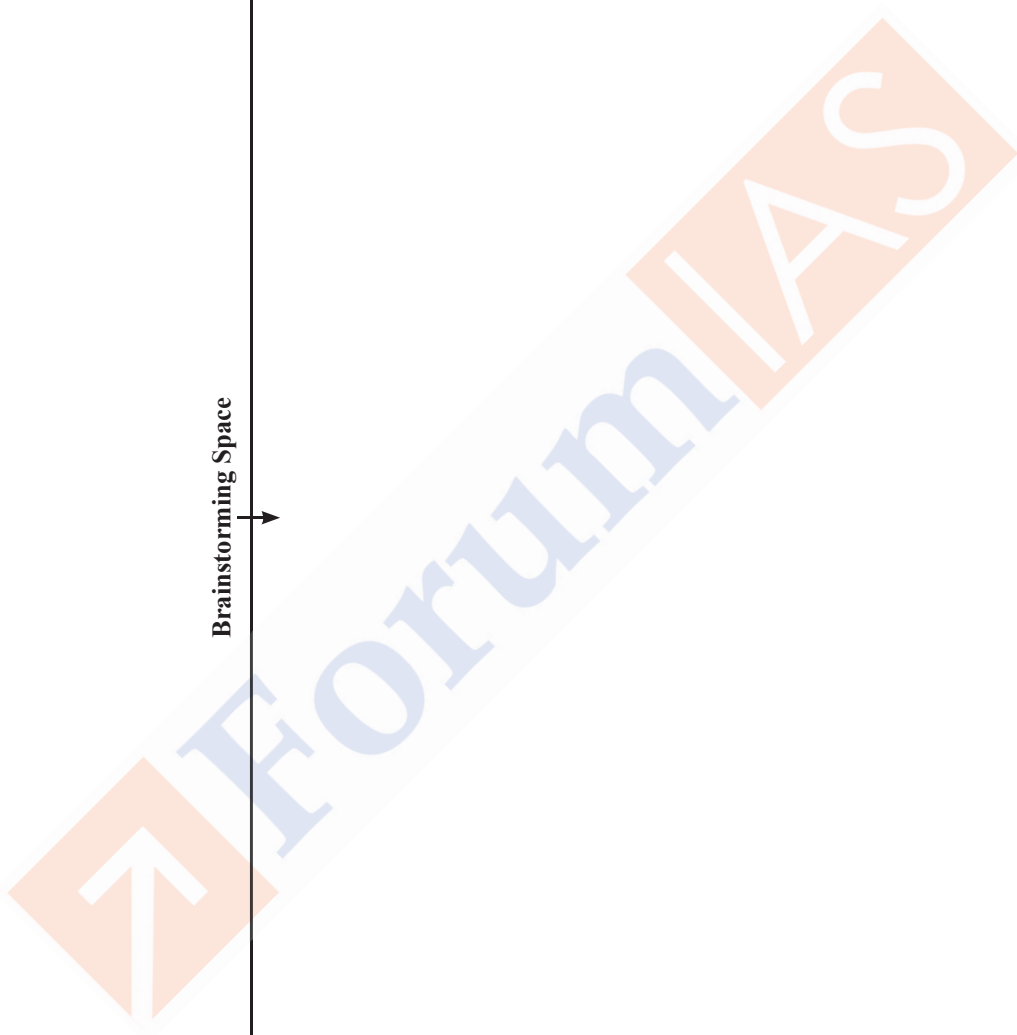
Q.220) Discuss the essential conditions for the exercise of the legislative powers by the Governor. Discuss the legality of re-promulgation of ordinances by the Governor without placing them before the Legislature. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2022]

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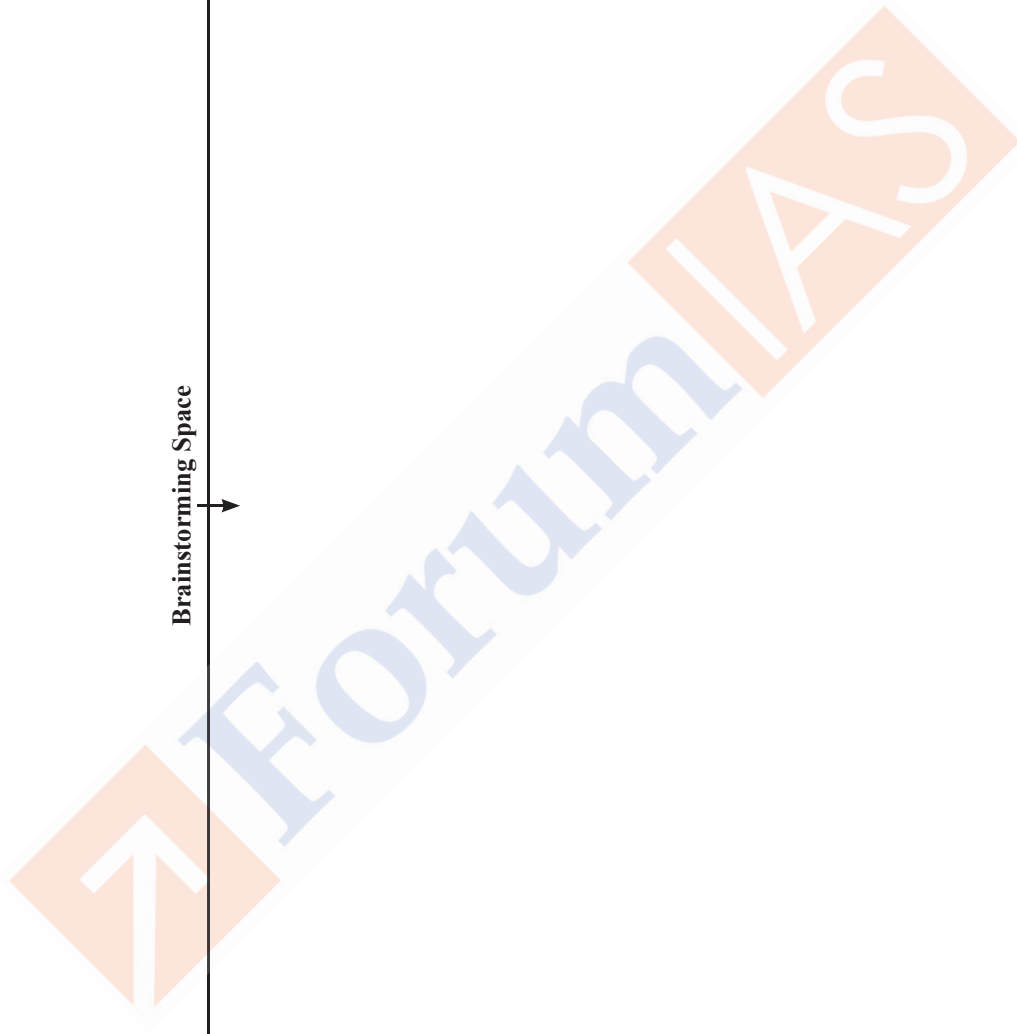
Q.221) Discuss the role of the Vice President of India as the chairman of Rajya Sabha. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2022]

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Q.222) Explain the constitutional provisions under which Legislative Councils are established. Review the working and current status of Legislative Councils with suitable illustrations. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2021]

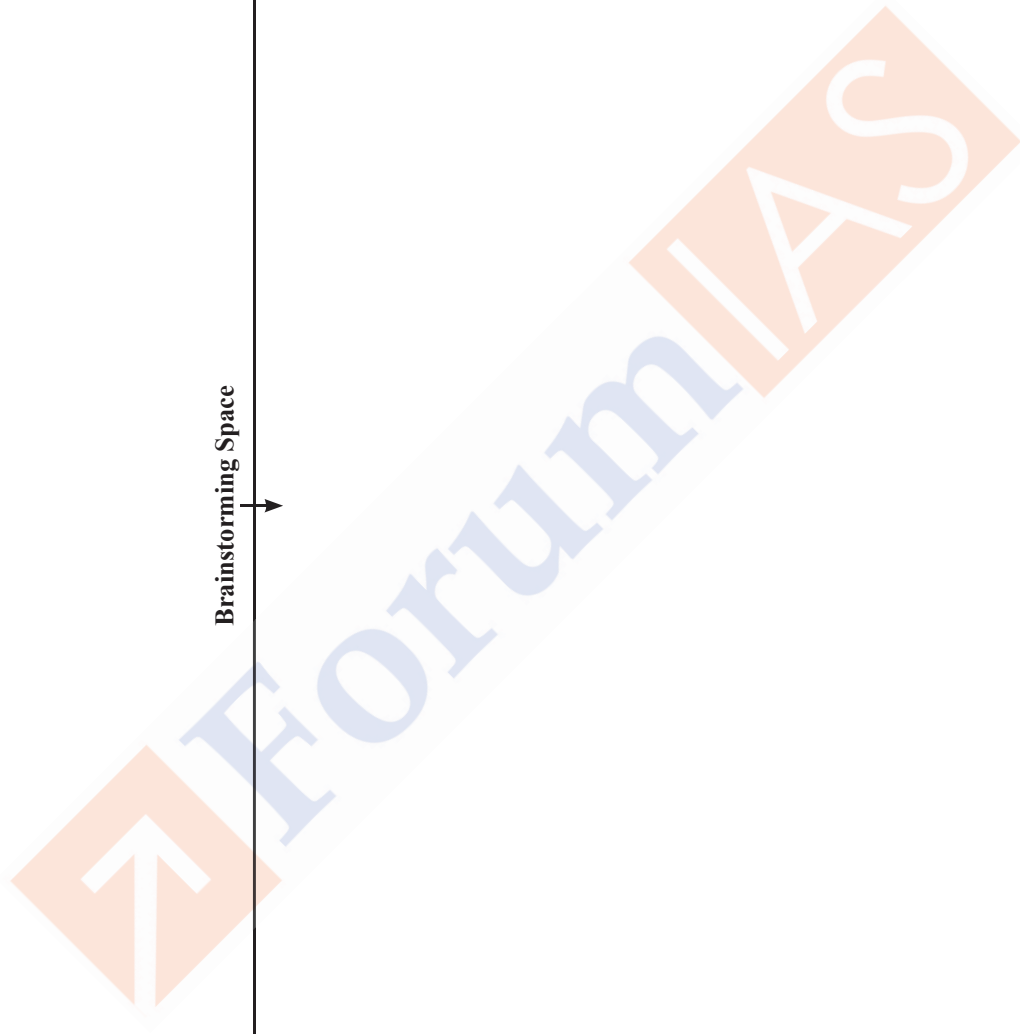
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Q.223) Rajya Sabha has been transformed from a 'useless Stepney tire' to the most useful supportive organ in past few decades. Highlight the factors as well as areas in which this transformation could be visible.

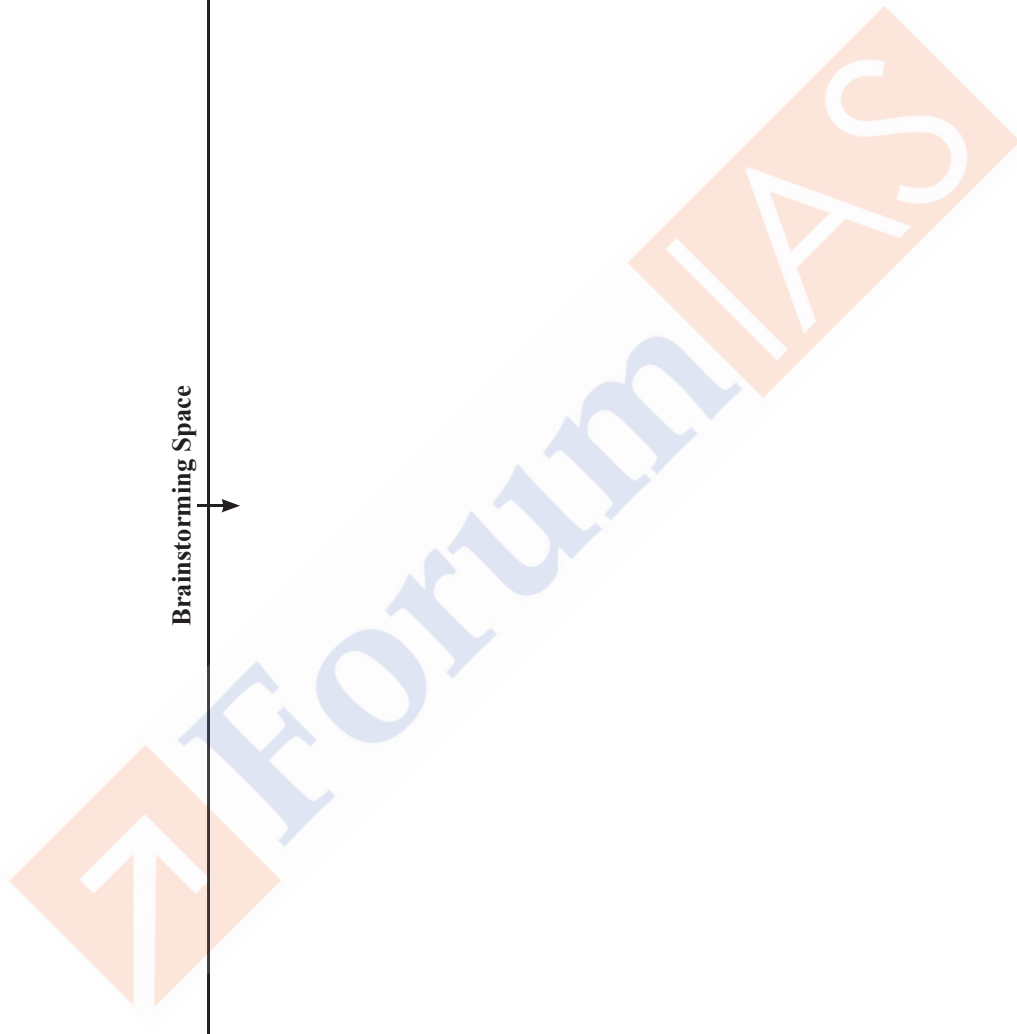
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2020]

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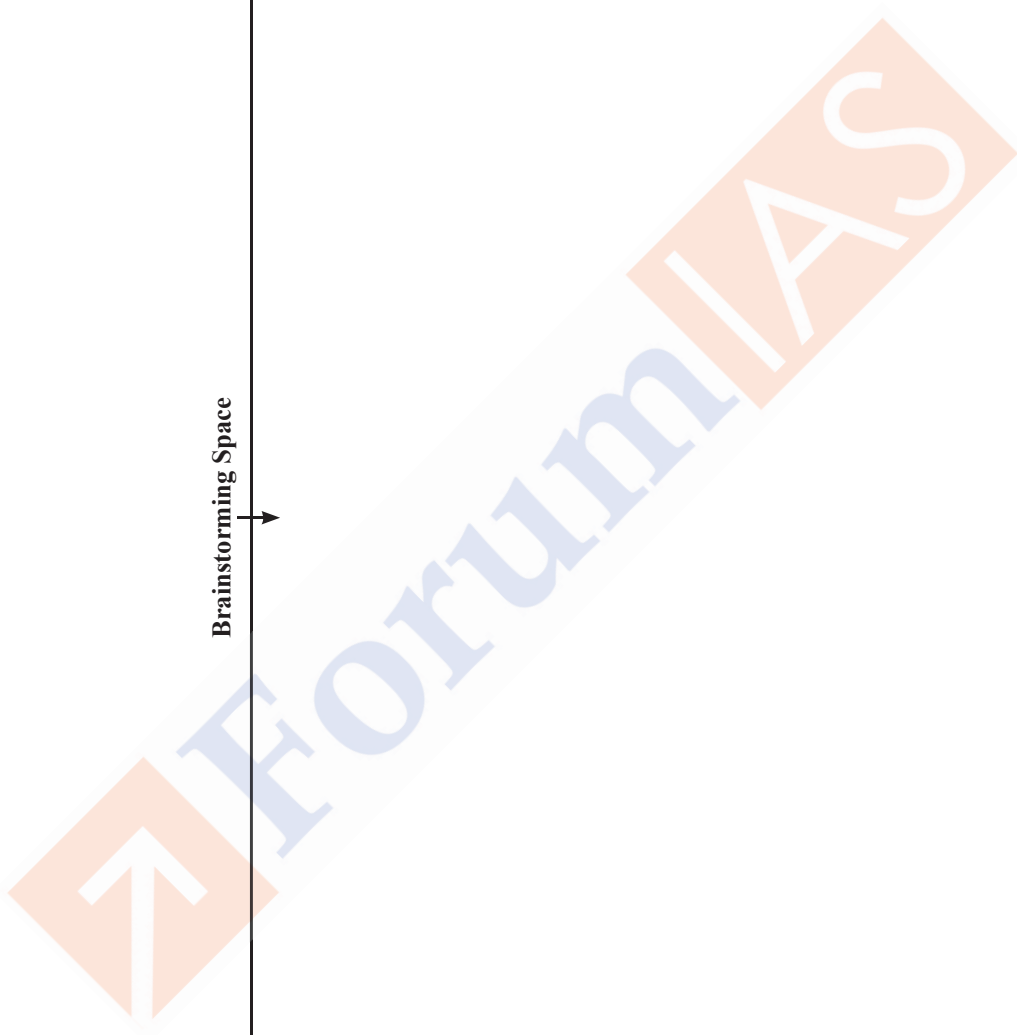
Q.224) Indian Constitution exhibits centralising tendencies to maintain unity and integrity of the nation. Elucidate in the perspective of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897; The Disaster Management Act, 2005 and recently passed Farm Acts. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2020]

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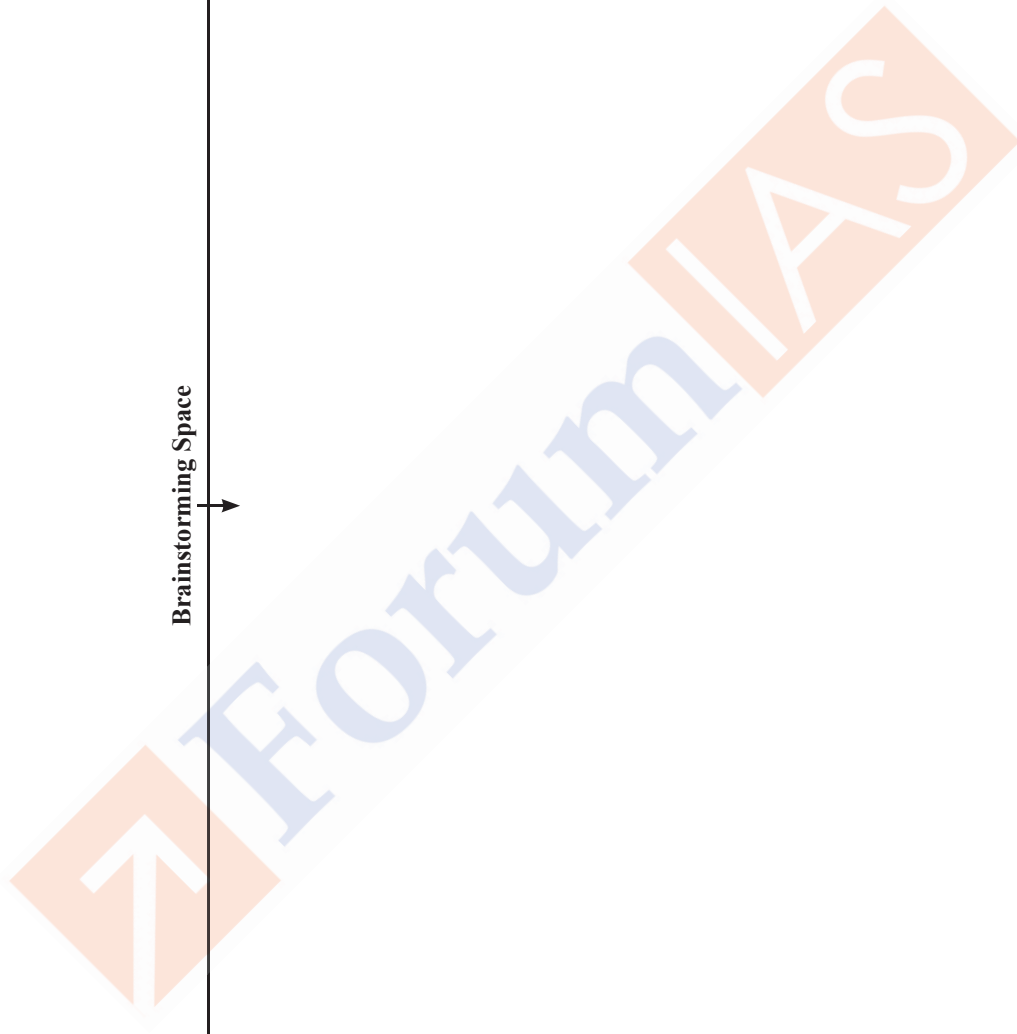
Q.225) 'Once a Speaker, Always a Speaker!' Do you think this practice should be adopted to impart objectivity to the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha?
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2020]

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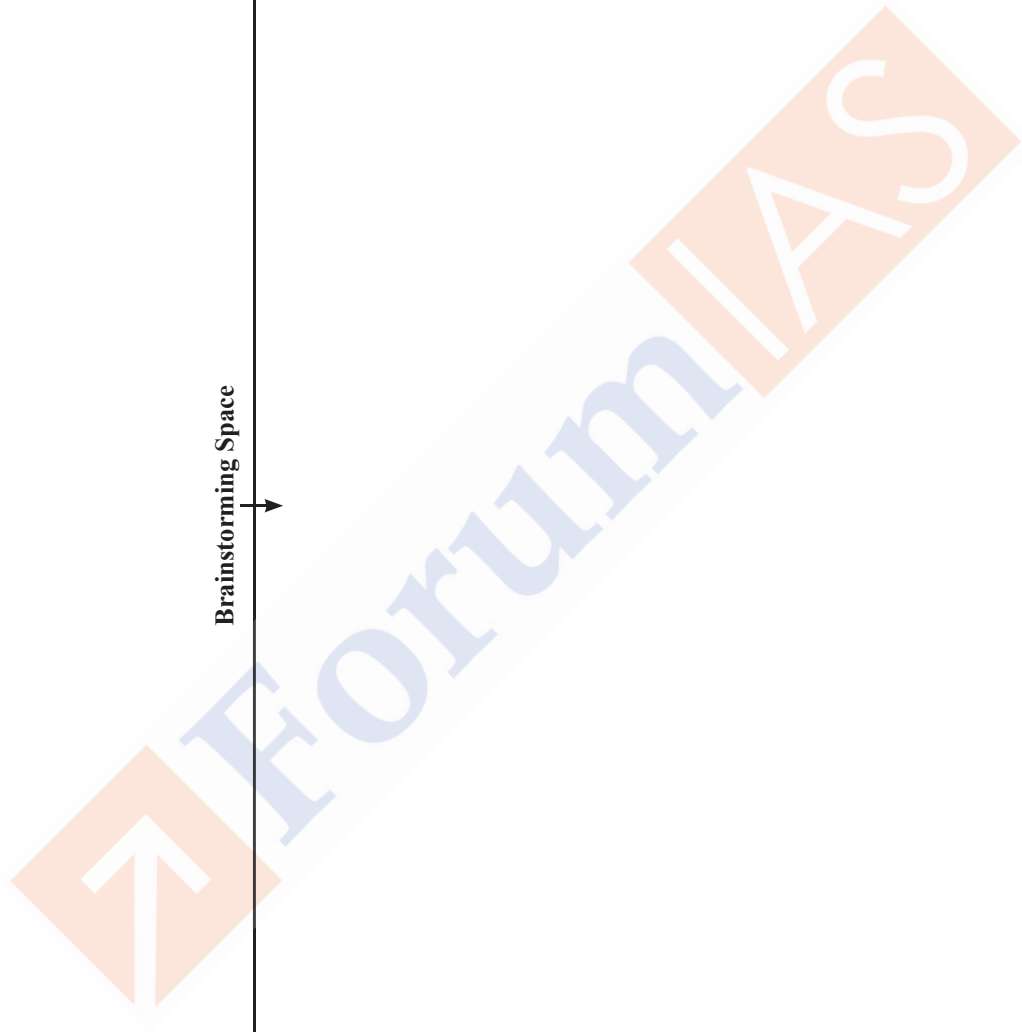
Q.226) Individual parliamentarian's role as the national law maker is on a decline, which in turn, has adversely impacted the quality of debates and their outcome. Discuss. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2019]

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Q.227) Why do you think the committees are considered to be useful for parliamentary work? Discuss, in this context, the role of the Estimates Committee. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2018]

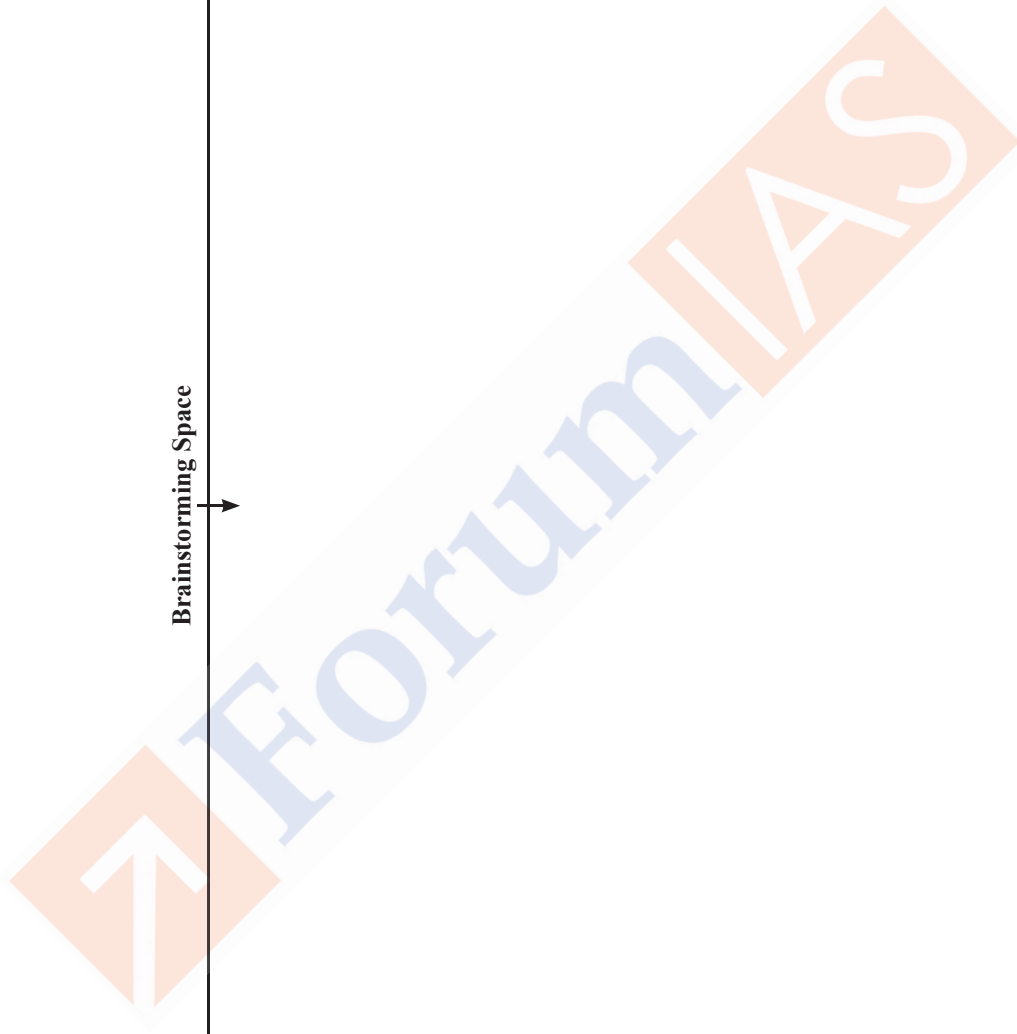
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Q.228) Discuss the role of Public Accounts Committee in establishing accountability of the government to the people.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

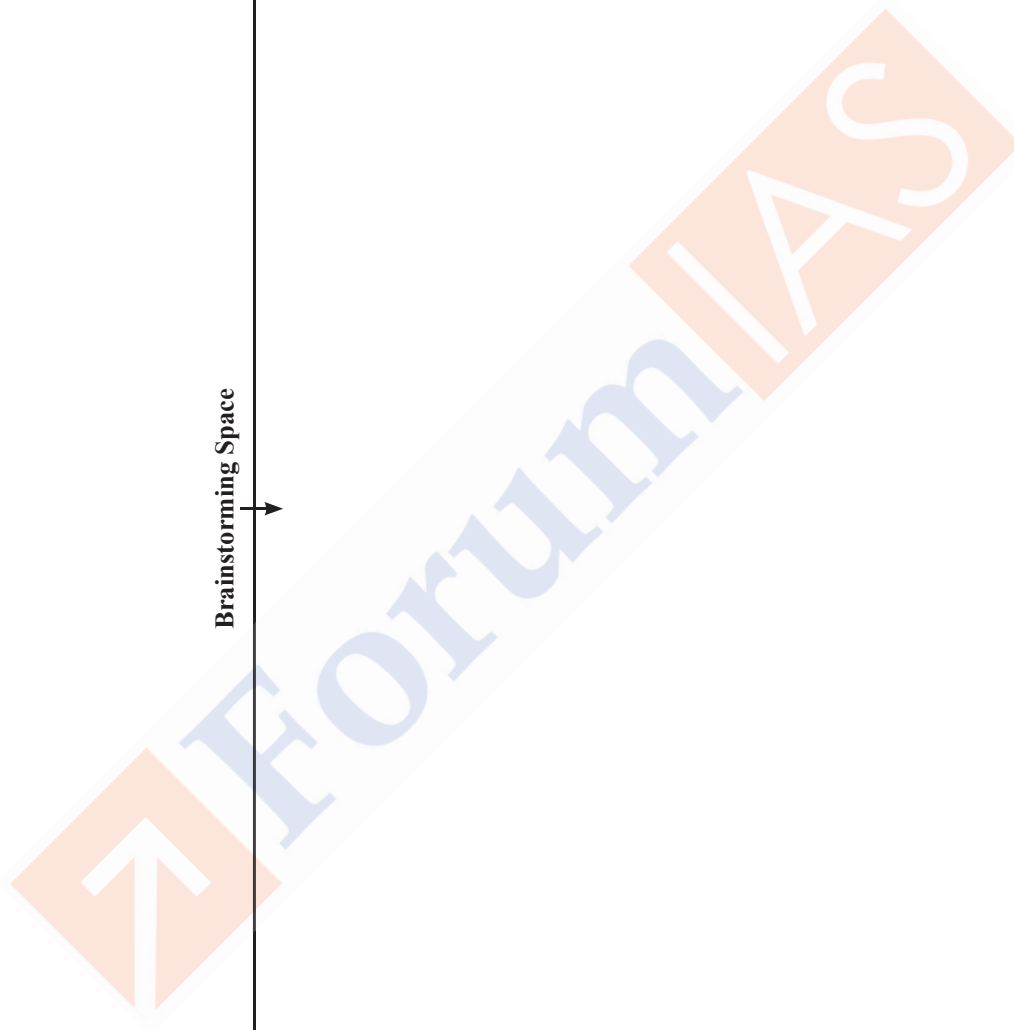
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Q.229) The Indian Constitution has provisions for holding joint session of the two houses of the Parliament. Enumerate the occasions when this would normally happen and when it cannot.

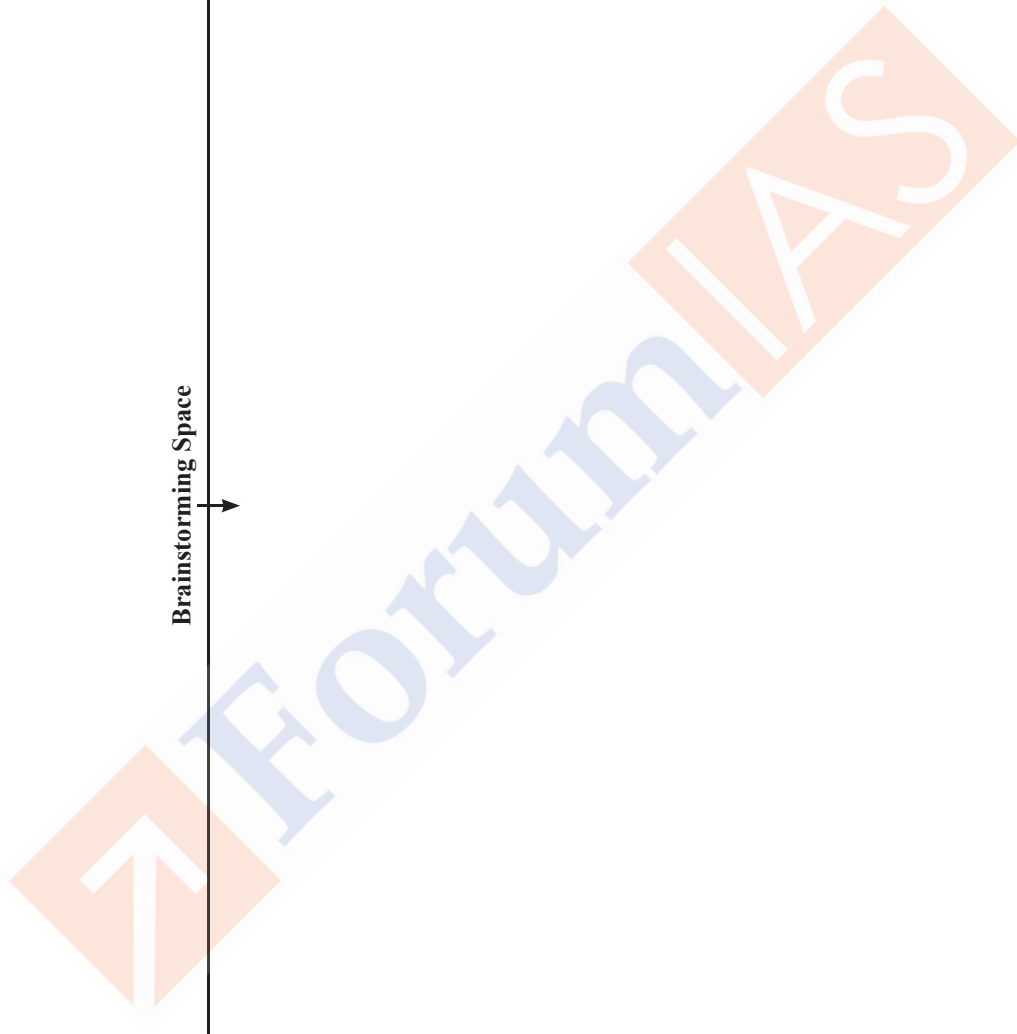
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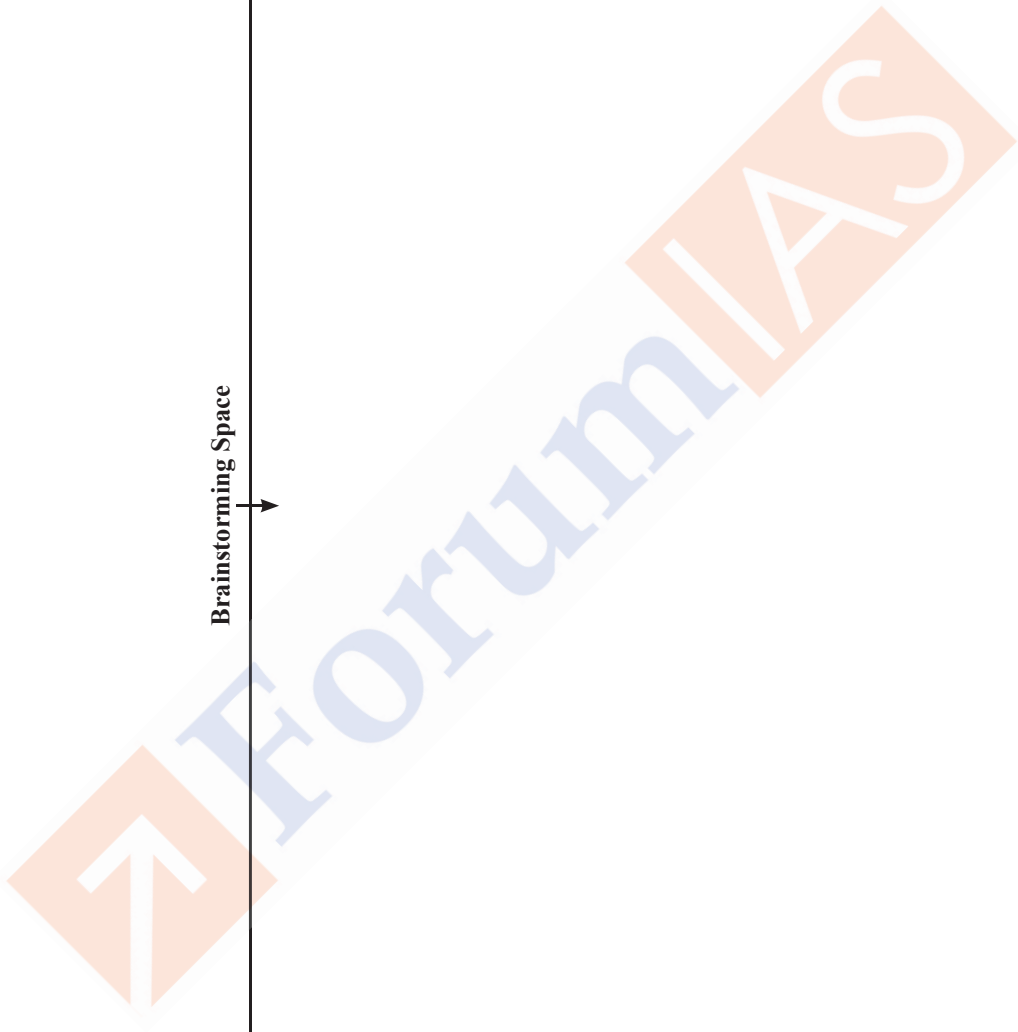
Q.230) The 'Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and its members' as envisaged in Article 105 leave room for a large number of un-codified privileges to continue. Assess the reasons for the absence of legal codification. (10 Marks, 200 Words) [2014]

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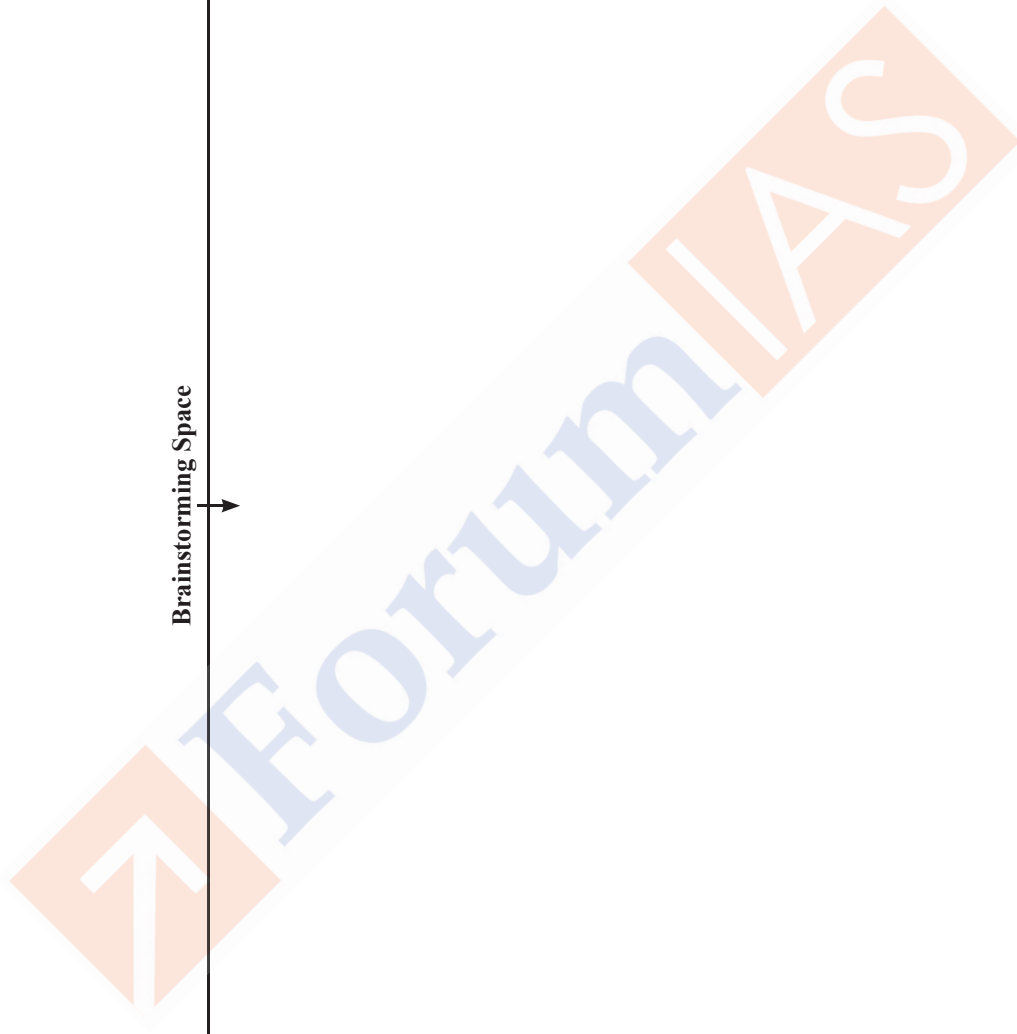
Q.231) The role of individual MPs has diminished over the years. How far can this be attributed to the anti-defection law which was legislated but with a different intention? (10 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

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Q.232) What are the grounds of disqualification of a Member of Parliament from either House? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2010]

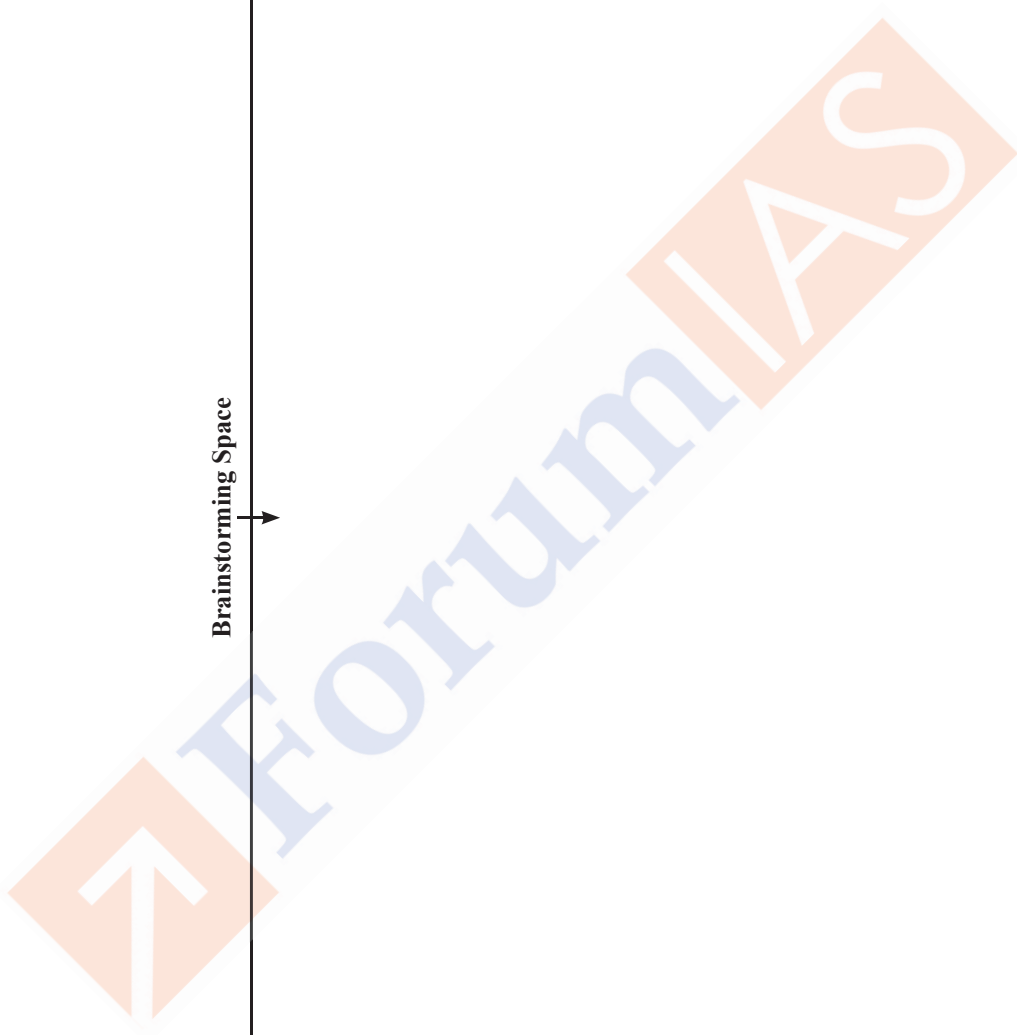
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Q.233) What is pro tem Speaker?

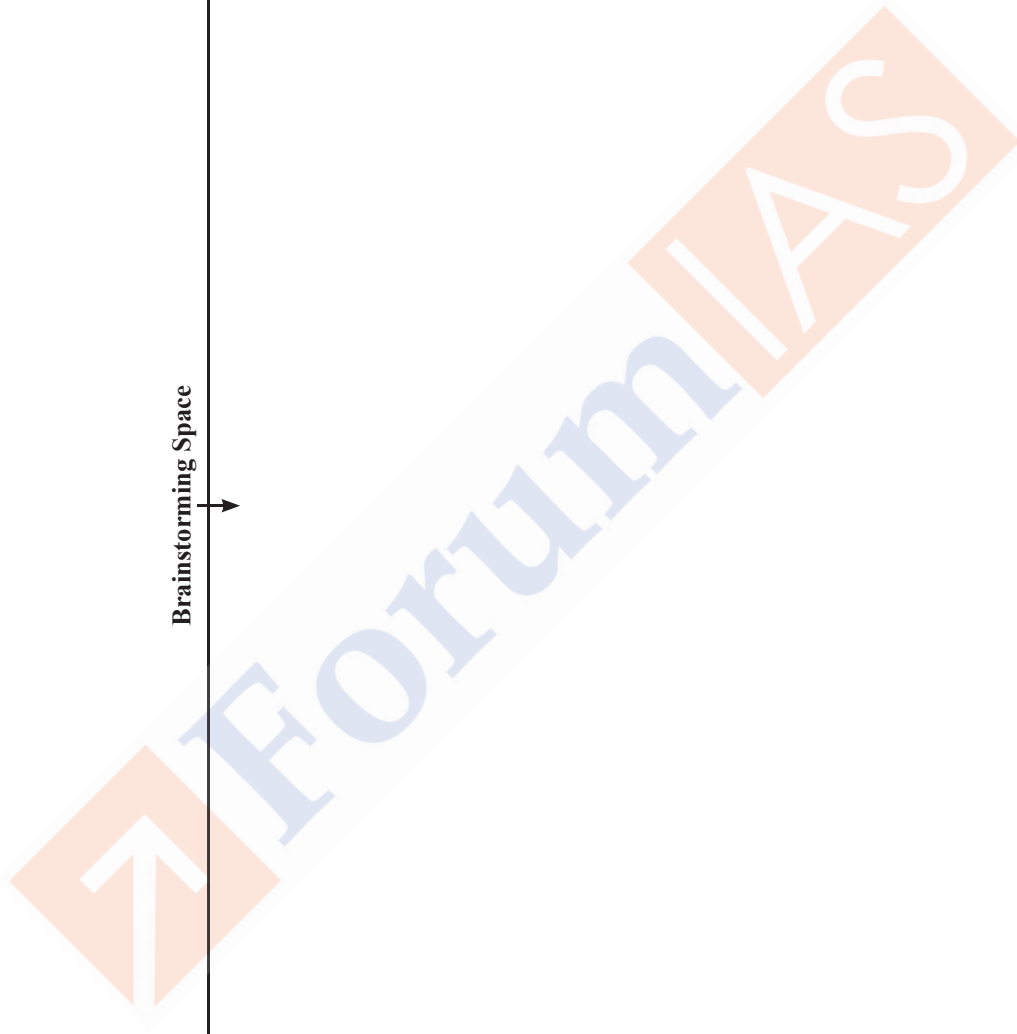
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2007]

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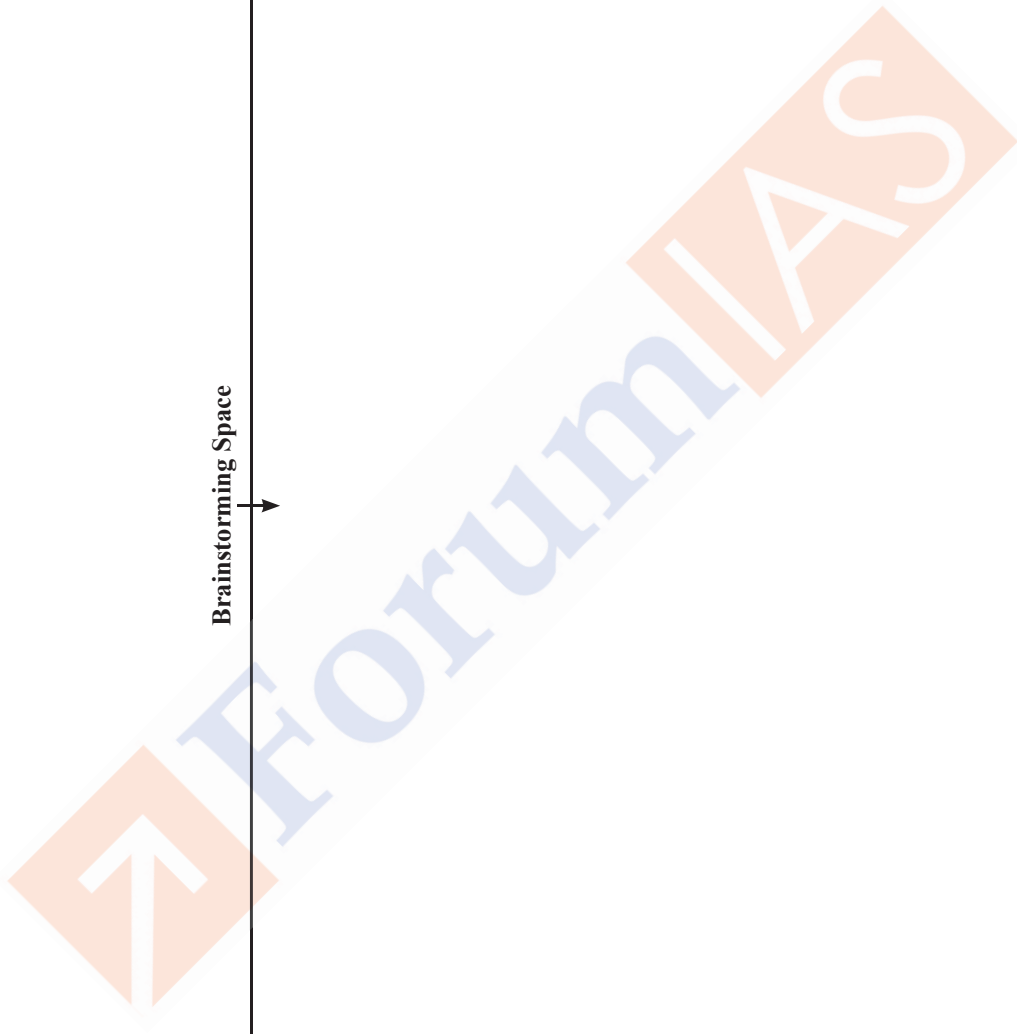
Q.234) Under what circumstances, Parliament may legislate on State subjects? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2007]

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Q.235) On what grounds can a member be disqualified from either House of Parliament? (10 Marks, 250 Words) [2006]

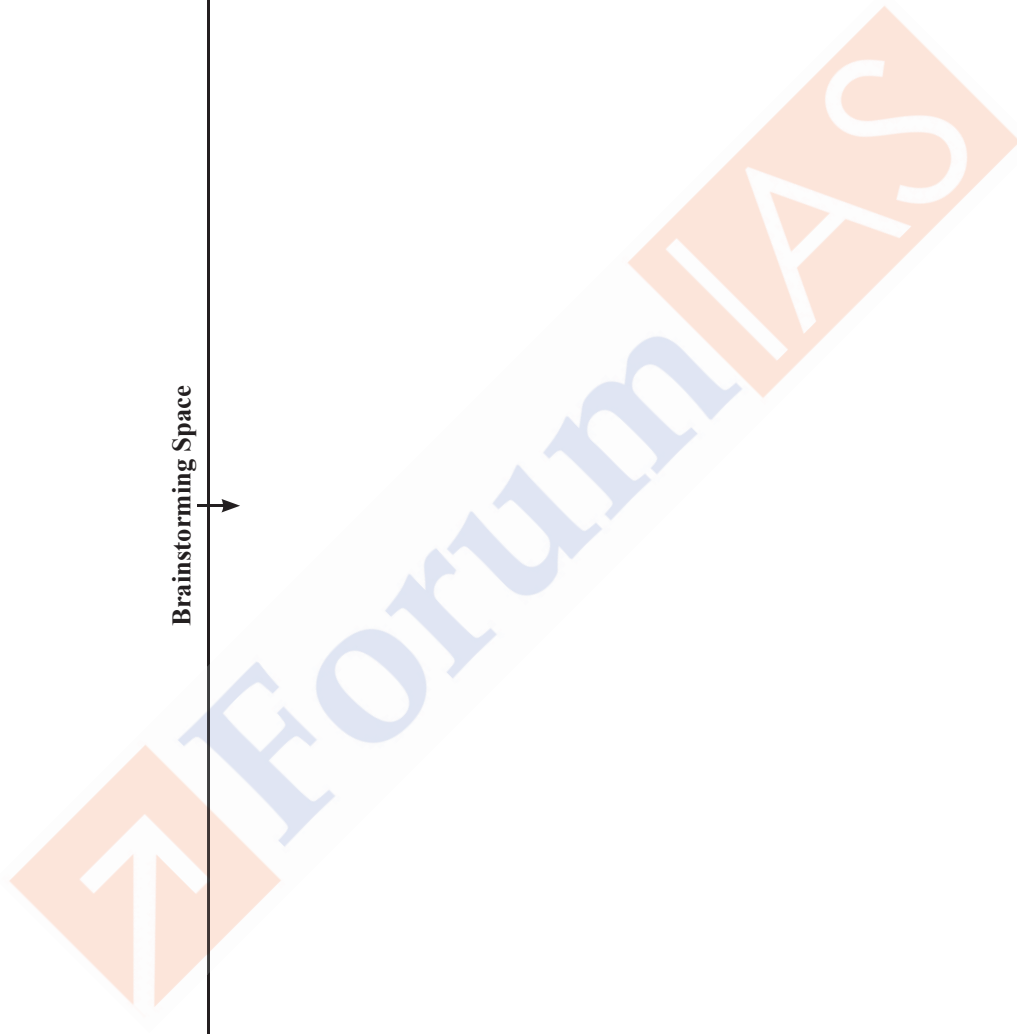
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Q.236) Define money-bill. Discuss how it is passed in the Parliament.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2004]

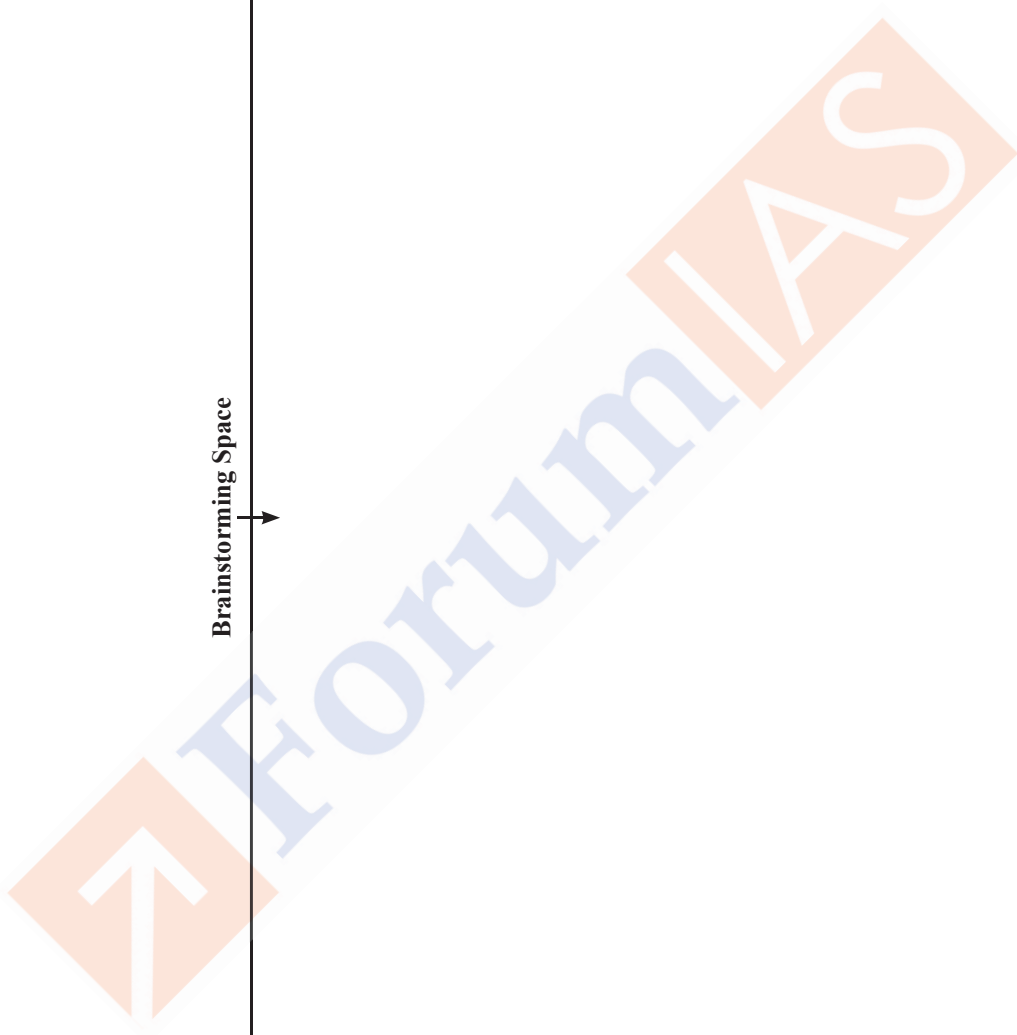
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Q.237) 'The issue of a hung Parliament adversely affects the stability of Indian Government.' Discuss and point out how far changing over to the Presidential form of government will be a solution.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2002]

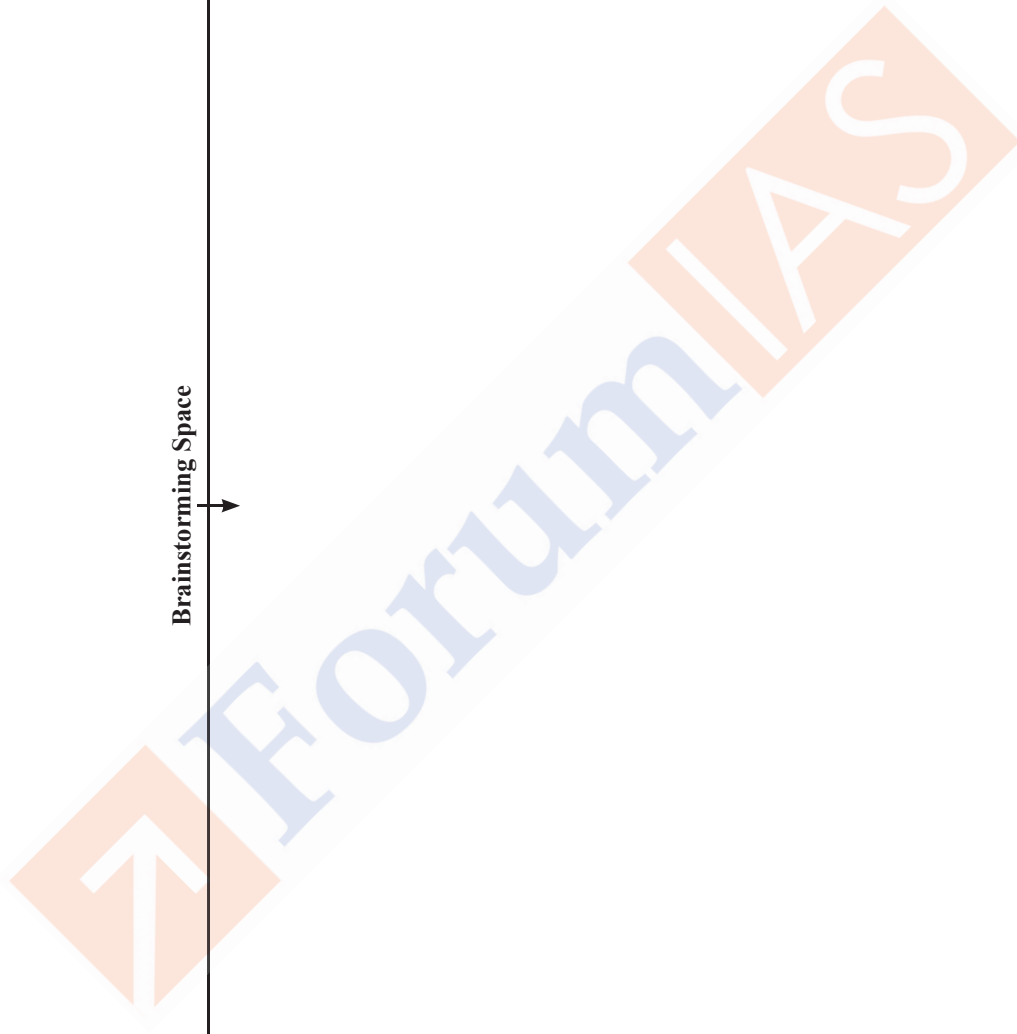
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Q.238) Explain the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the federal set up of Indian Parliamentary System.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2003]

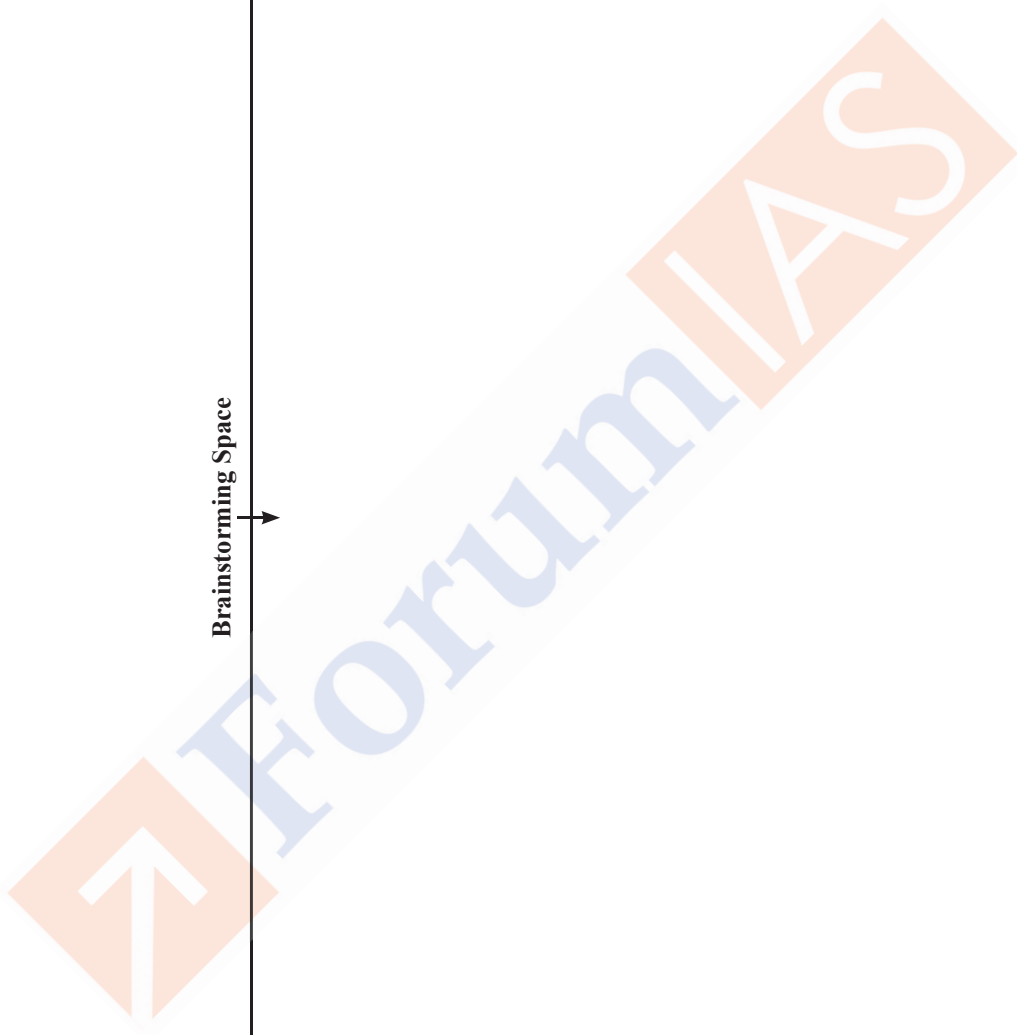
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Q.239) Explain the role of the Public Accounts Committee.

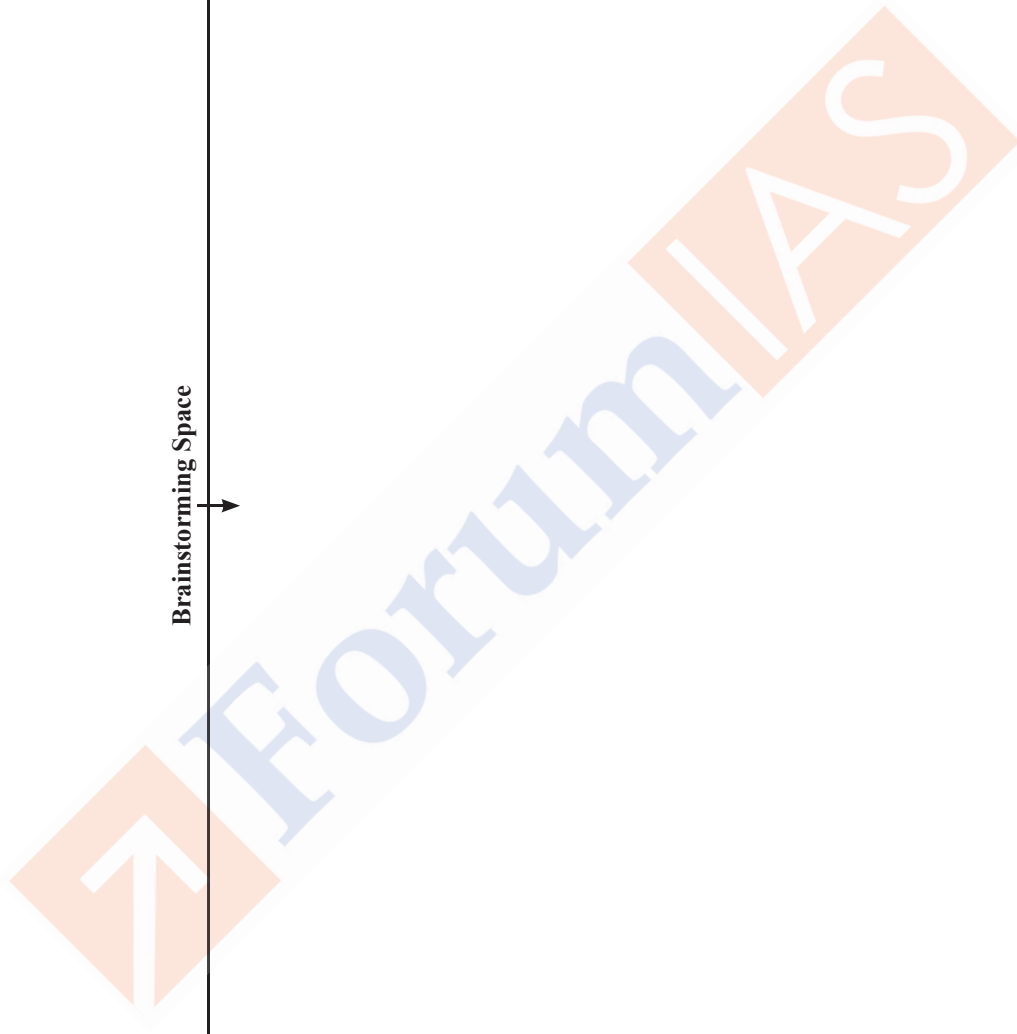
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2002]

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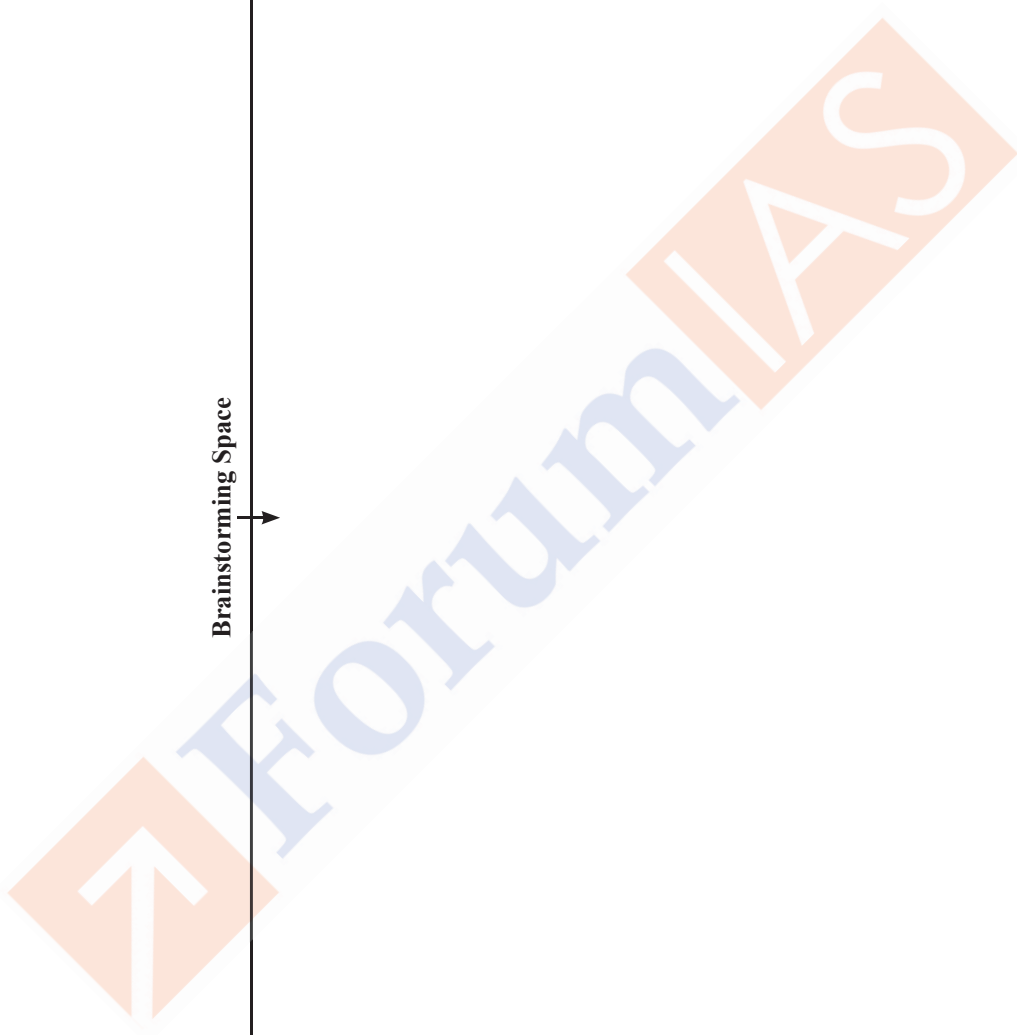
Q.240) Bring out the aberrations of the parliamentary system of government in India. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2001]

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Q.241) How does Parliament control the Union Executive? How effective is its control? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2000]

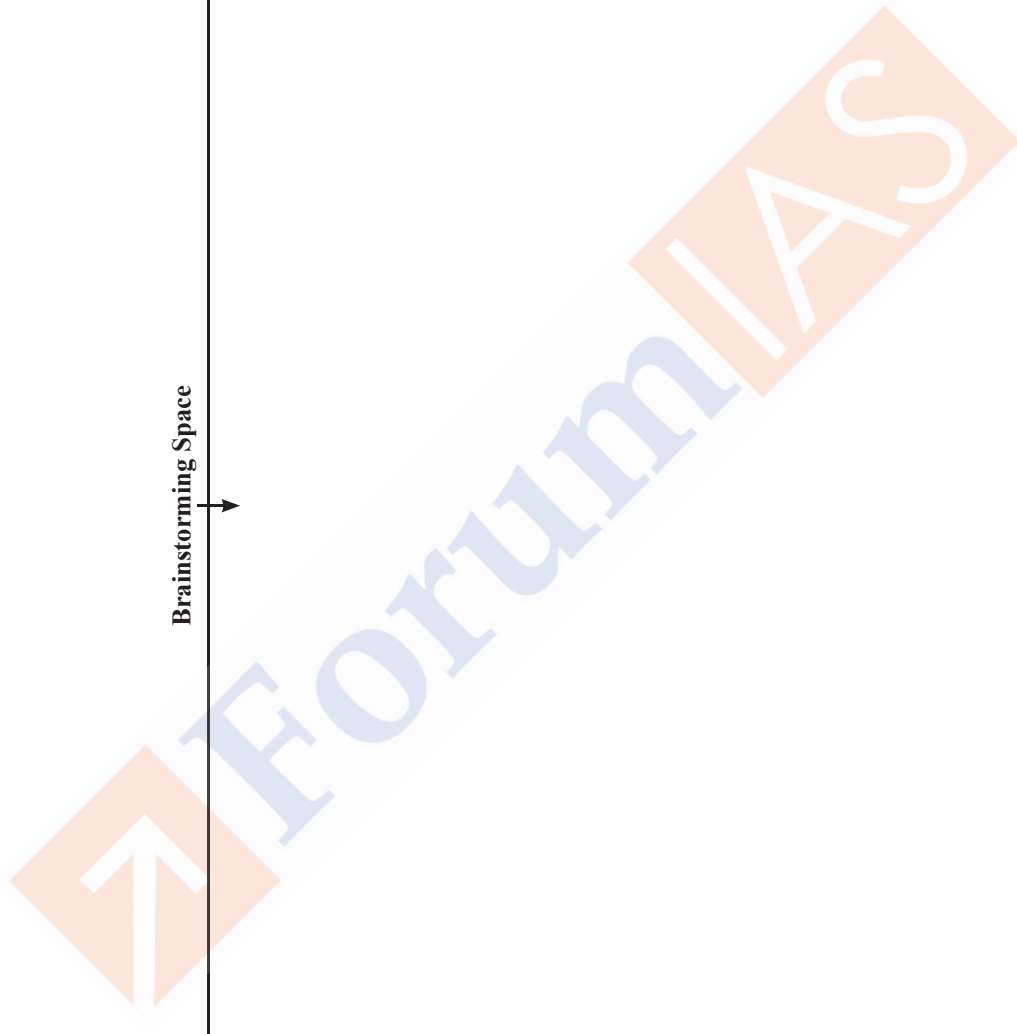
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Q.242) Examine the role of Estimates Committee.

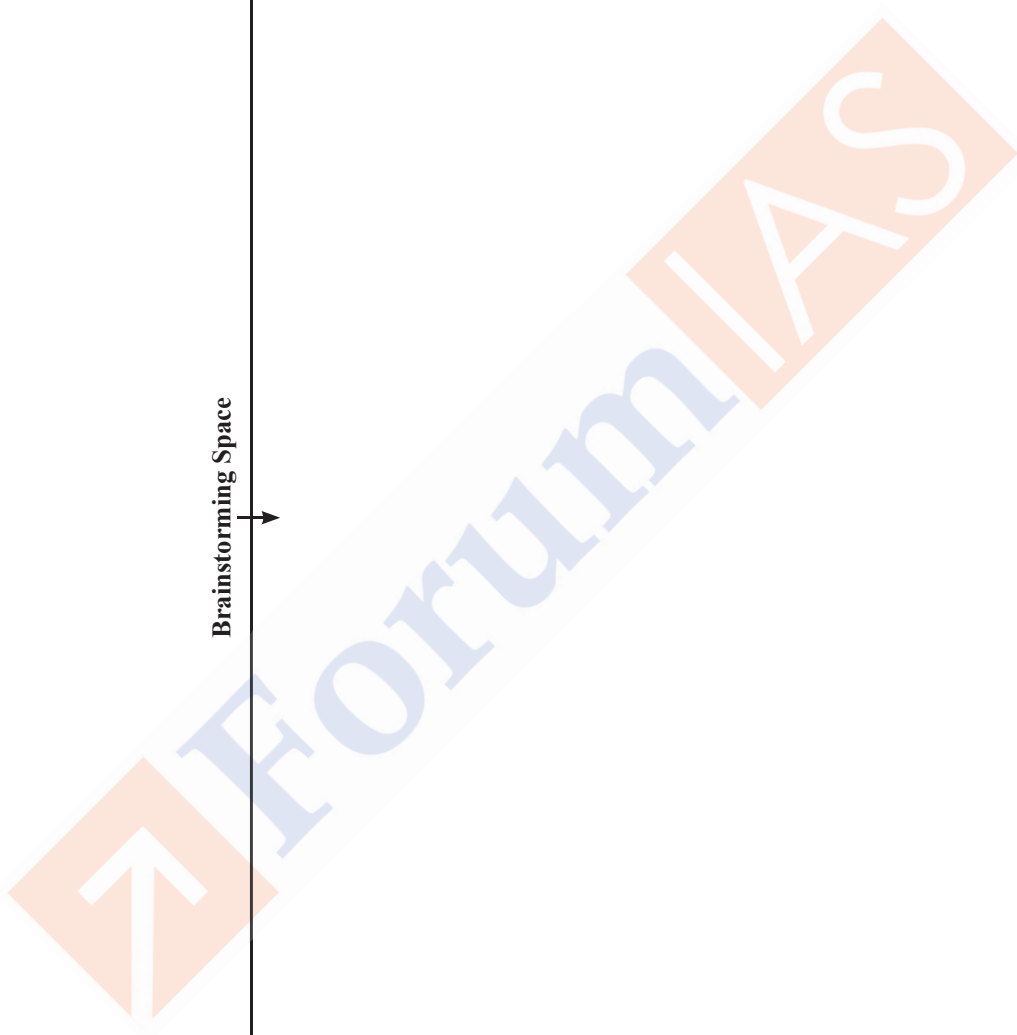
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2000]

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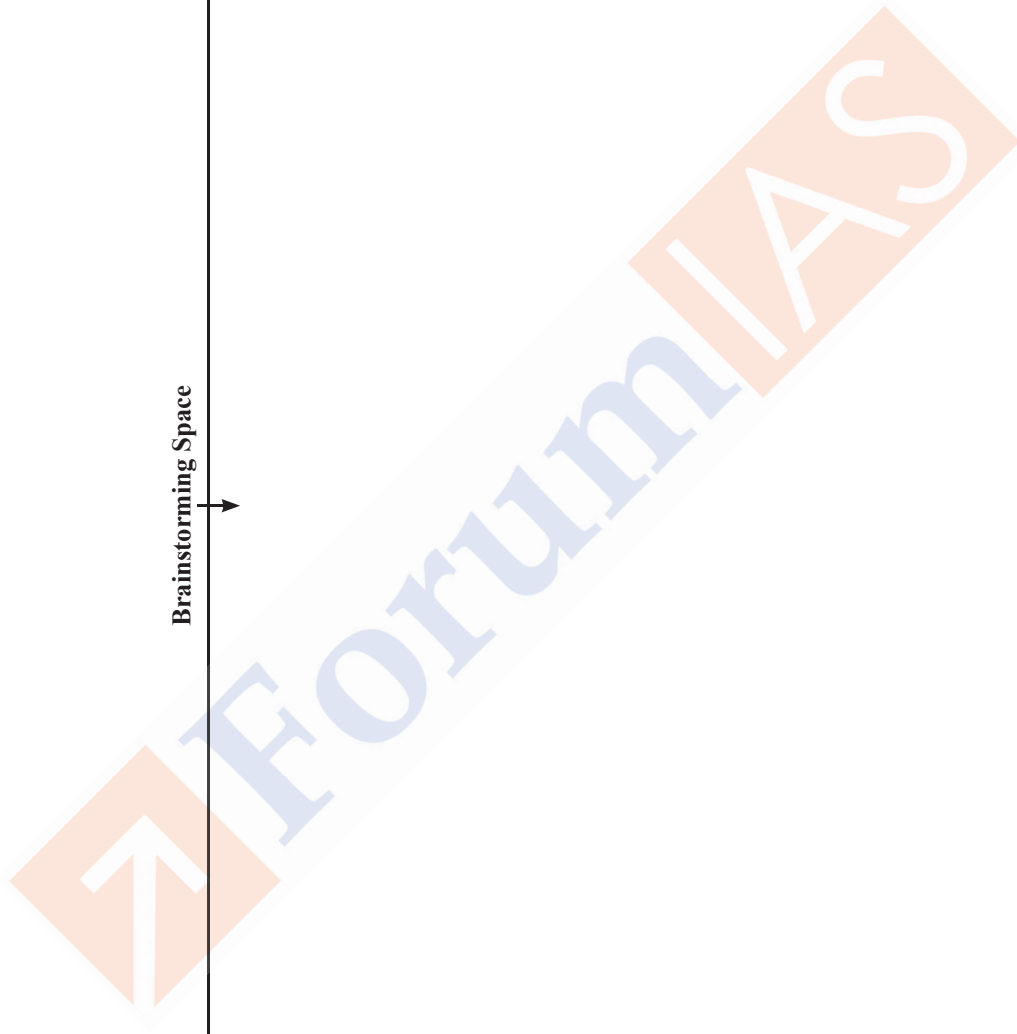
Q.243) In what ways is the RAJYA SABHA expected to play a special role in today's changing political scenario? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1999]

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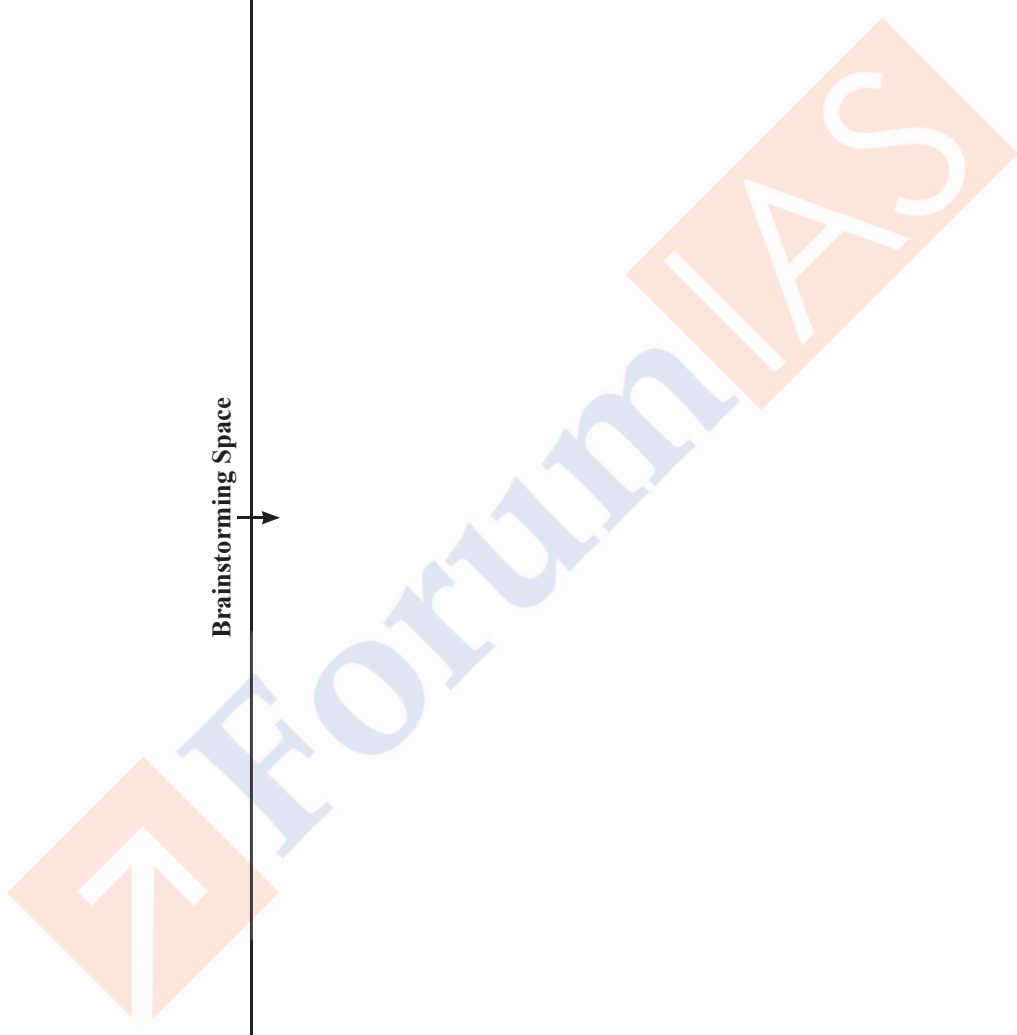
Q.244) Assess the importance of the role played by the Public Accounts Committee.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1999]

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Q.245) On what grounds the Legislative Councils are justified? How is it created or abolished in a State? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1998]

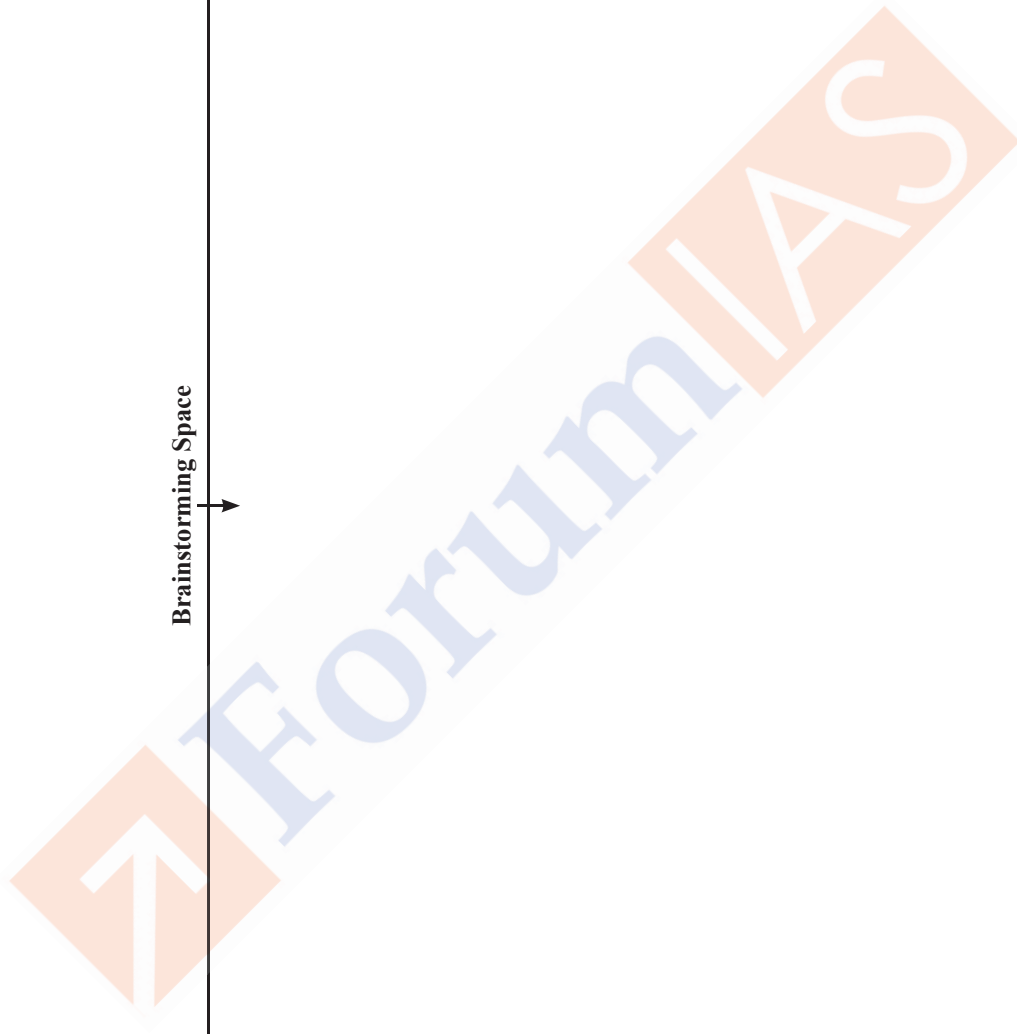
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Q.246) Explain the functions of the Estimates Committee.

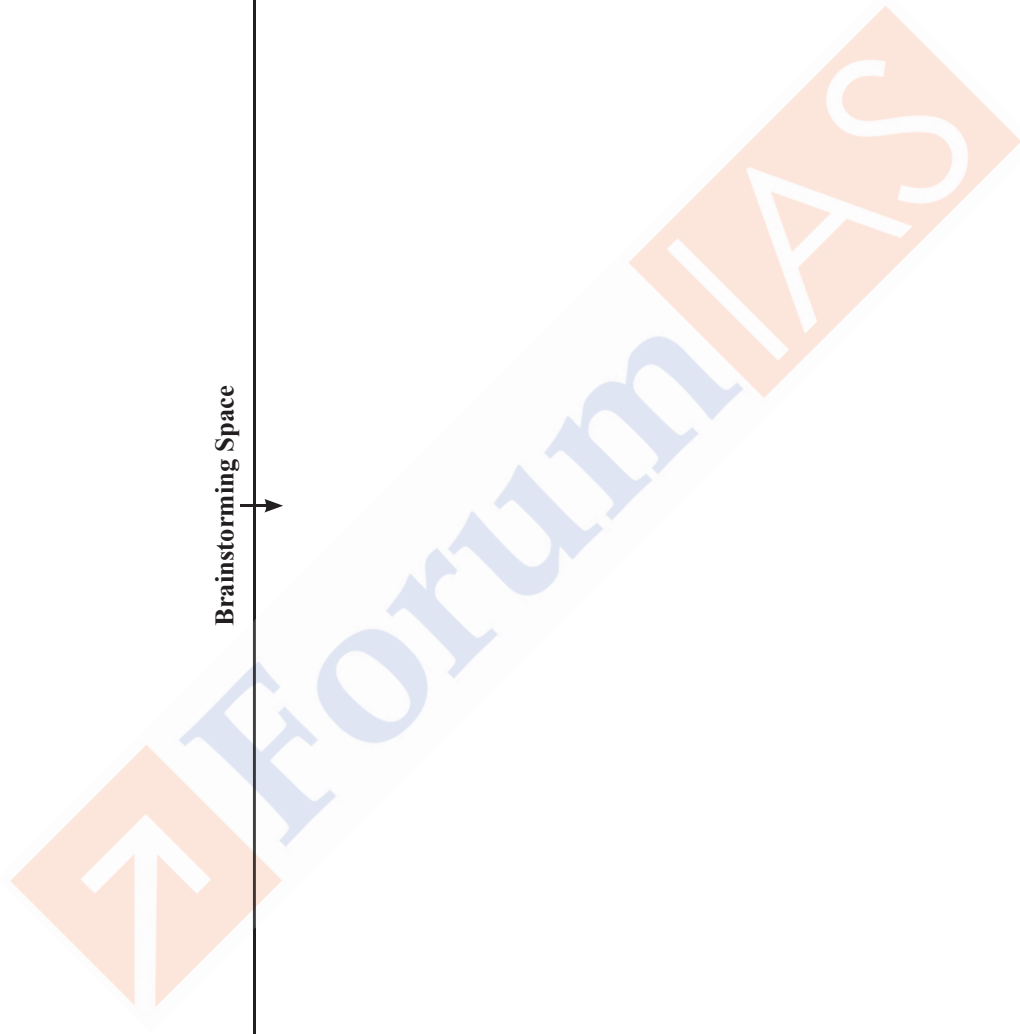
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1995]

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Q.247) Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Government. Do you think that changing over to Presidential form will be a solution for better governance? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1995]

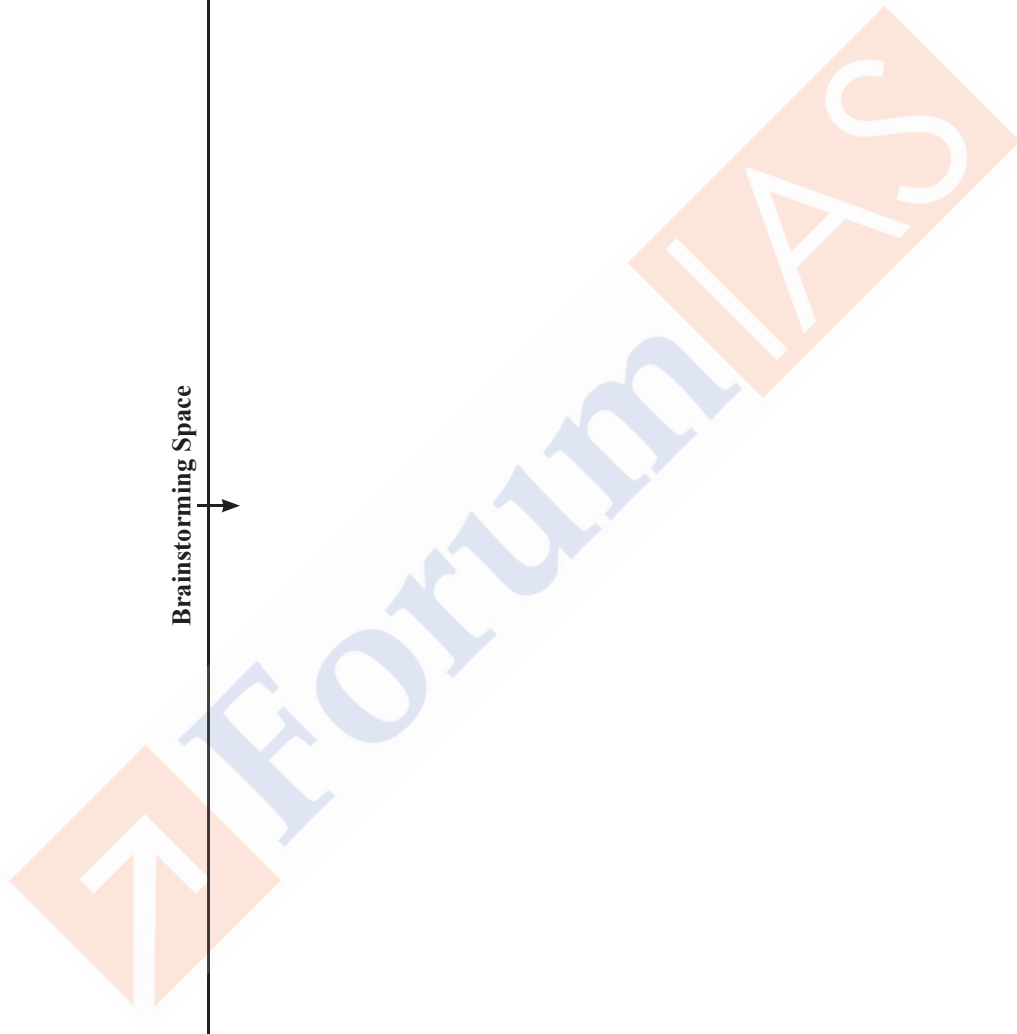
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Q.248) Describe the salient features of Anti-Defection Law.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1995]

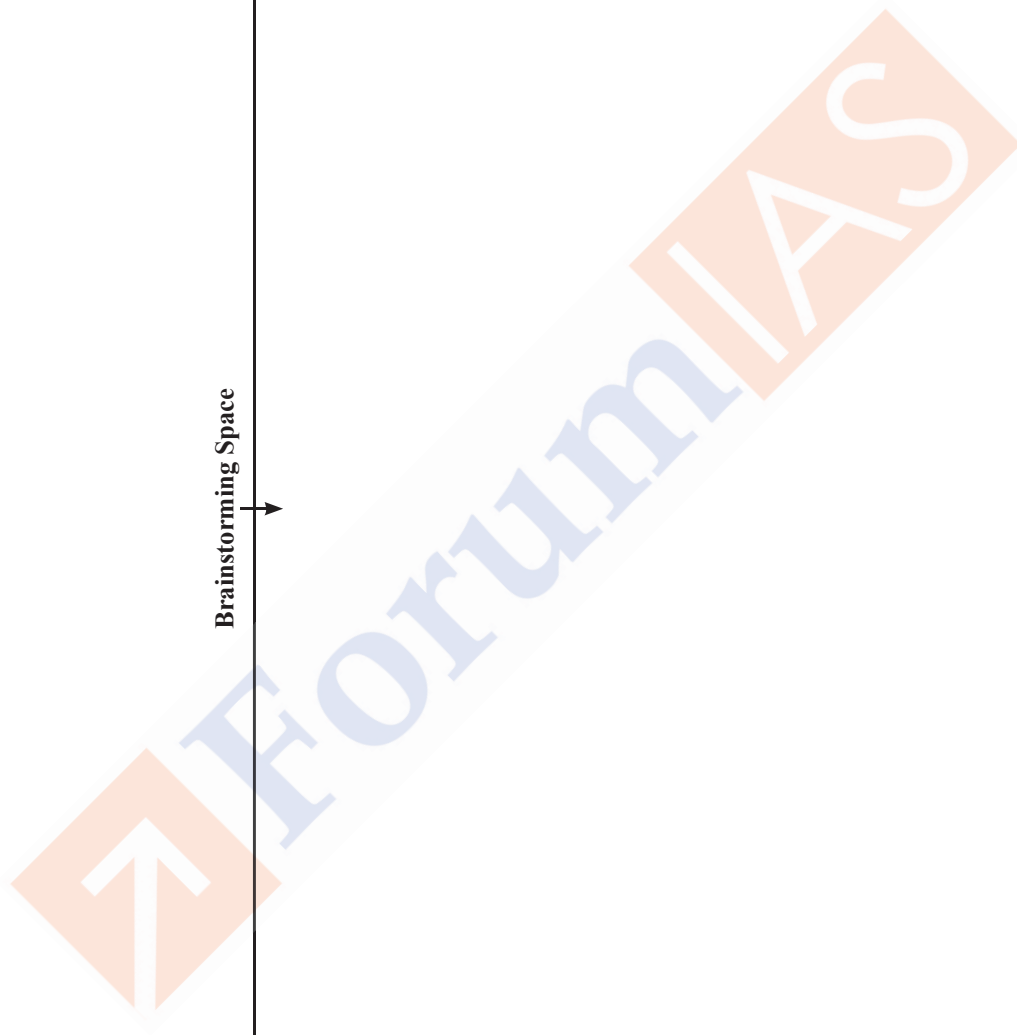
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Q.249) Explain the meaning of ex post-facto legislation.

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1994]

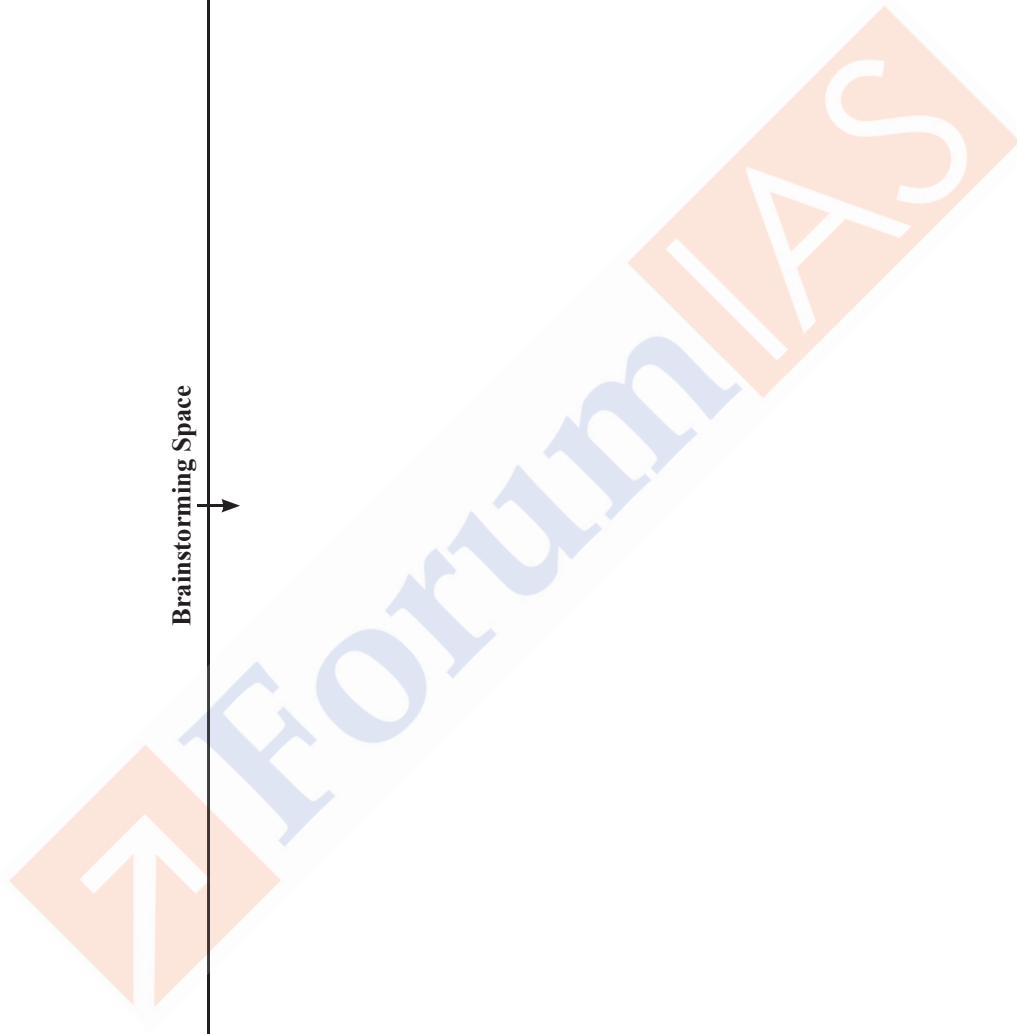
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Q.250) Describe the powers and functions of the Council of States. Compare its powers with those of the House of the People.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1993]

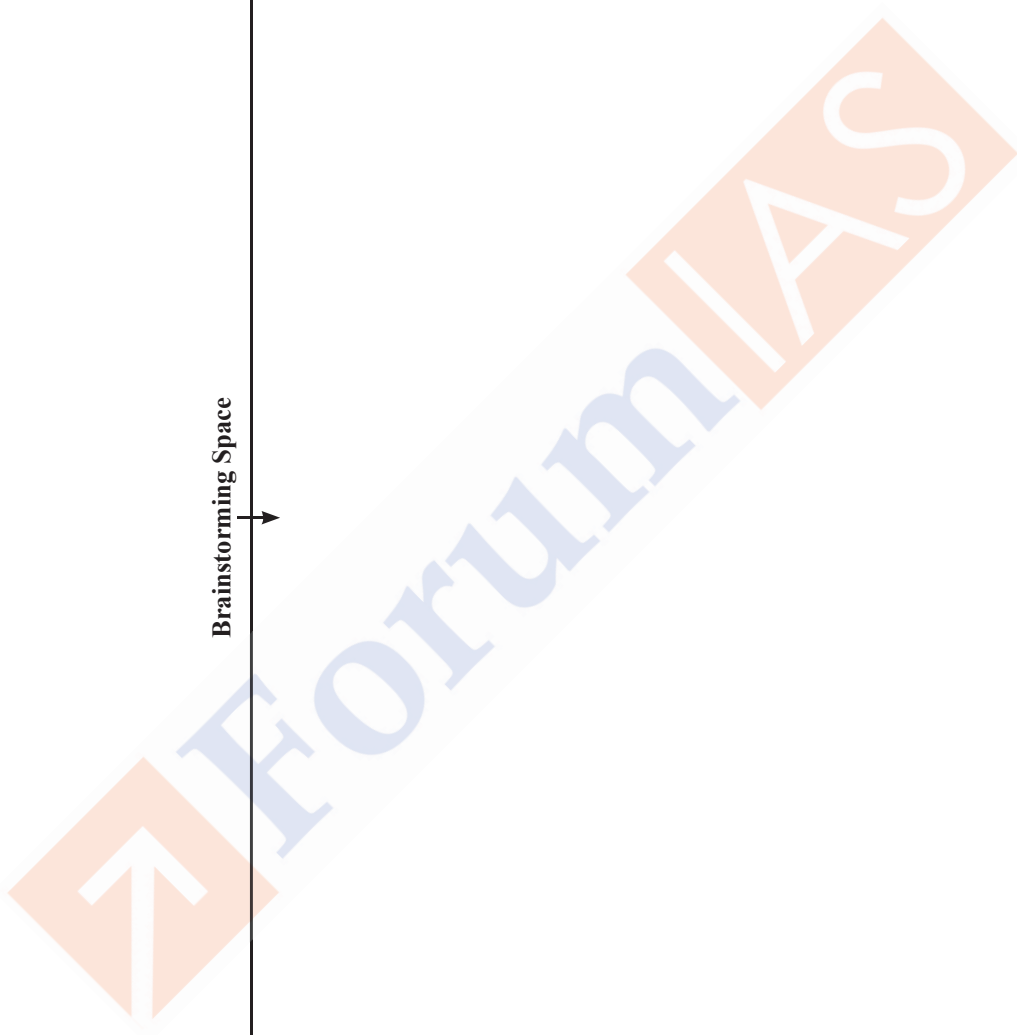
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Q.251) Describe the doctrine of colourable legislation.

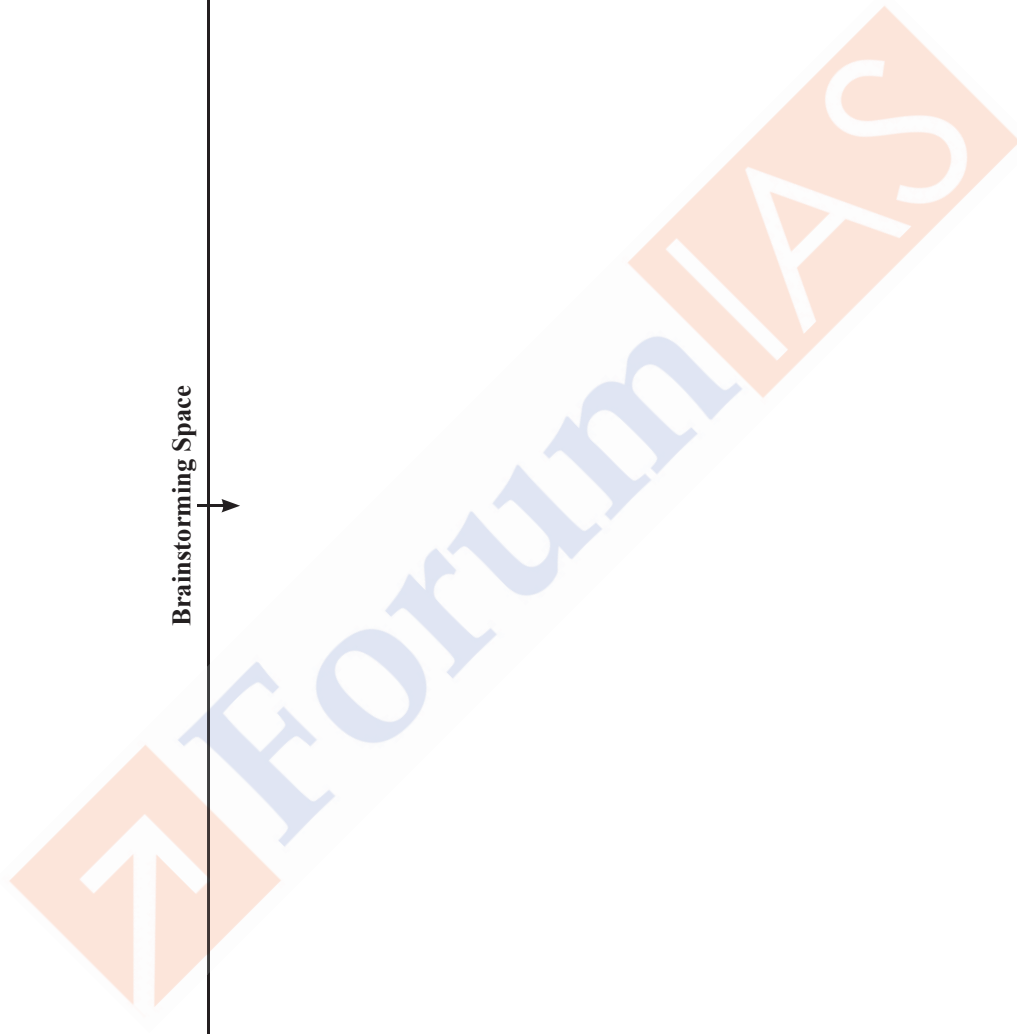
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1993]

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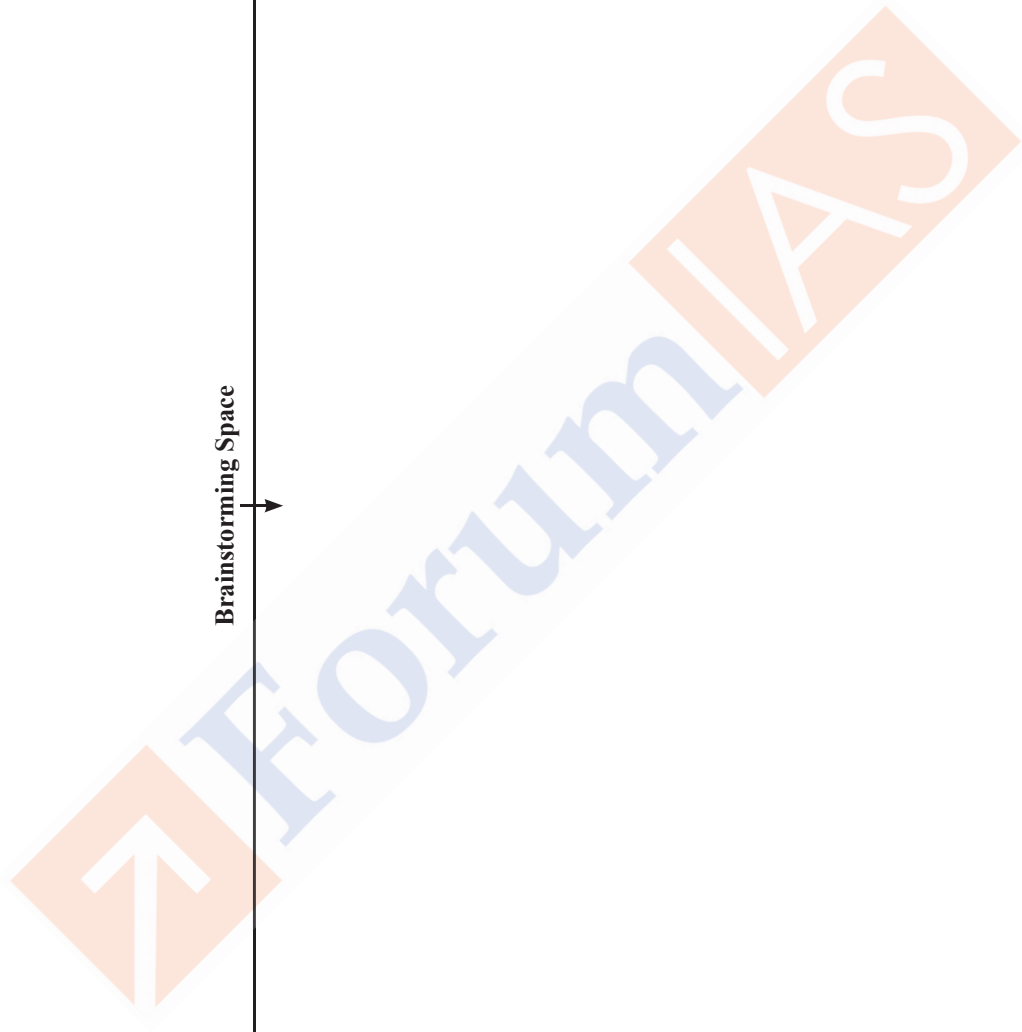
Q.252) Discuss the powers, privileges and immunities of the Indian Parliament. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1989]

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Q.253) Examine the powers and functions of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

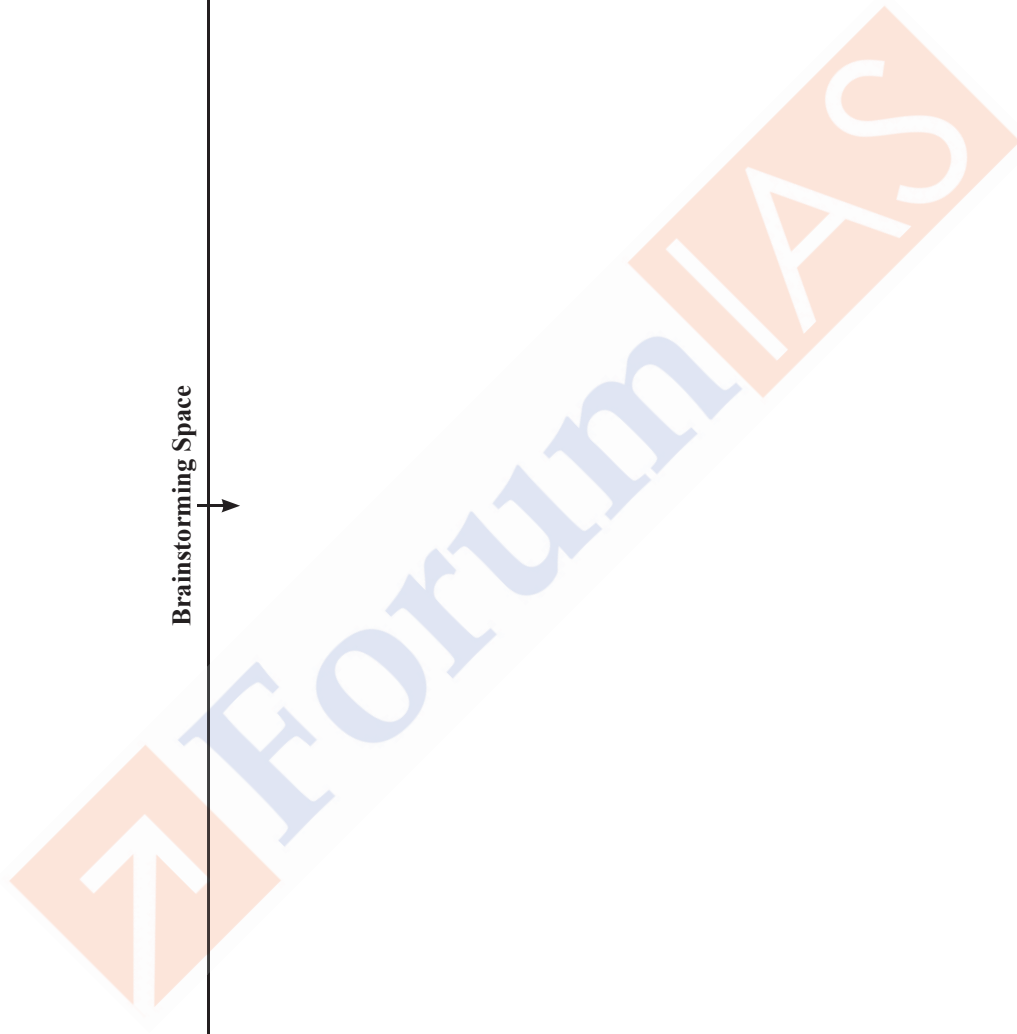
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Q.254) Explain the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the Federal set-up of the Indian Parliamentary System.

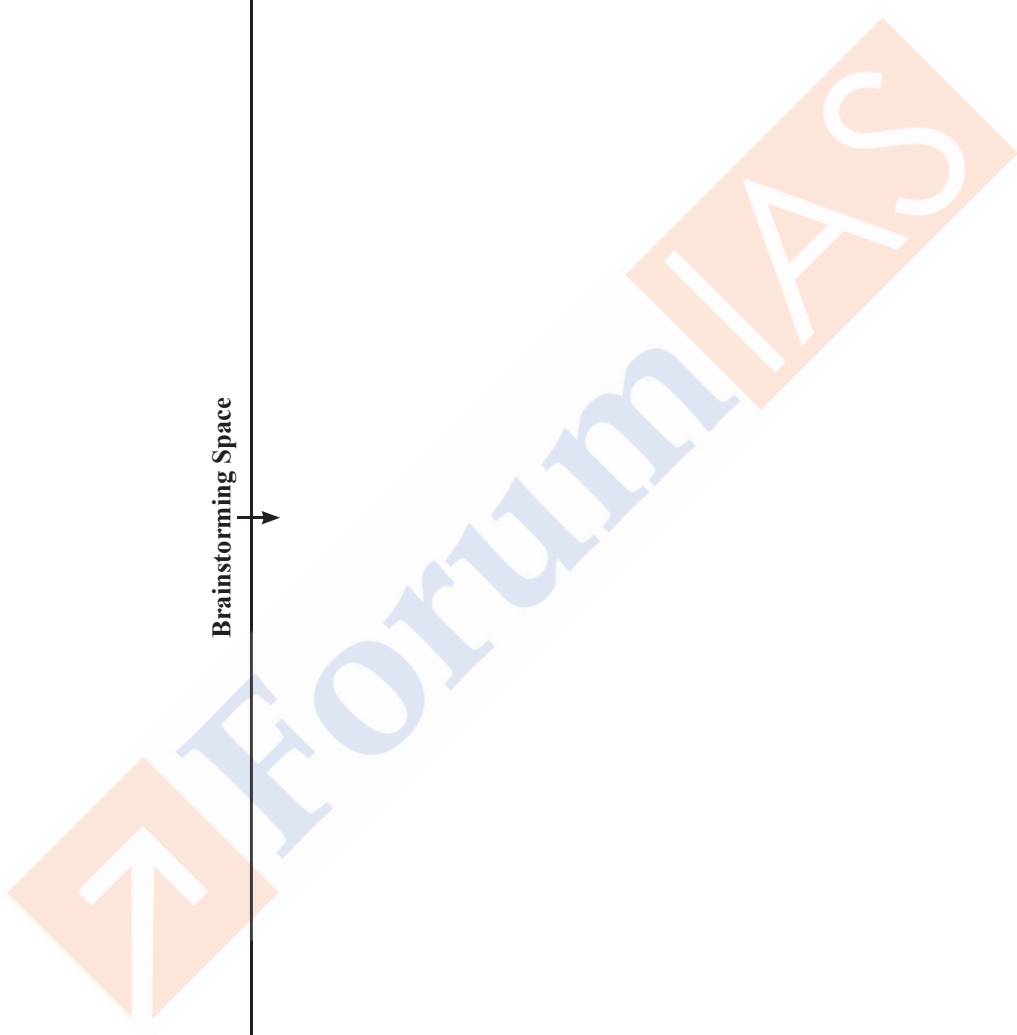
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

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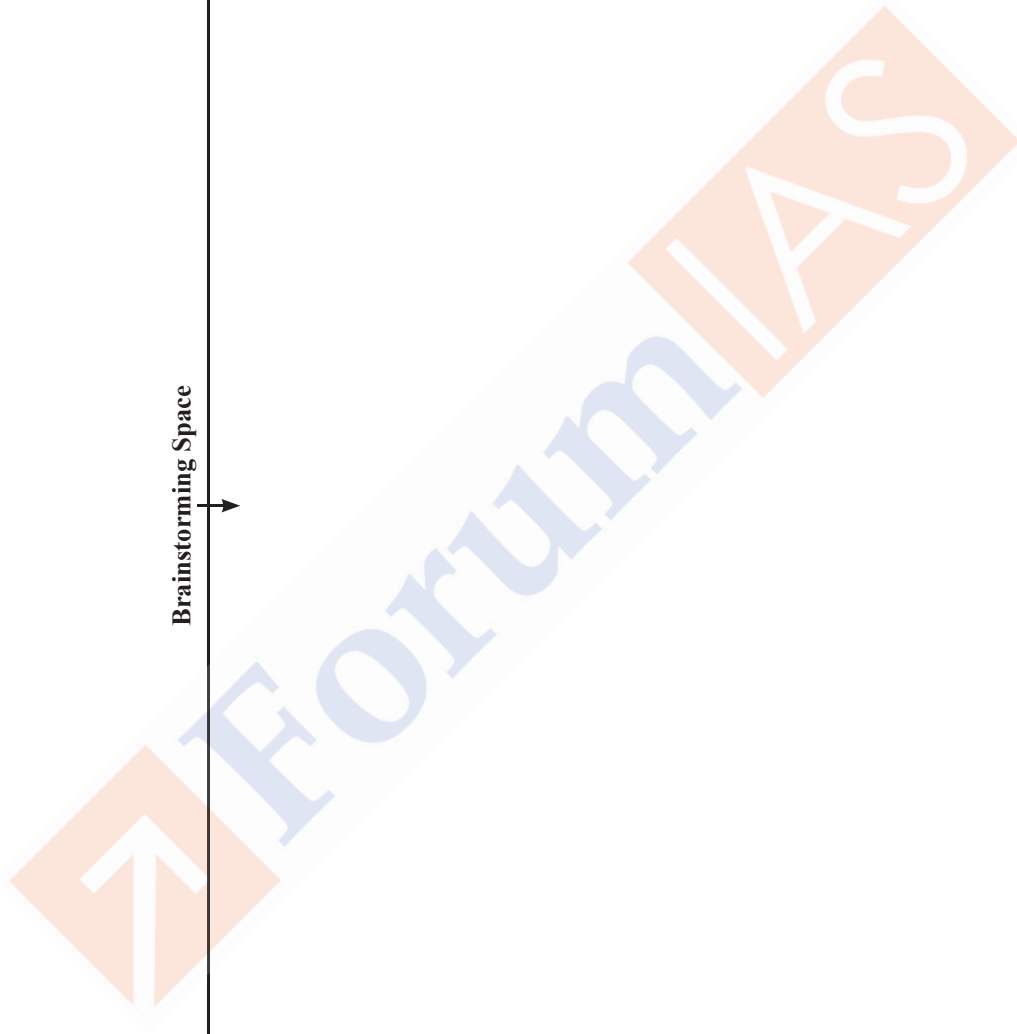
Q.255) Discuss the relationship between the Executive and the legislative wings with reference to India. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

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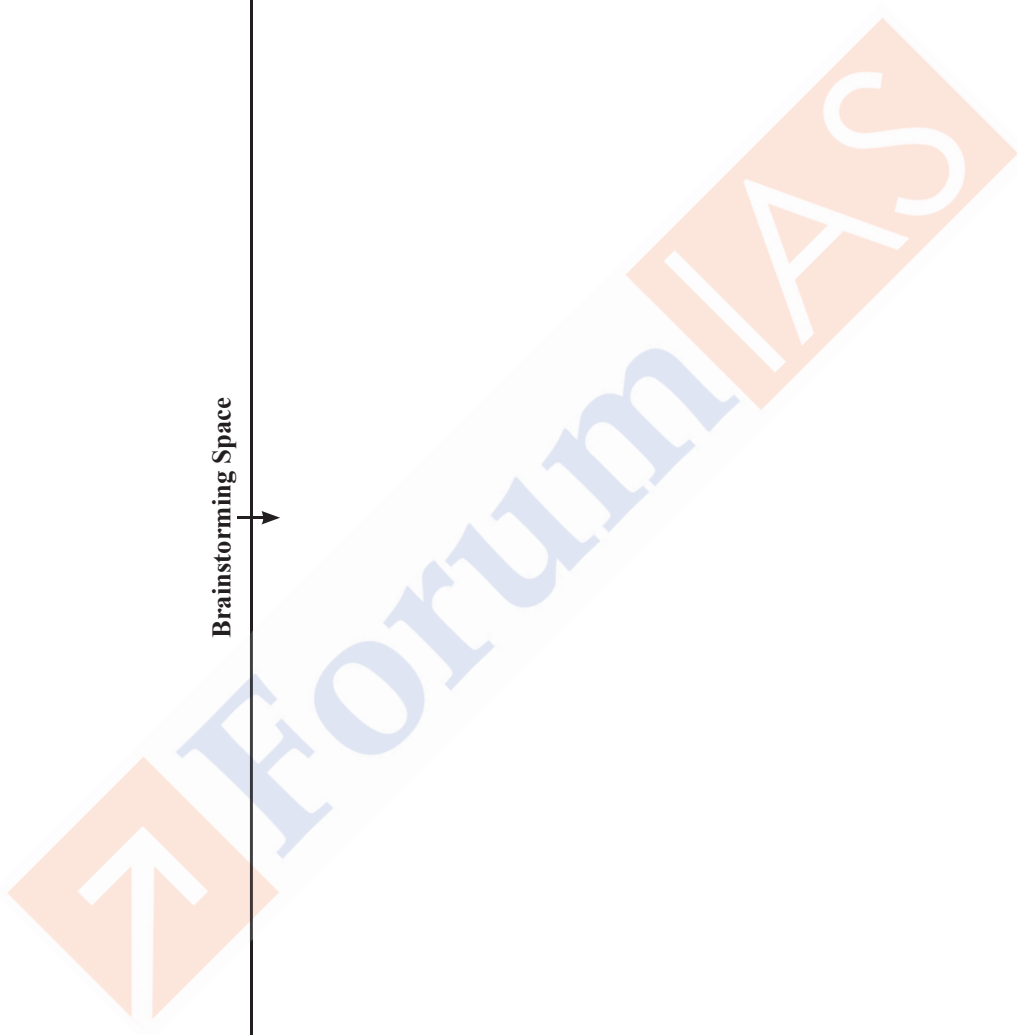
Q.256) Describe the organization and functions of the committee system in Indian Parliament. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

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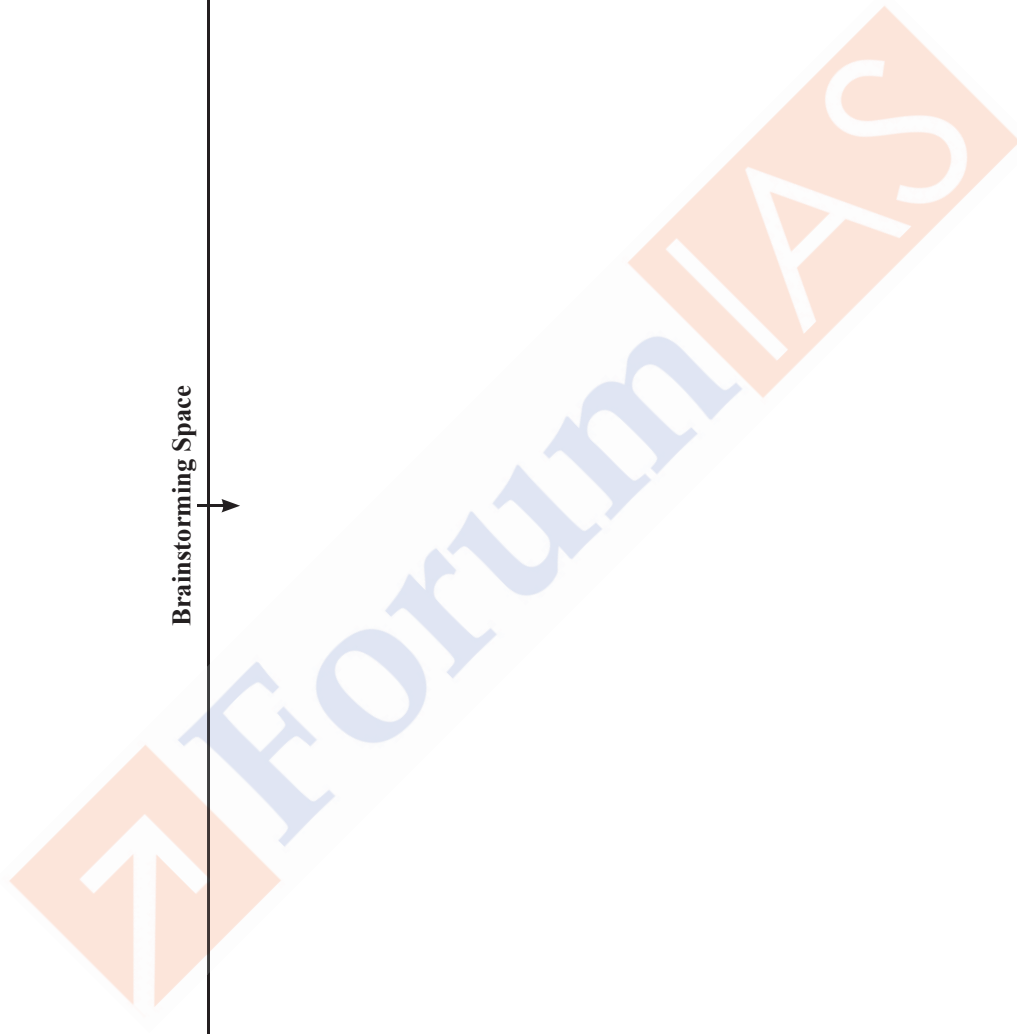
Q.257) What is meant by a Cut Motion in Parliament? Mention its different kinds. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

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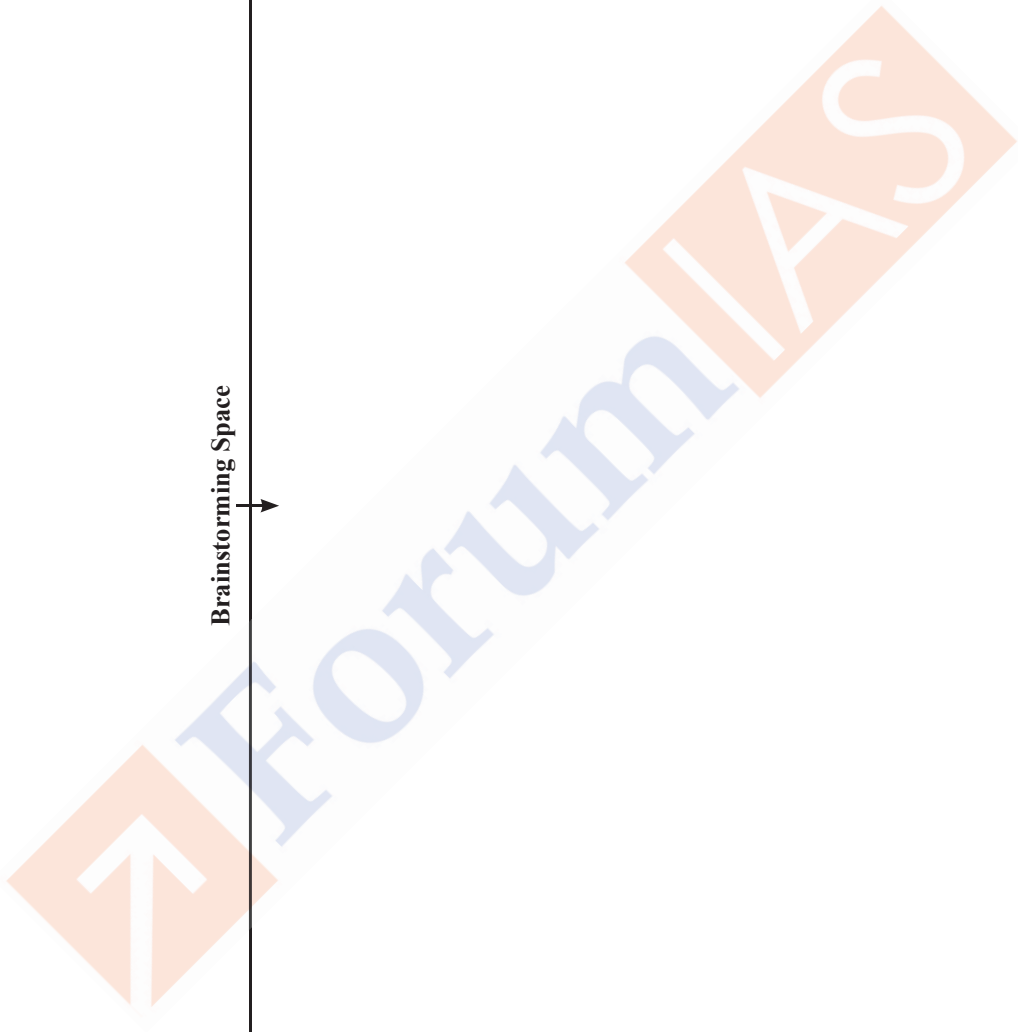
Q.258) How is breach of Parliament Privilege different from Contempt of the House? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

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Q.259) There are certain spheres where the Rajya Sabha alone has the authority. What are they? (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1989]

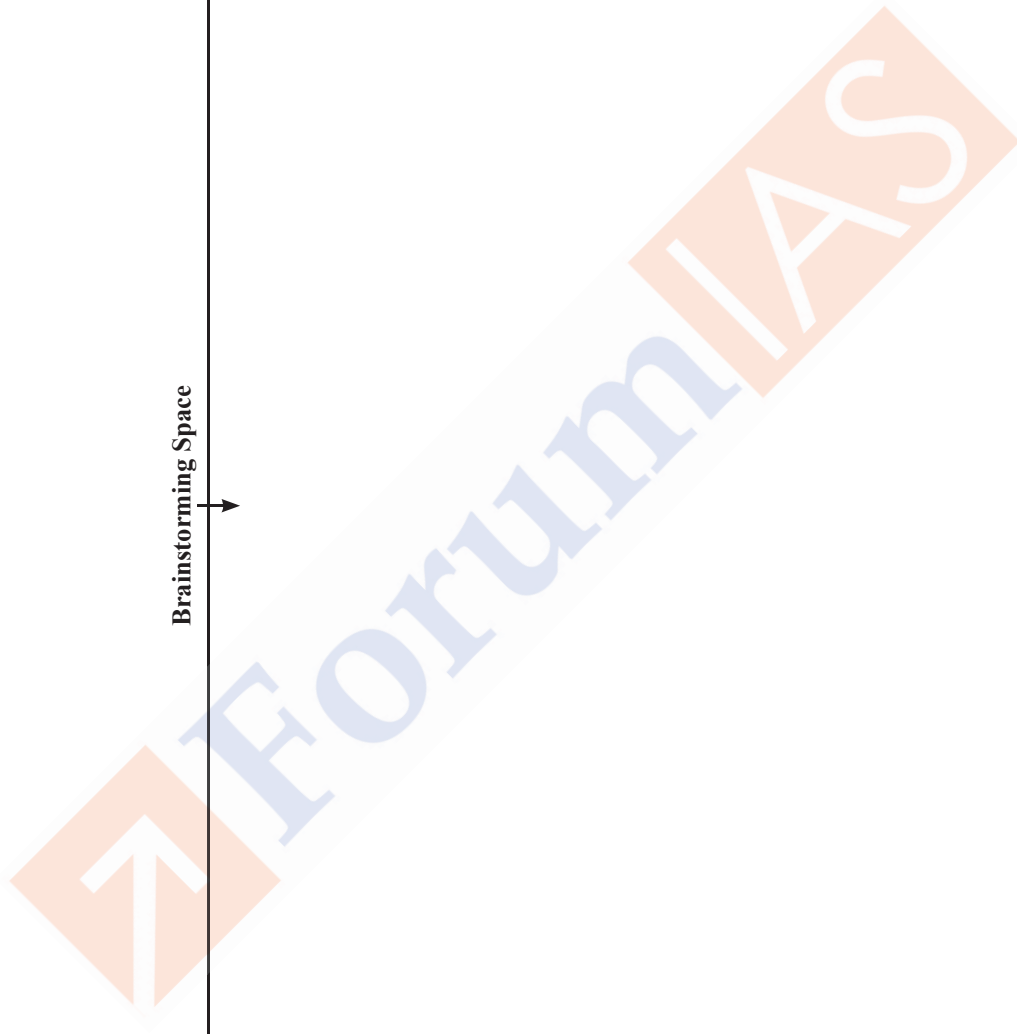
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Q.260) Explain what is a point of order? When can it be raised?

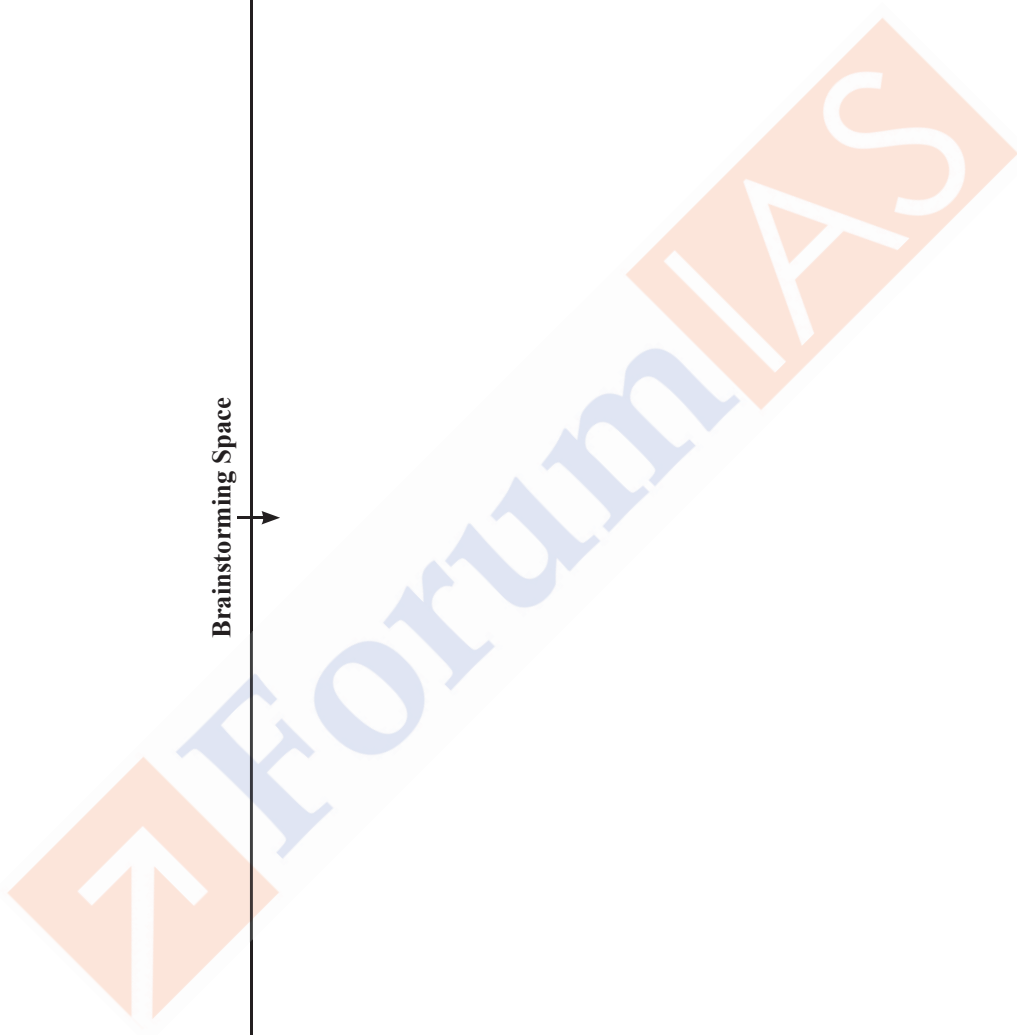
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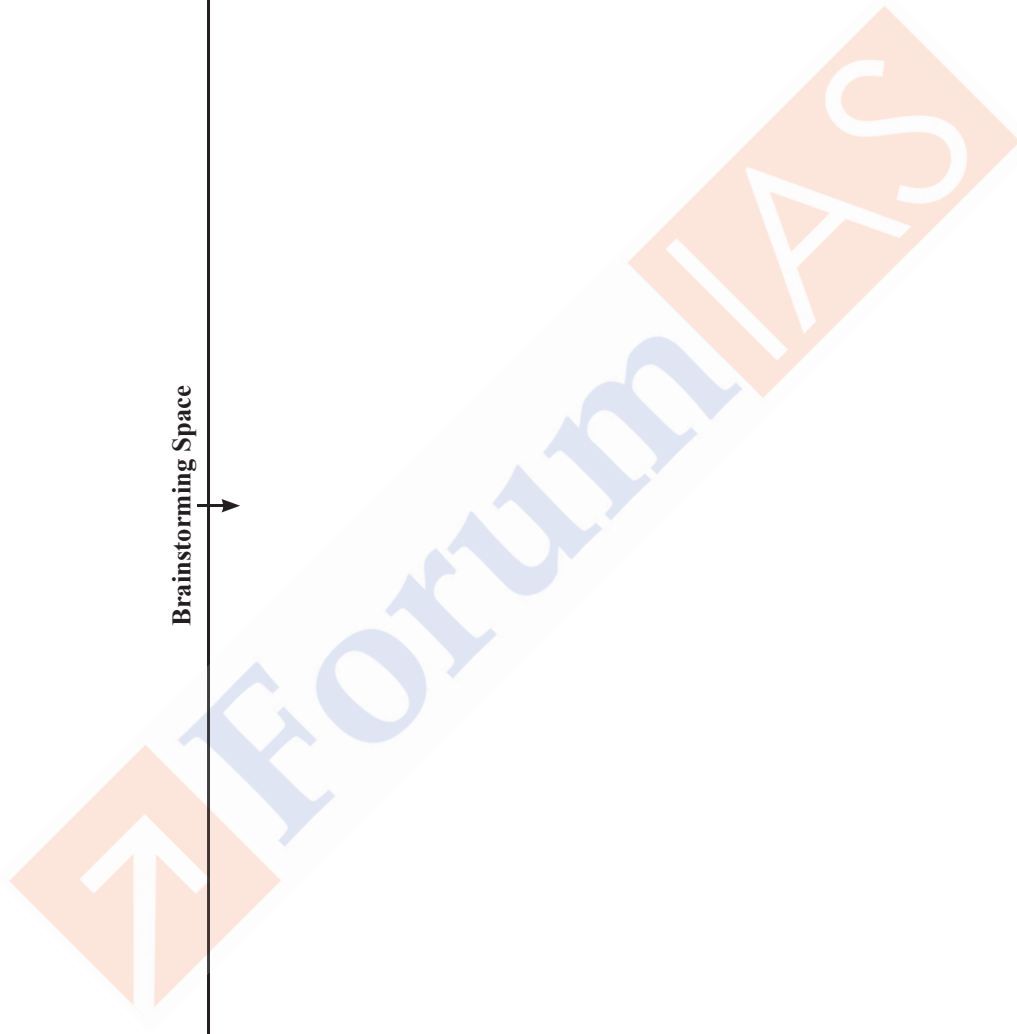
Q.261) Discuss the methods by which Parliament controls public expenditure in India. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1988]

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Q.262) Identify the nature and methods of parliamentary control over the executive in Indian polity. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1987]

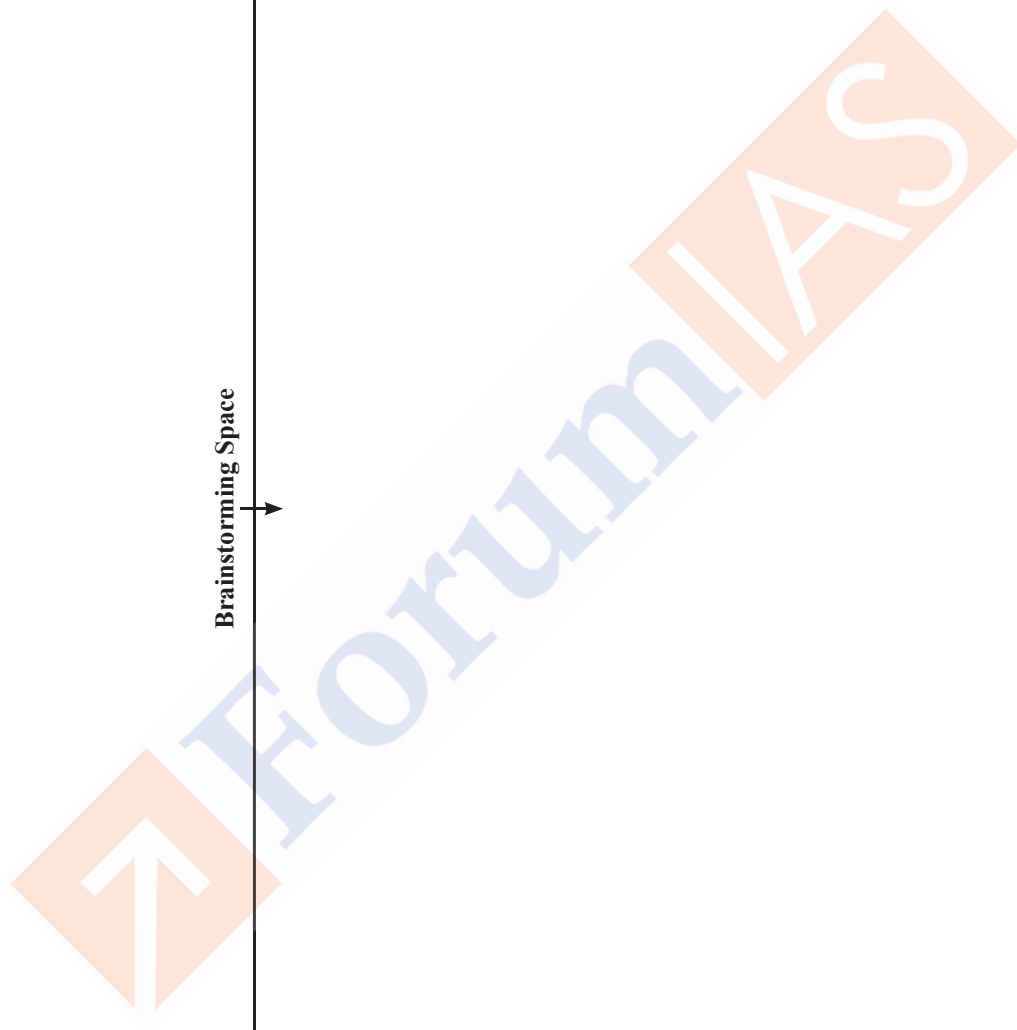
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Q.263) Why was it considered necessary to pass the anti-defection bill? In what ways is it likely to improve the political health of the country?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1984]

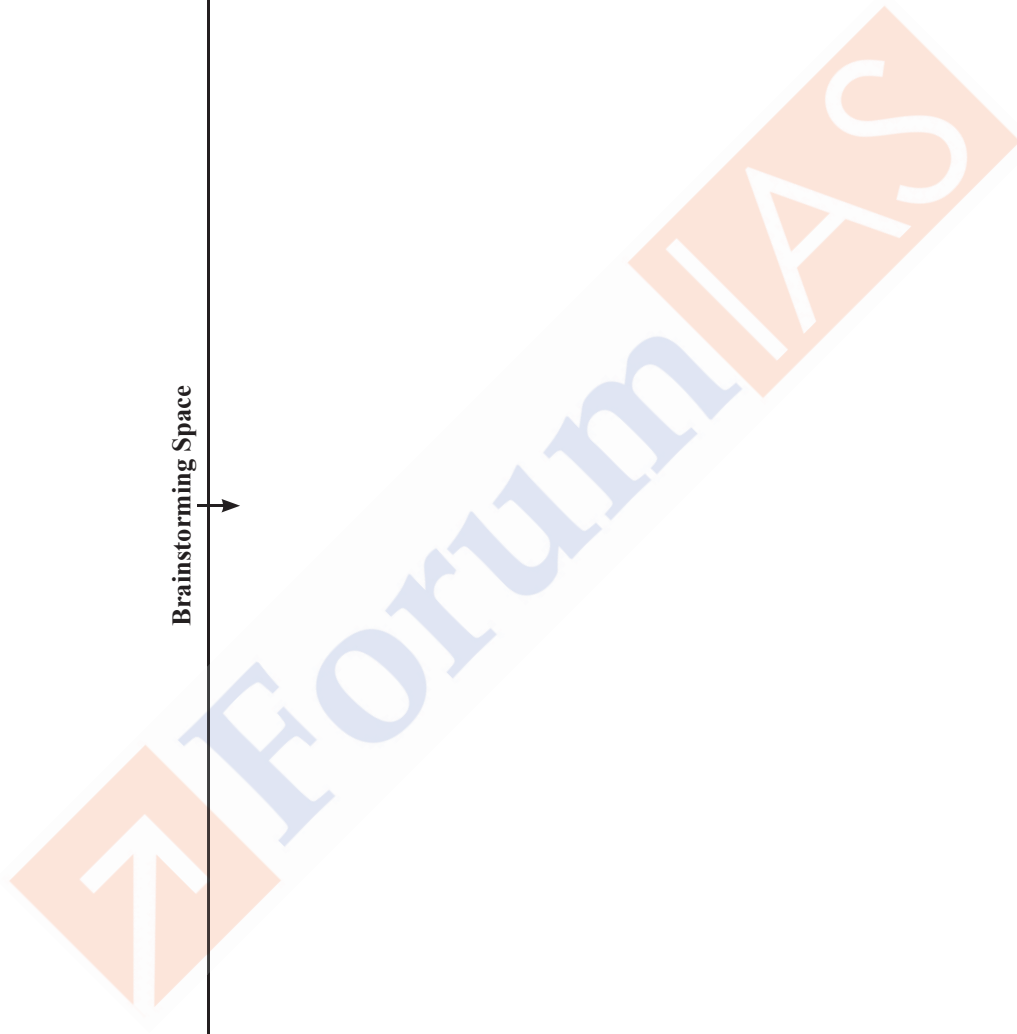
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Q.264) Despite all talk of an effective opposition why has it not been possible to develop an effective opposition in India?

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1983]

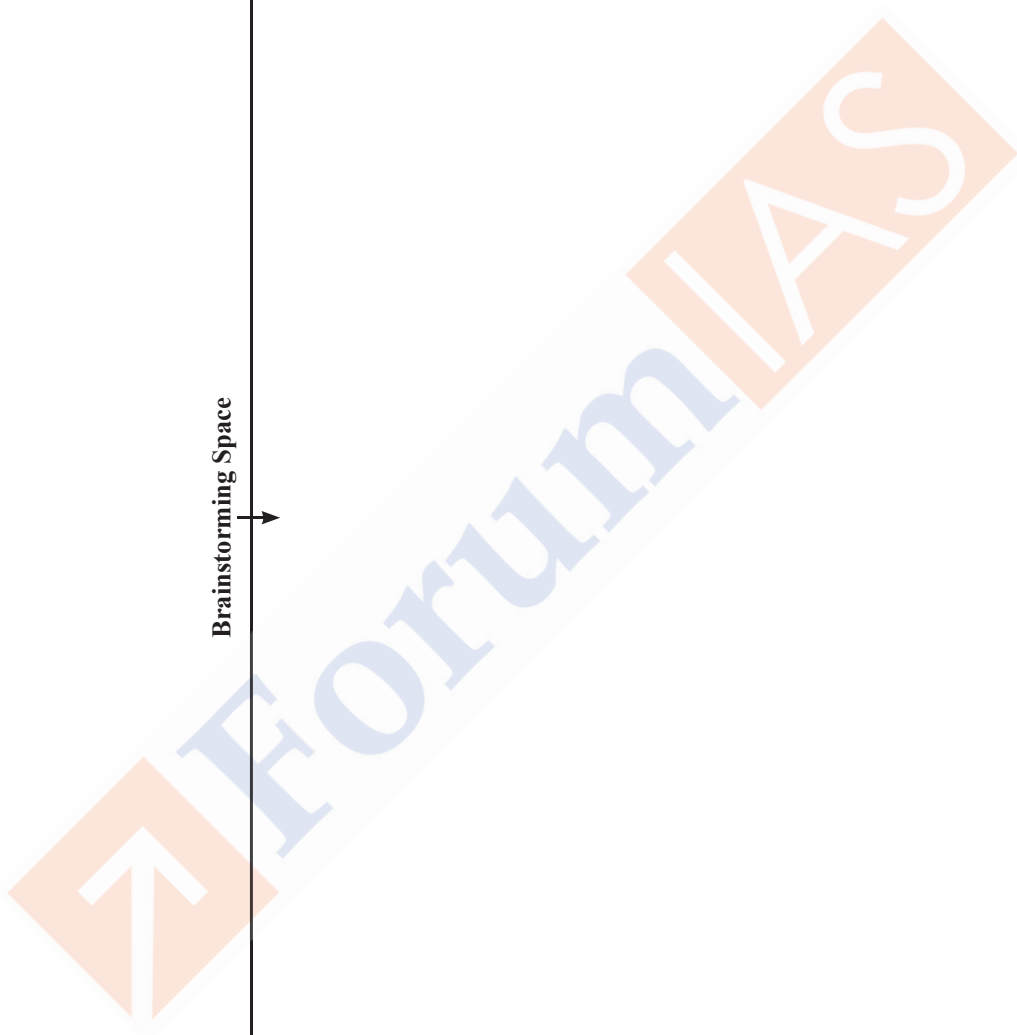
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Q.265) What is meant by the sovereignty of the parliament? Consider whether the Indian parliament is a sovereign body?

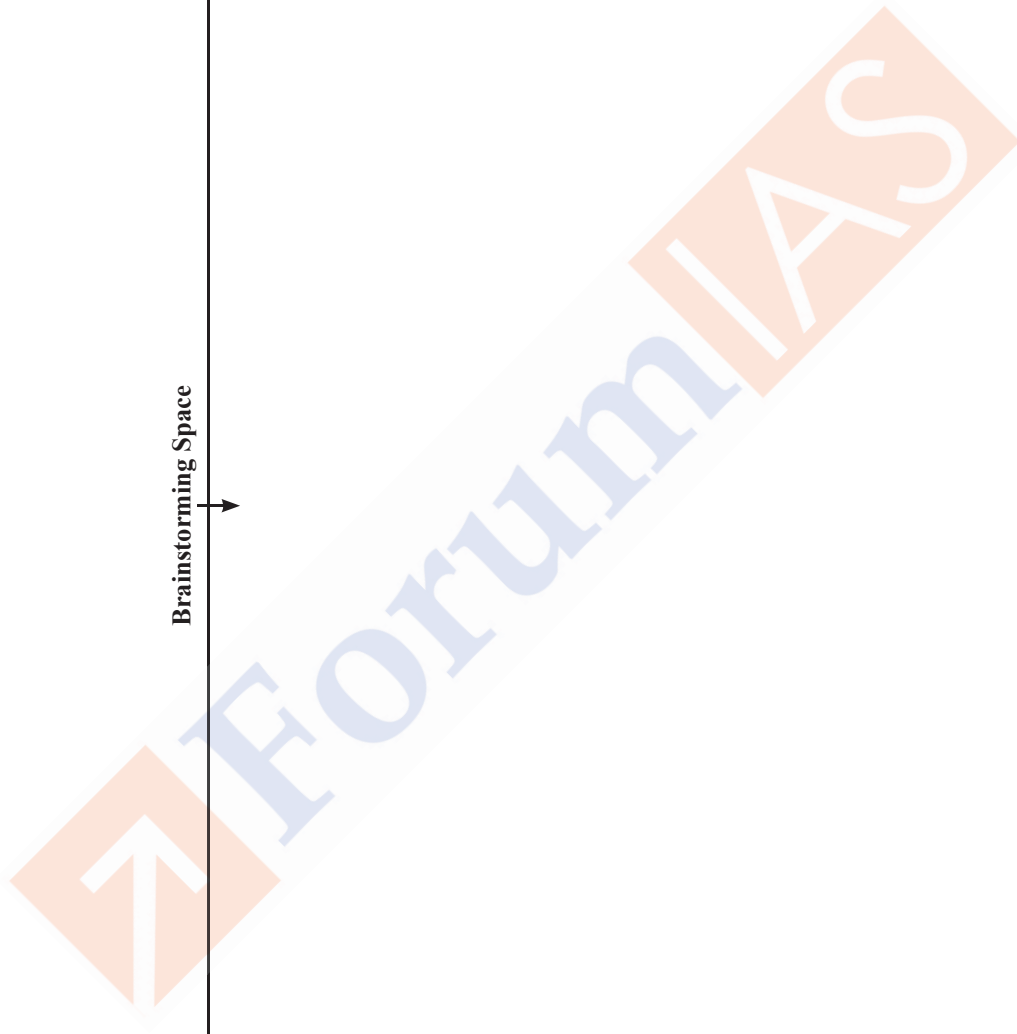
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1982]

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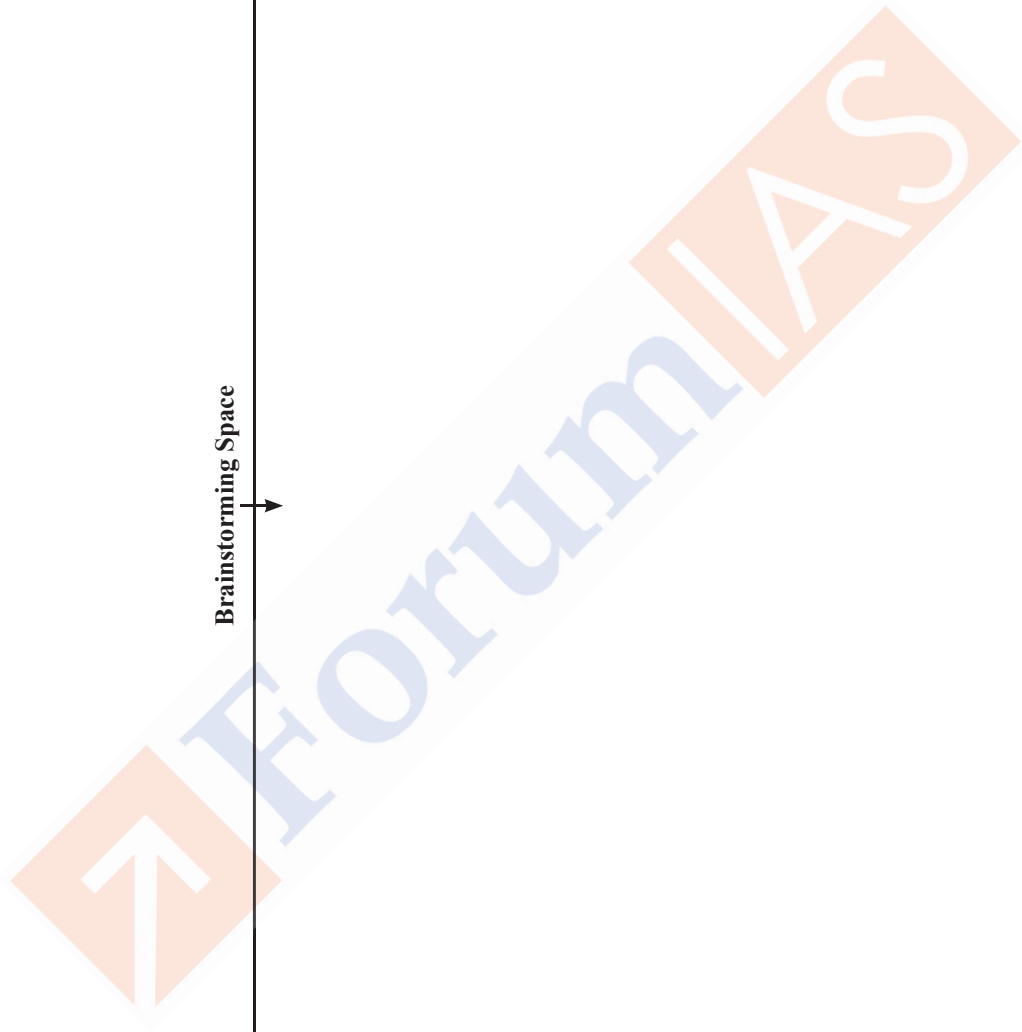
Q.266) The Phenomenon of Political defection in India assumed large proportions. Bring out the factors responsible for the growth of this phenomenon. Is it right to say that ban on defection will amount to suppression of thought and action? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1981]

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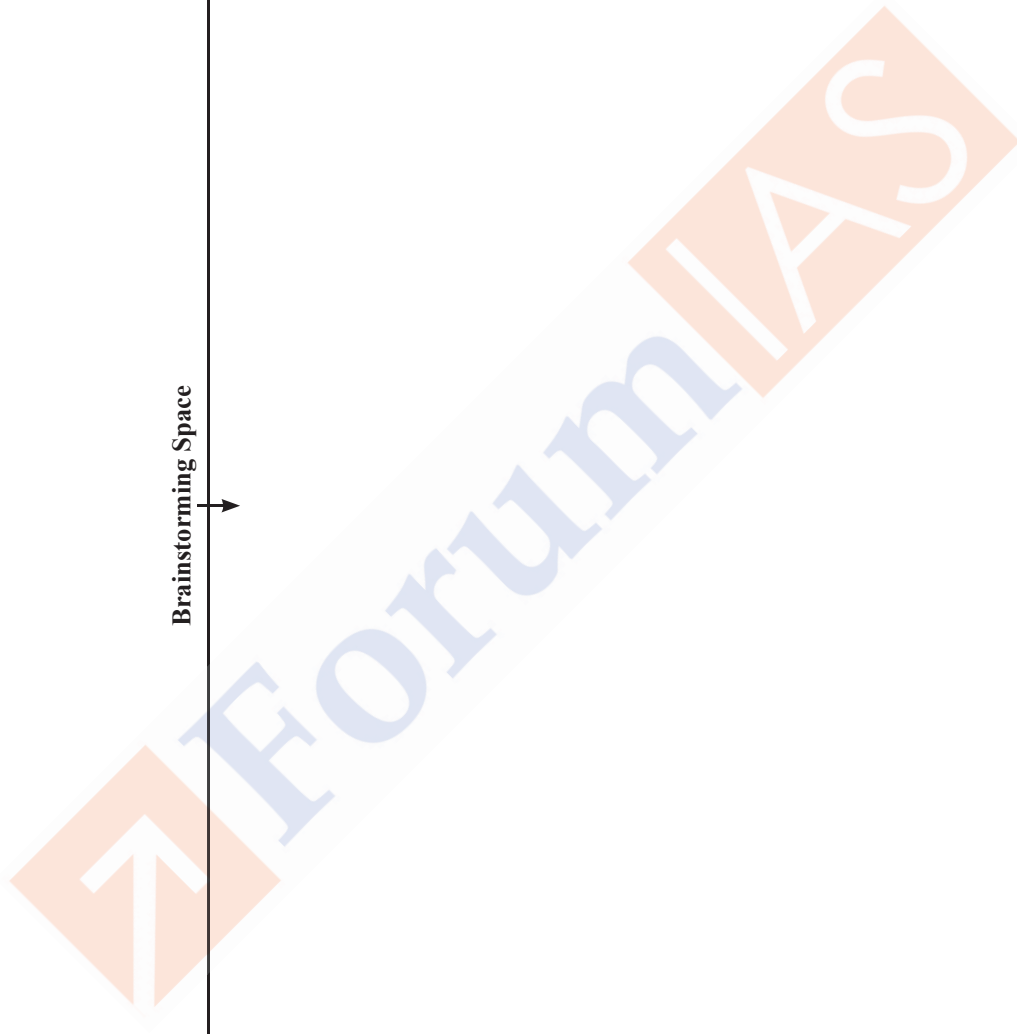
Q.267) What is Parliamentary Democracy? How does the Indian Parliament exercise control over the Union? Can the Parliament have any control over the State Executives? (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1981]

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Q.268) 'Pressure groups play a vital role in influencing public policymaking in India.' Explain how the business associations contribute to public policies. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2021]

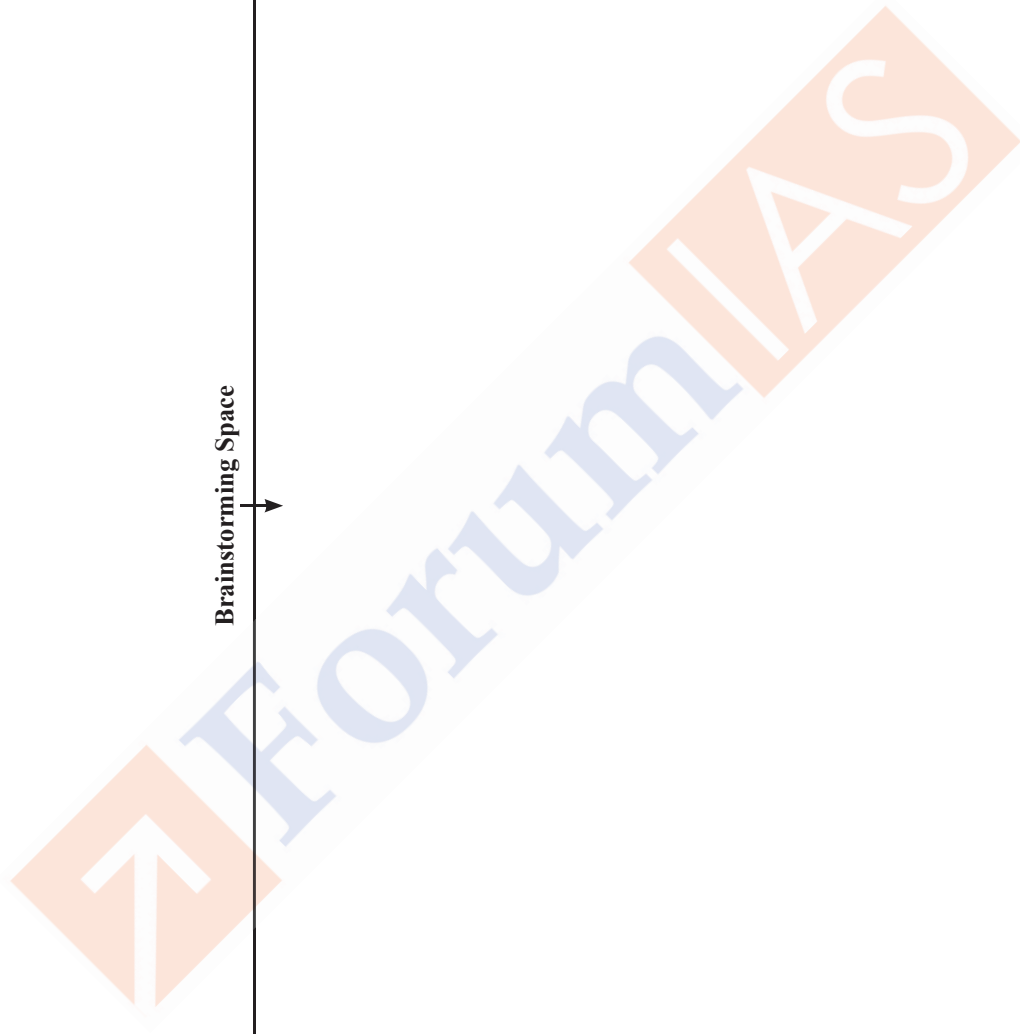
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Q.269) What are the methods used by the farmer's organizations to influence the policy-makers in India and how effective are these methods?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

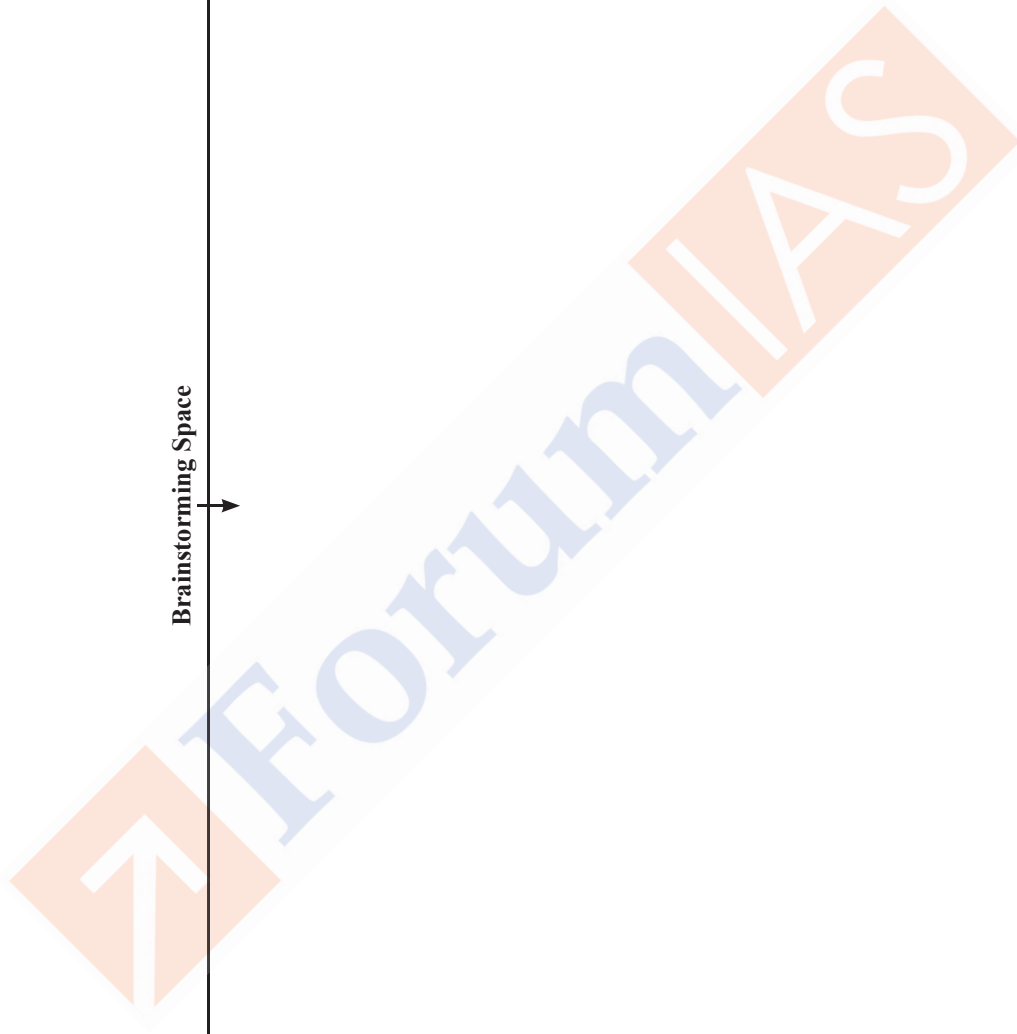
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Q.270) How do pressure groups influence Indian political process? Do you agree that informal pressure groups have emerged as powerful than formal pressure groups in recent years?

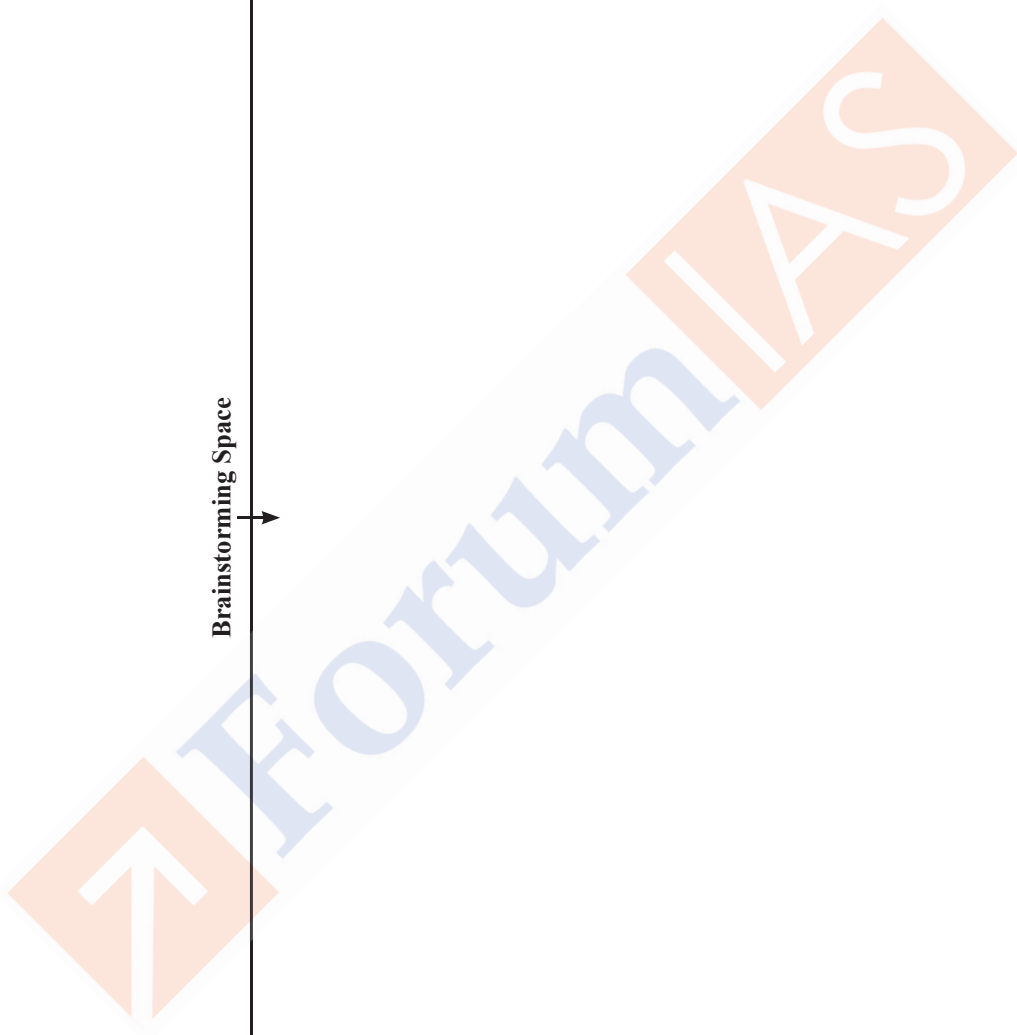
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2017]

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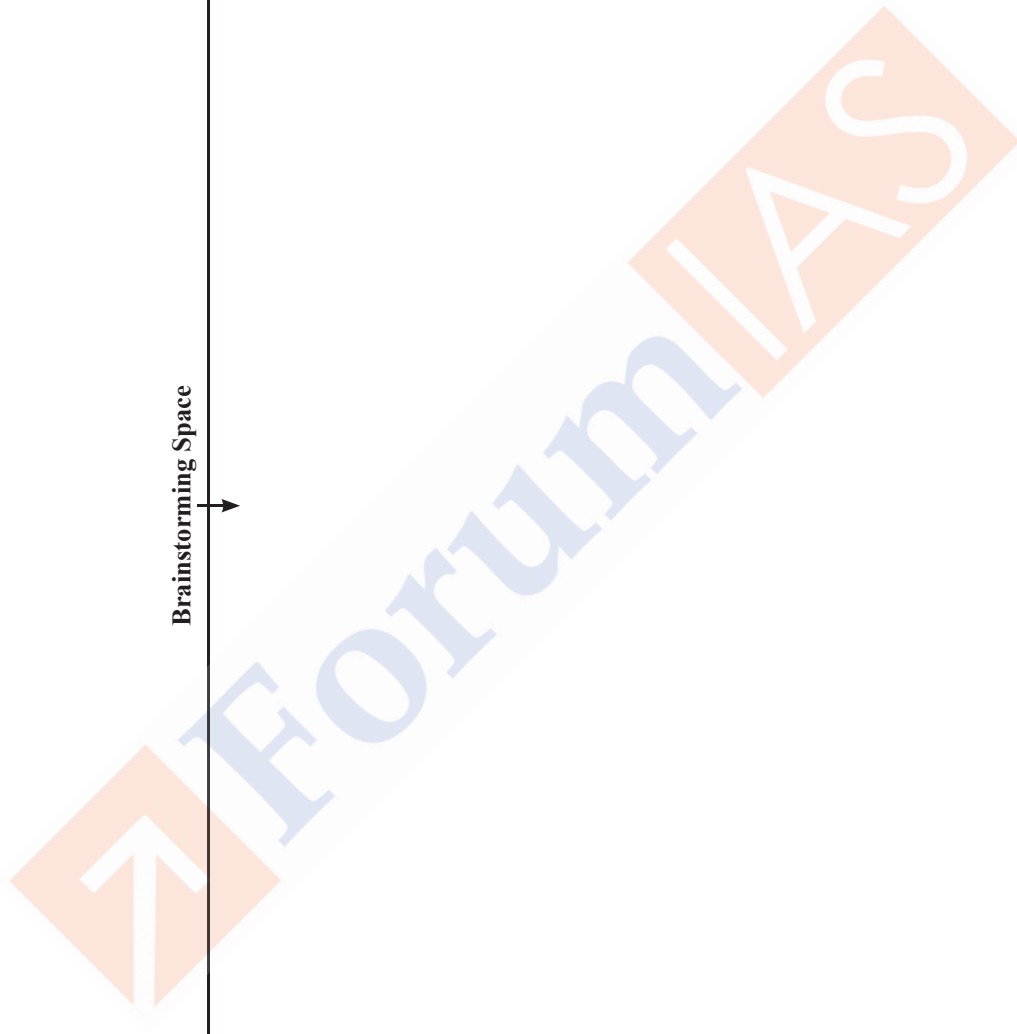
Q.271) Pressure group politics is sometimes seen as the informal face of politics. Assess the structure and functioning of pressure groups in India. (10 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

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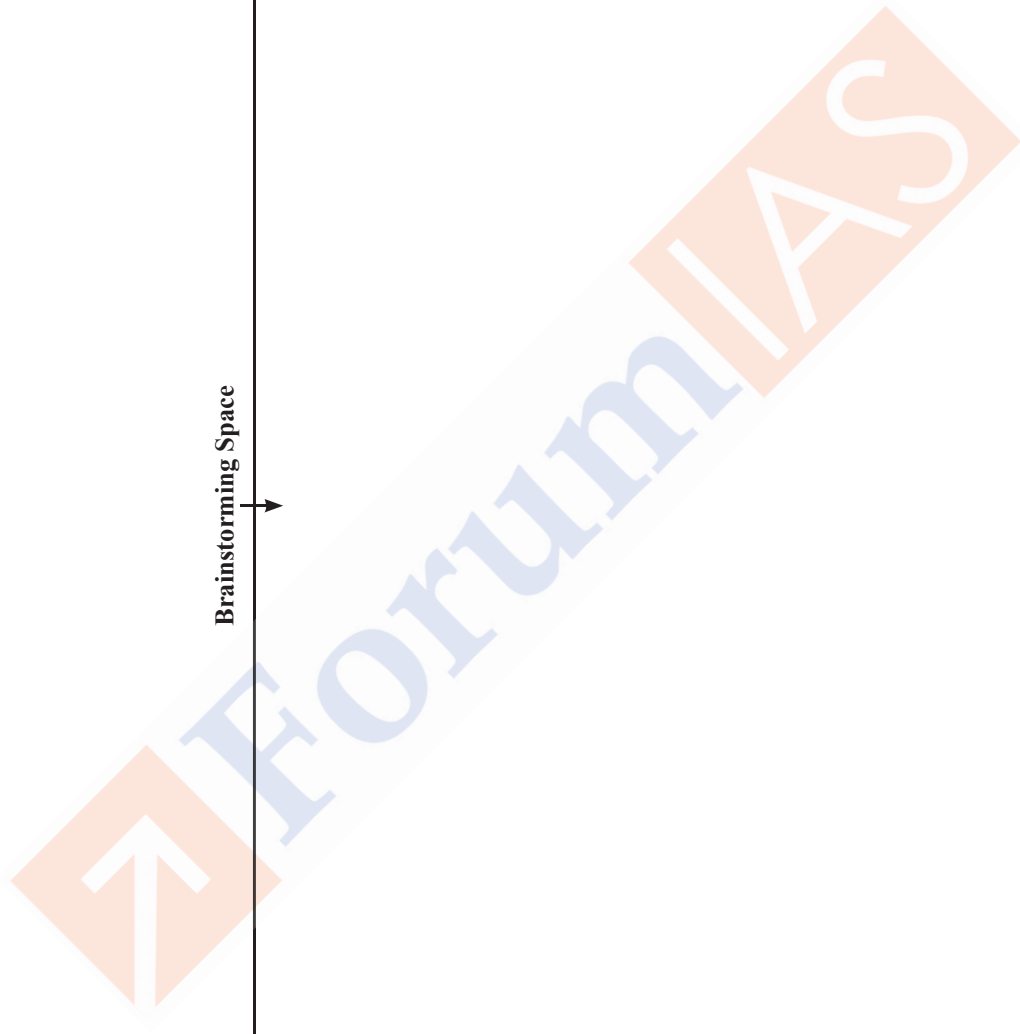
Q.272) Pressure groups are an anonymous empire and are an unofficial Government. Do you agree with above statement? Substantiate with reasons. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2009]

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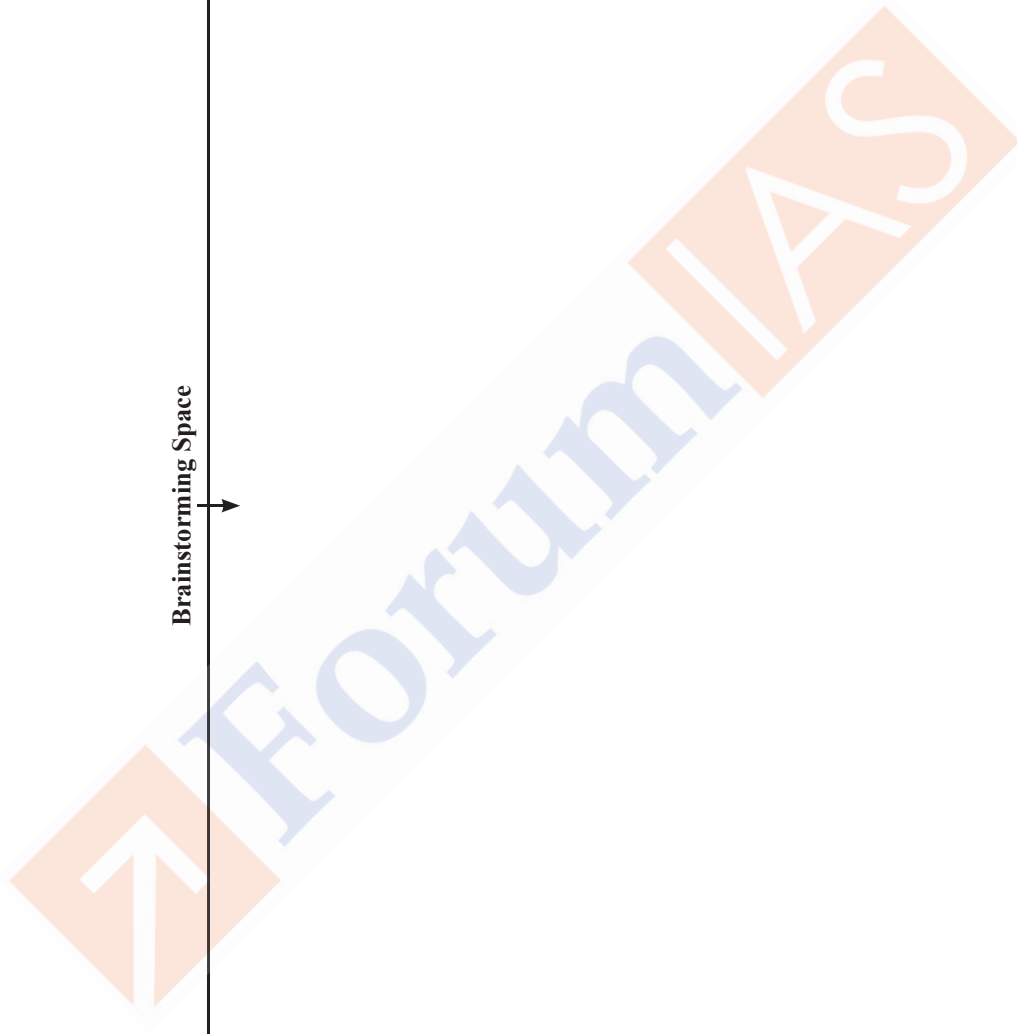
Q.273) Pressure groups and political parties share an intimate and inconclusive relationship. Analyse how political parties and pressure groups are different from each other. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2008]

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Q.274) Pressure groups mushroomed in India but quality of work did not improve. Discuss the reasons for the rise in pressure groups and their failure to make impact in India. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [2006]

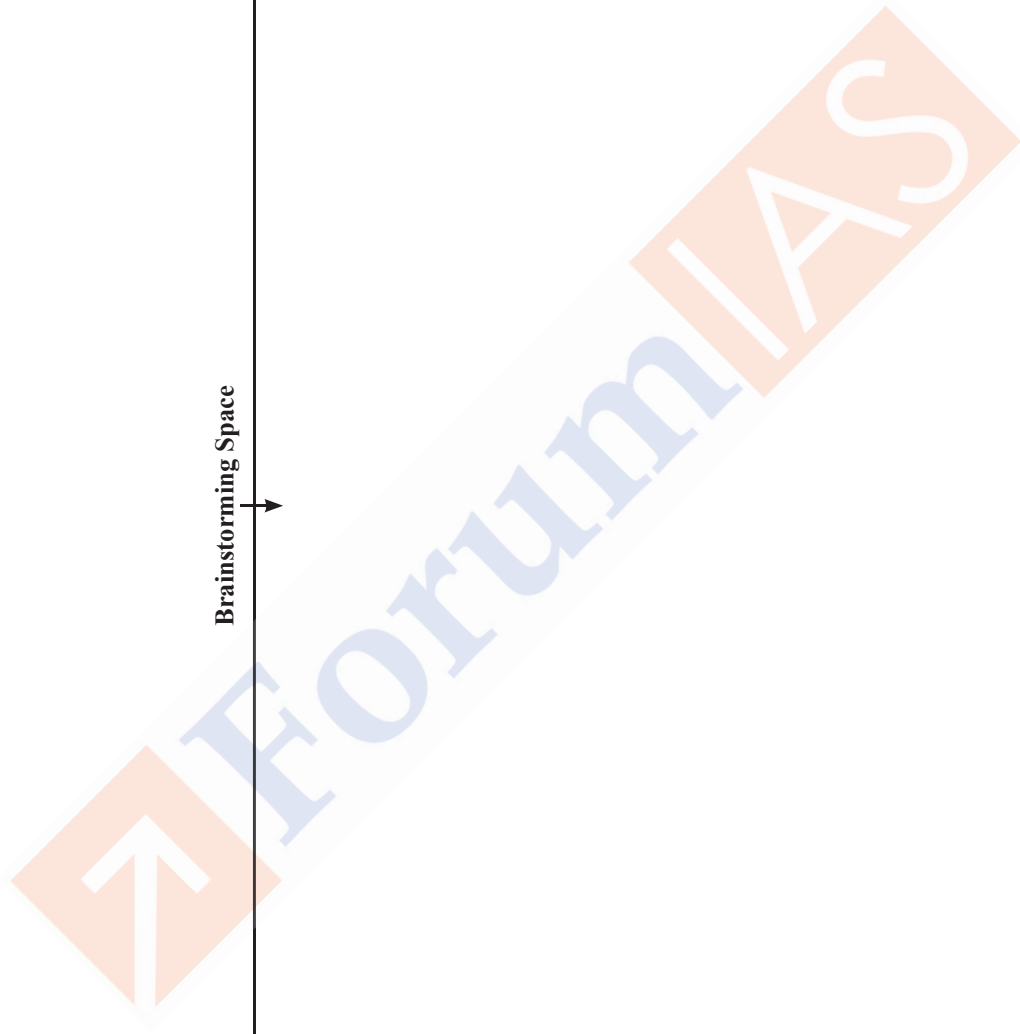
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Q.275) Pressure groups in India are not matured but they are too diverse. Analyse the characteristics of pressure groups in India.

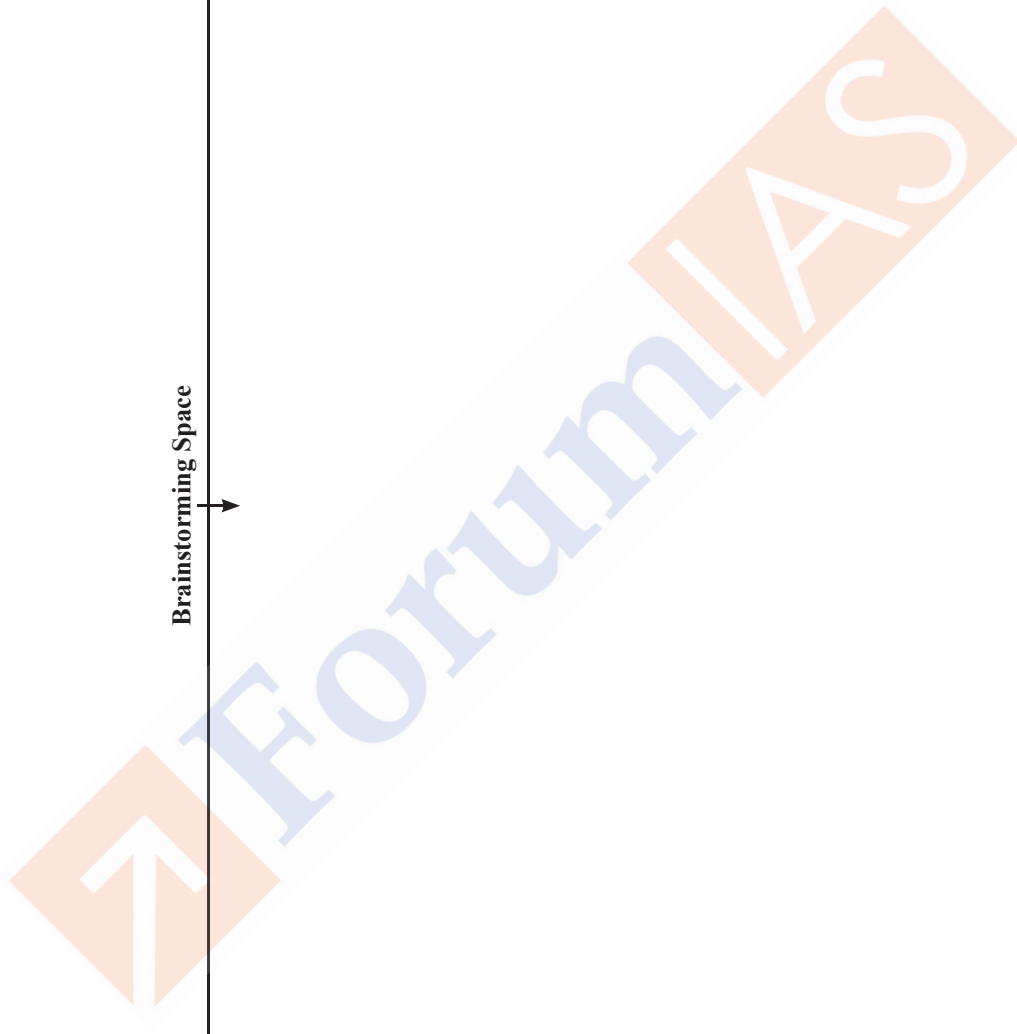
(15 Marks, 250 Words) [1999]

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Q.276) Functioning of pressure groups differ widely in India and western countries. Analyse. (15 Marks, 250 Words) [1997]

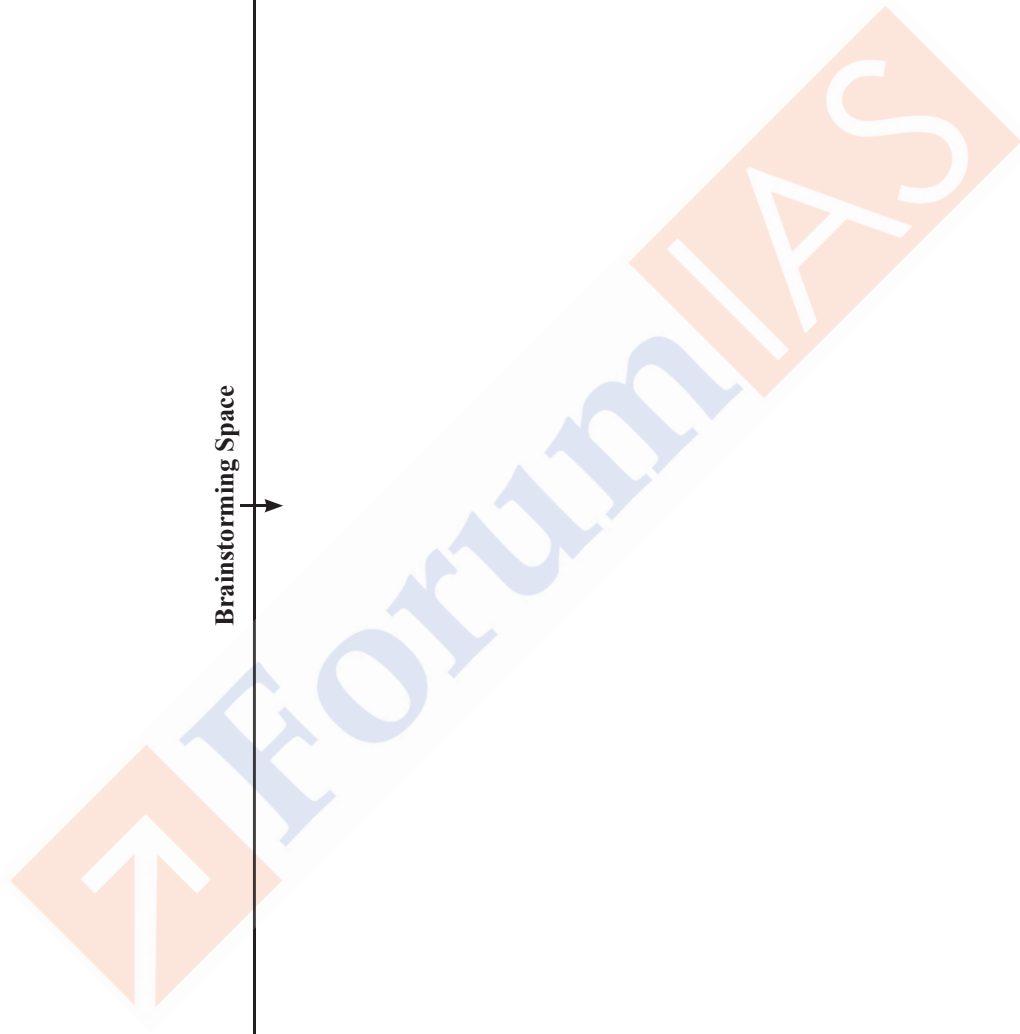
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Q.277) 'The growth of cabinet system has practically resulted in the marginalisation of the parliamentary supremacy.' Elucidate.

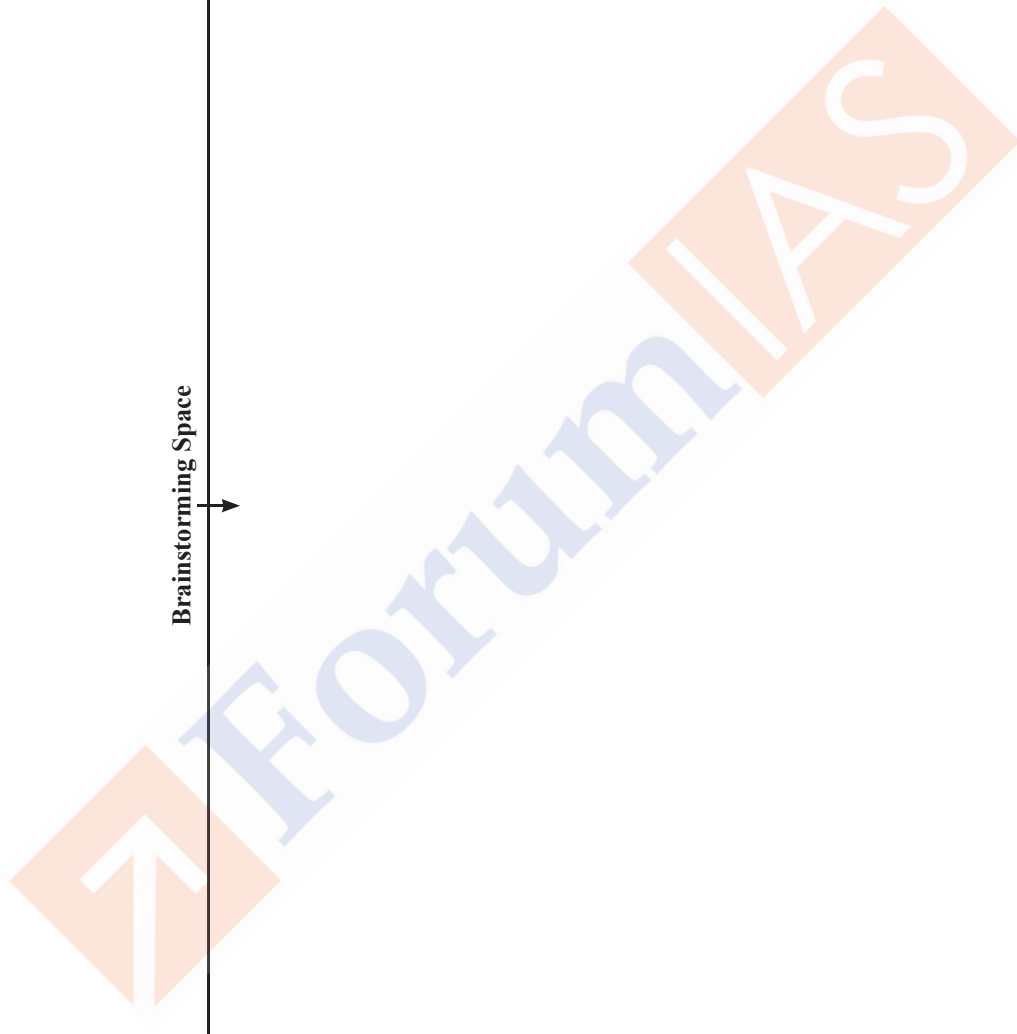
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Q.278) 'Constitutionally guaranteed judicial independence is a prerequisite of democracy'. Comment. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2023]

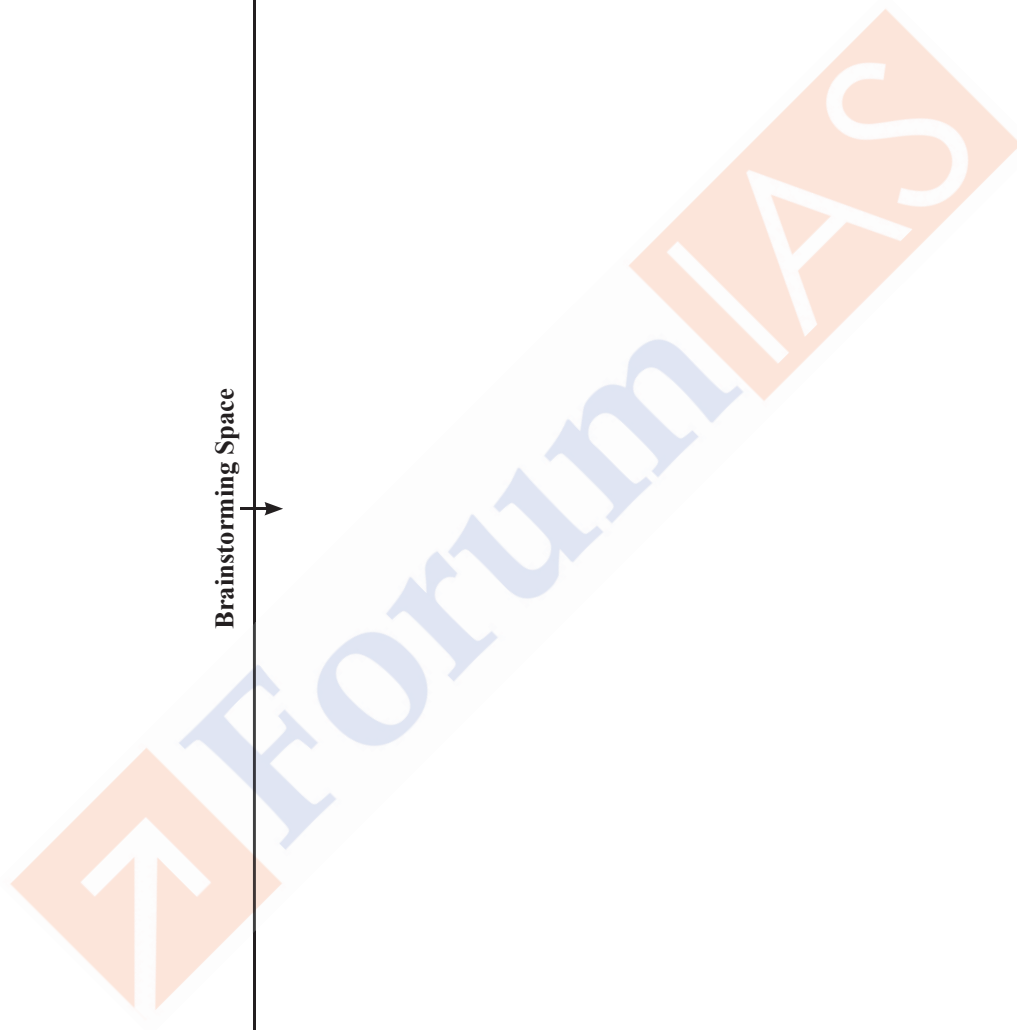
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Q.279) Judicial legislation is antithetical to the doctrine of separation of powers as envisaged in the Indian Constitution. In this context justify the filing of large number of public interest petitions.

(15 Marks, 250 Words) [2020]

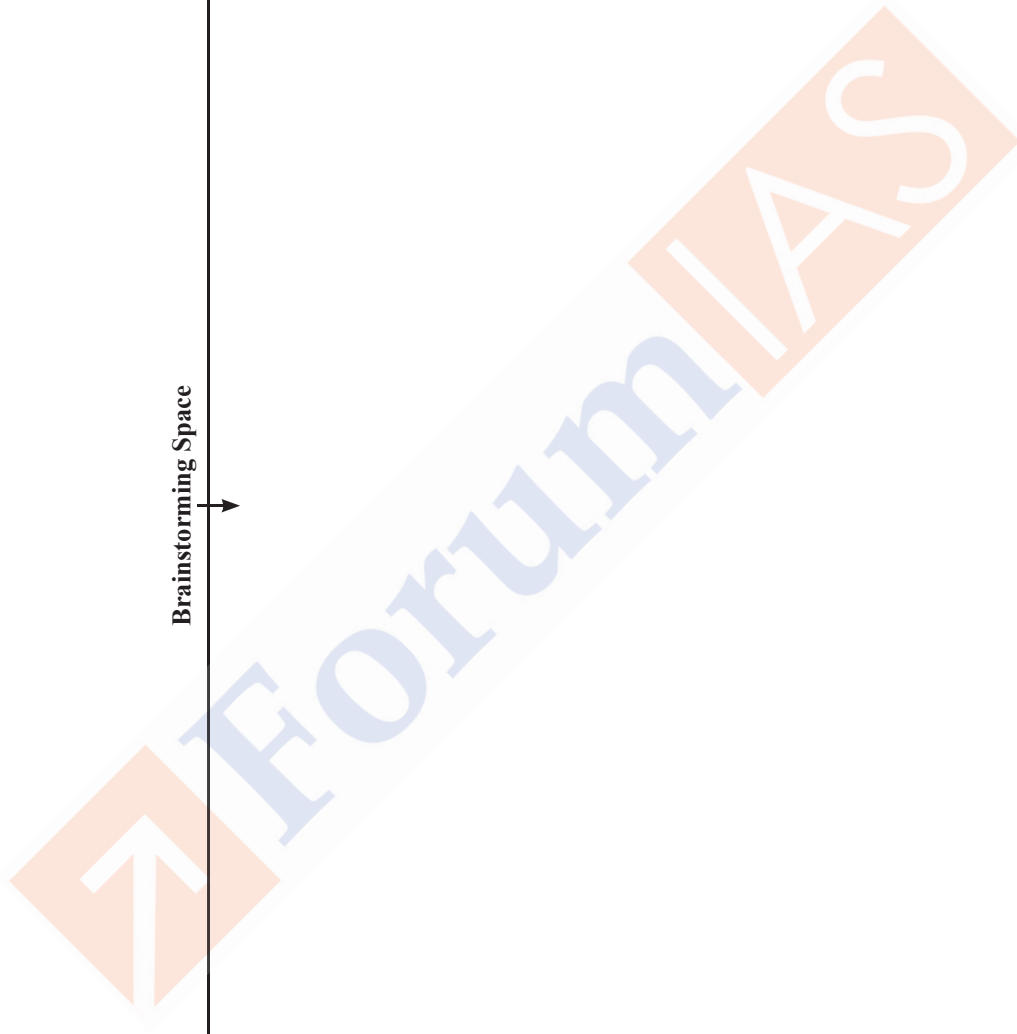
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Q.280) From the resolution of contentious issues regarding distribution of legislative powers by the courts, 'Principle of Federal Supremacy' and 'Harmonious Construction' have emerged. Explain.

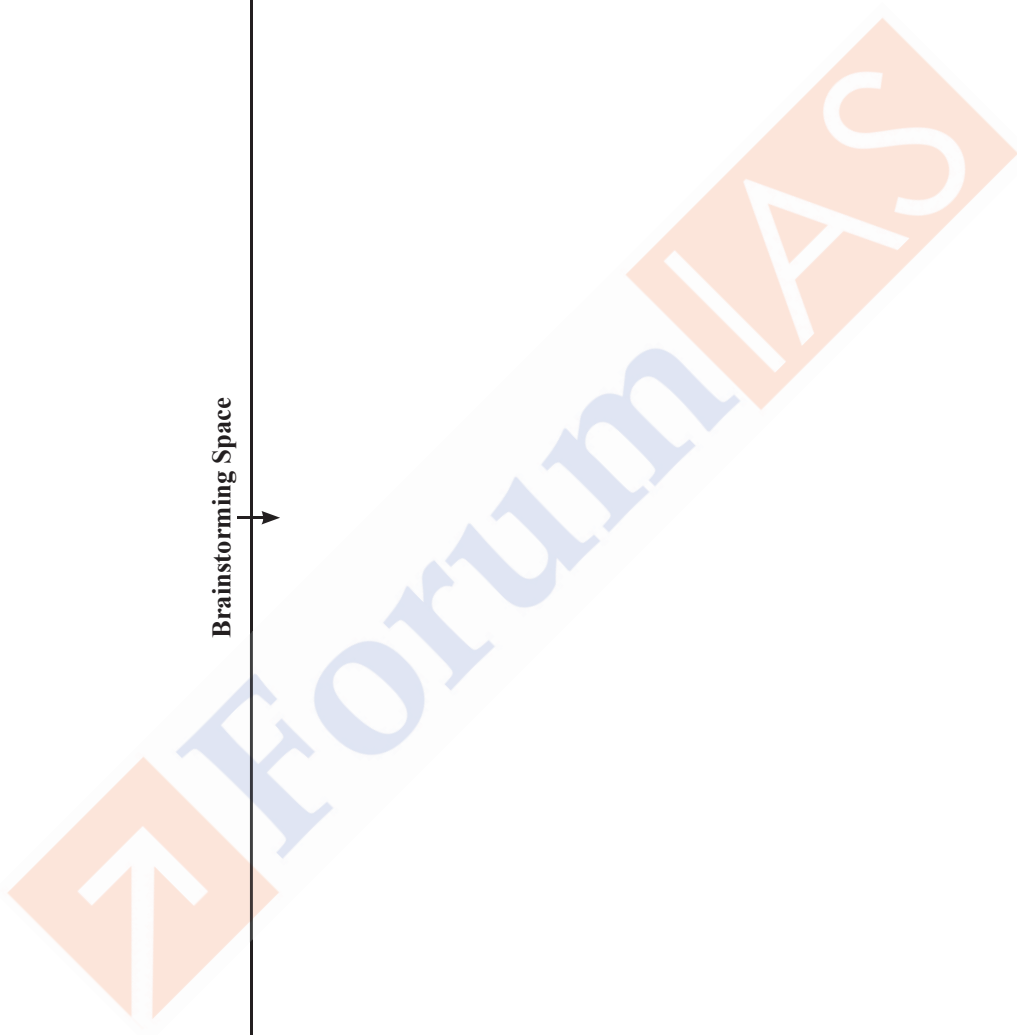
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

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Q.281) Do you think Constitution of India does not accept principle of strict separation of powers rather it is based on the principle of 'checks and balance'? Explain. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [2019]

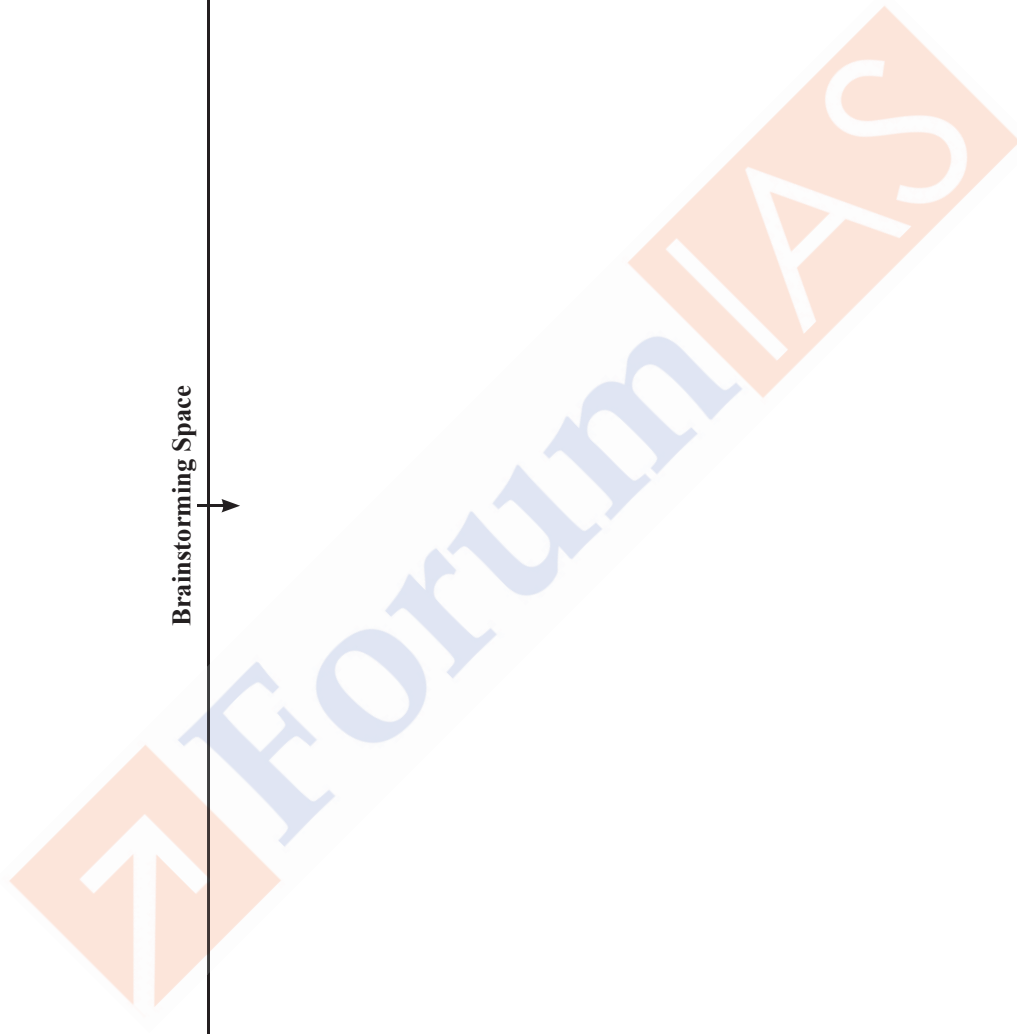
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Q.282) 'The Supreme Court of India keeps a check on arbitrary power of the Parliament in amending the Constitution.' Discuss critically.

(12.5 Marks, 200 Words) [2013]

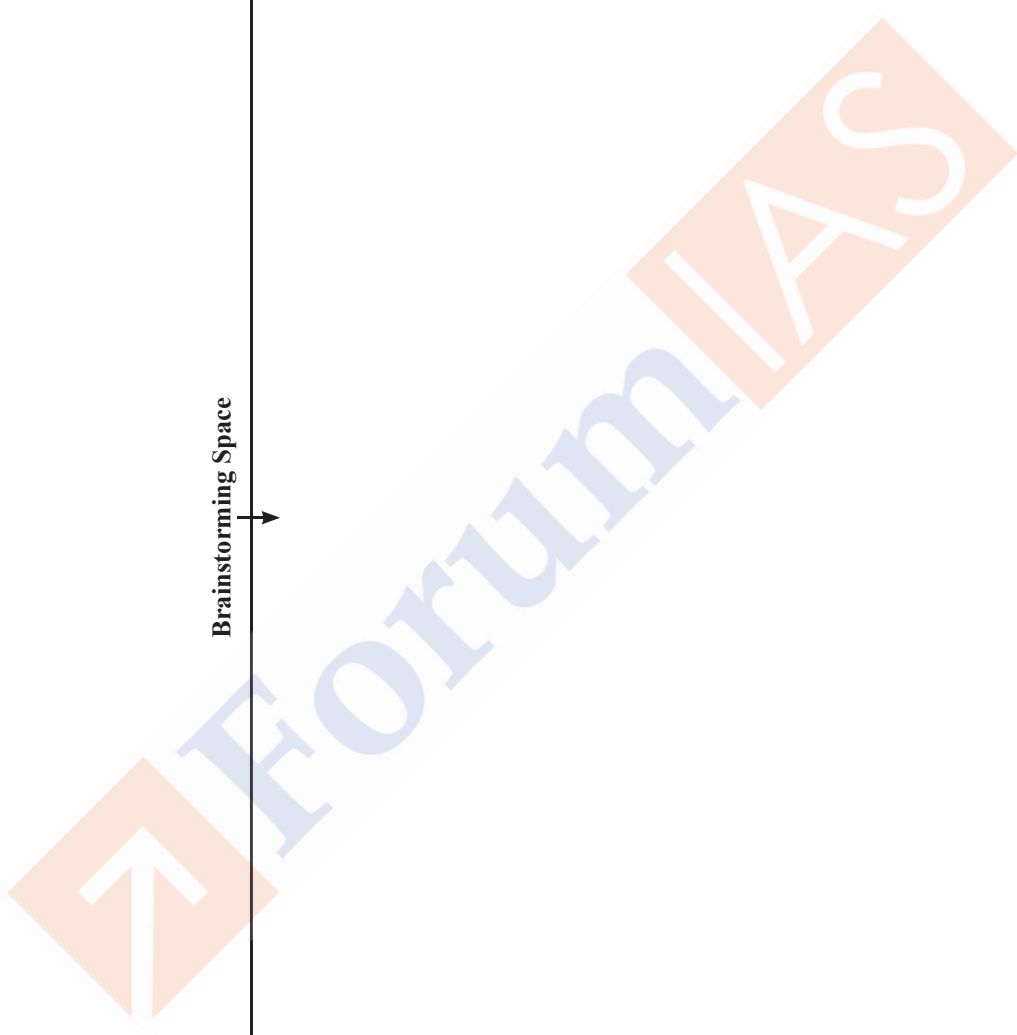
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Q.283) Resorting to ordinances has always raised concern on violation of the spirit of separation of powers doctrine. Analyze whether the decisions of the Supreme Court on the issue have further facilitated resorting to this power. Should ordinances be repealed?

(15 Marks, 200 Words) [2015]

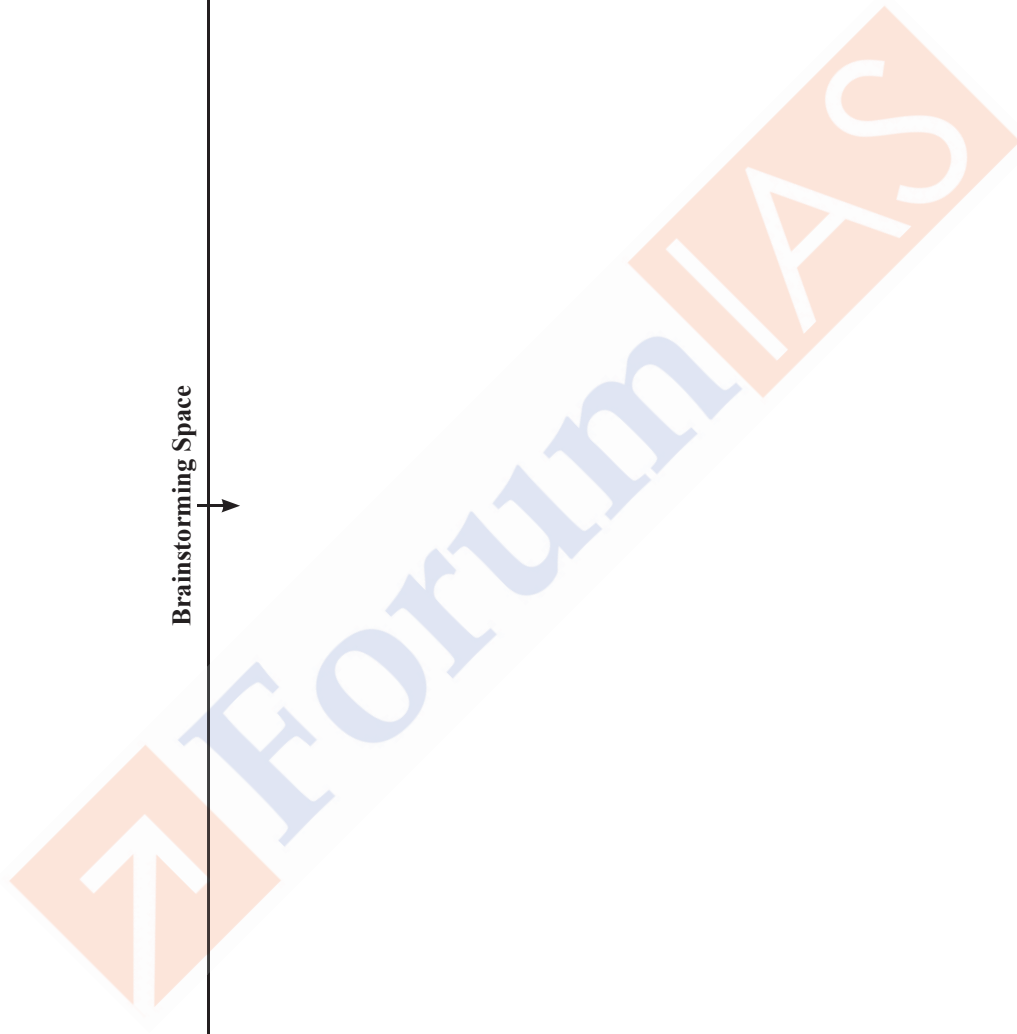
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Q.284) Impact of globalisation on state system and its institutions.

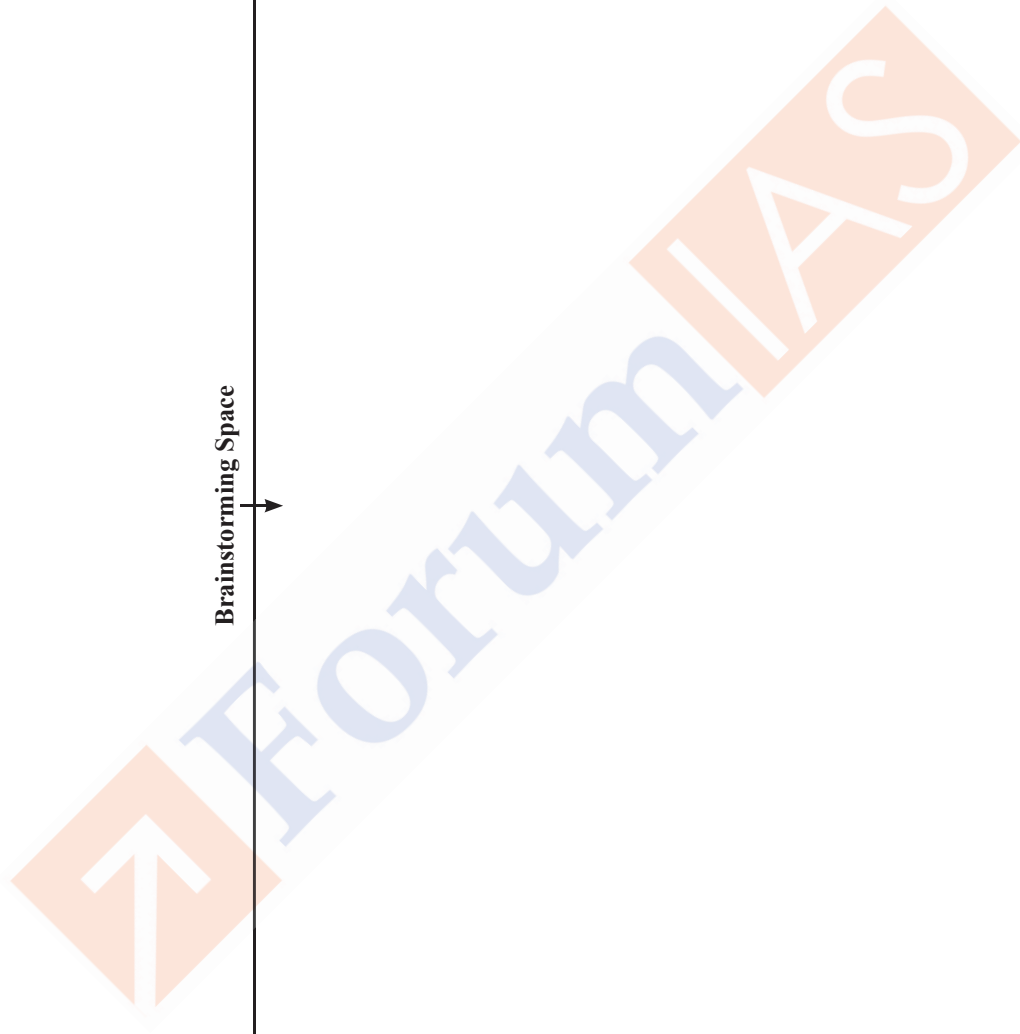
(10 Marks, 150 Words) [2007]

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Q.285) Separation of powers is essential to ensure Individual liberty. Discuss this with regard to the provisions in the Constitution and practices adopted so far. (10 Marks, 150 Words) [1983]

Brainstorming Space



Q.286) Examine the relative role of Legislature, Judiciary and the executive in the functioning of the parliamentary system of Government in India. Is it a fact that executive has been tending to be more powerful?

(10 Marks, 150 Words) [1982]

Brainstorming Space

