

IAS Mains Public Administration 1996

Paper II

Section A

1. Comment on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. It is not wholly correct to suggest that British rule had seriously attempted to bring about unity in India's administration.
 - b. The first Article of the Draft Constitution of India provided that India shall be a federation
 - c. The Union-State financial relations, as provided in the Constitution, are biased towards Union Government in the context of borrowing. Comment.
 - d. The public services in India have been Constitutional status.
2. Tether than describing the Prime Ministers position through phrases¹ it is better to examine how the office of the Prime Minister has actually evolved over time. Explain.
3. Answer the following questions
 - a. The essential purpose of Cabinet Committee is relieve the Cabinet of some burden of work. Discuss.
 - b. Independence of the Public Service Commissions has been ensured under specific provisions of the Constitution. Examine.
4. After the creation of the Planning Commission, the role of the Finance Commission has started diminishing. Review the statement.

Section B

5. Comment on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. The Comptroller and Auditor-General is the friend, philosopher and guide of the Public Accounts Committee.
 - b. The Governor of a State wears two hats, and therefore, dilemmas have arisen in practice.
 - c. The institution of Nagar Panchayat as mentioned in the 74th Constitutional Amendment has to be created with utmost care.
 - d. The constitutional provisions for the appointment of a special officer for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is more investigative than executive in orientation.
6. Examine the provisions of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments from the point of view of the autonomy of the local bodies.
7. Answer the following questions
 - a. The work of crime prevention has gone down in the priority list of police activities in recent years.
 - b. The Panchayati Raj institutions at grass-roots level are ensuring greater peoples

8. Rigidity in administration and centralization has greatly incapacitated the Central Social Welfare Board. Examine, in the light of this statement, the organization and working of the Central Social Welfare Board.