

IAS Mains Public Administration 1992

Paper I

Section A

1. Comment on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Taylors Scientific Management had a major influence on the growing reform and economy movements in Public Administration.
 - b. Decentralization has a more important justification than more administrative efficiency.
 - c. Simon explains that decision-making basically involves choice between alternative plans of action and choice in turn, involves facts and values.
 - d. Bureaucracy thrives, under the cloak of ministerial responsibility in a parliamentary democracy.
2. Evaluate the contributions of George Elton Mayo to Administrative organization. Do you consider his contributions as great innovations of modern times?
3. Answer the following questions
 - a. The Departmental pattern of undertaking does not offer the necessary, autonomy, flexibility and entrepreneurship to Management Examine.
 - b. It is difficult to state any demarcating principle to differentiate between Line and Staff functions of agencies. Discuss.
4. Differentiate between the open and closed career systems. Do you favour the coexistence of both the systems for a balanced career development?

Section B

5. Comment on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Financial administration is a vital institution for economic and social change in a poor country.
 - b. It would be fatal for administration if the public functionaries indulge in procrastination, betray inaction, or more in circles simply because the demand for accountability has overawed and benumbed them.
 - c. Administrative reform, by its very definition, seeks to apply new ideas to administration and thus entails new values.
 - d. Rule of law is the base of Indias constitutional life, and administrative law seeks to ensure that this basic premise remains upheld and protected.
6. What is performance budgeting? Do you agree with the statement that it is a tool of business management?
7. Answer the following questions
 - a. Riggs approach and models may be considered as more sophisticated tools for describing and diagnosing administrative situations. Discuss.
 - b. Policy-making is a series of continuing dynamic processes which are plural and

Explain.

8. Increased legislative delegation should be considered as a phenomenon of the modern positive state. Discuss.