

IAS Mains Public Administration 1994

Paper II

Section A

1. Comment upon any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. The word socialist in the Preamble to our Constitution requires to be defined.
 - b. The Cabinet is not a constitutional body.
 - c. The organization of the Planning Commission is in consonance with its expert character.
 - d. The public sector has to grow. It has a strategic importance.
2. In framing a Federal Constitution the Constituent Assembly had many models to draw upon, but it wisely decided to take the Government of India Act, 1935 as the basis on which the new Constitution was to be framed. Critically examine this statement.
3. Answer the following questions
 - a. One weakness of the Gopalaswami plan was to identify a ministry with a ministers charge. Discuss, in this context, Gopalaswami Ayyangars recommendations regarding Secretariat organization.
 - b. Although training in development administration, on the surface, appears to be a straight, simple matter a close hard look reveals its manifold complexities and interrelated problems.

Elucidate the statement.

4. Critically review the constitutional provisions relating to centre-state administrative relations in India during normal times within the framework of a normative federal system.

Section B

5. Comment upon any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. As an auditor, the Comptroller and Auditor-Generals functions and authority are wider and more comprehensive than those exercised by professional auditors.
 - b. By virtue of his unique position as head of the official machinery and adviser to the State Council of Ministers, the Chief Secretary has an extremely important role to play in the state administration.
 - c. Autonomy of local bodies is conditioned by state-local relations and the managerial capability of the local bodies themselves.
 - d. Corruption has been considered desirable and functional on various grounds.
6. Maintenance of law and order is a de facto concurrent subject. Discuss, in this connection, the roles of the centre and the states in the law-and-order field.
7. Answer the following questions
 - a. The Bengal pattern of district administration was based on the Zamindari system of land tenure. Explain

b. The resource base and the social and cultural heritage of our Scheduled Tribe population is getting eroded through a combination of development interventions, commercial exploitation and ineffective legal and administrative systems. Comment.

8. Discuss the urban anti-poverty programmes launched in recent times to ameliorate the poverty situation in our urban areas.