



IAS Mains General Studies 1995

Paper II

Section I

1. Answer the following questions

- Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Government. Do you think that changing over to Presidential form will be a solution for better governance? Substantiate your answer (About 250 words). (40) OR*
- What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? Discuss its role as a guardian of the Constitution (About 250 words).*

2. Answer the following questions

- In what ways do land reforms help agricultural growth? Briefly state the aim of land reforms as envisaged in the Eighth Five Year Plan (About 250 words). 40 OR*
- Do you agree with the view that, in a country like India, a tax on wealth would be a useful supplement to the income tax? Argue the case in the light of Raja Chelliah Tax Reform*

Committee Report (About 250 words).

3. Answer the following questions

- What is 'greenhouse effect' What are its adverse effects on the Earth's environment? What steps are being taken to check the same (About 250 words)? (40) OR*
- What is AIDS? Describe its salient features (About 250 words).*

Section II

1. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)

- Explain the functions of the Estimates Committee.*
- Describe the non-federal features of the Council of States.*



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

d. Describe the salient features of Anti-Defection Law.

2. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)

a. Does reduction in fiscal deficit necessarily assure reduction in inflation?

b. What policy has the Government of India adopted in recent years to protect our environment, control pollution and maintain ecological balance? State briefly.

c. Do you think that income tax reduces economic incentives? Give your reasons.

d. What has been the rationale for deregulating commercial bank's lending rates as a policy strategy?

3. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)

a. What do you understand by Deccan Trap? Describe its characteristics.

b. Why have the rivers of the peninsular India well-defined rigid channels in sharp contrast to the Himalayan rivers?

c. What is 'intensity of rainfall'? Discuss its importance to Indian farmers.

d. What is drip irrigation? Why is it considered the most efficient method of irrigation?

4. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)

a. What is lead-free petrol? What are its merits and demerits?

b. What is PSLV? Describe its significance for India's space programme.

c. What do you understand by 'Karnal Technology'? What is it used for?

d. What is 'amniocentesis'? What has made it a controversial technique?

Section III

1. Answer four questions from three groups (Answer to each question should be in about 25 words): (30)

a. Group A

i. What are fringe benefits?



- ii. What is croup of 77?
- iii. Which sector of the economy is the informal sector?
- iv. What is Call Money?
- v. Why do the Western Chats receive more rainfall than the Eastern Chats?
- vi. Name the industry which is located at each of the following places
 - i. Bongaigaon
 - ii. Alwaye
 - iii. Kapurthala

b. Group B

- i. Define Financial Emergency. How many times has this been proclaimed so far?
- ii. What is the present status of the right to property as a Fundamental Right?
- iii. Why is Article 32 considered as the cornerstone of the Constitution?
- iv. What is a bicameral legislature? Mention the states that have a bicameral legislature in our country.
- v. Explain the scope of Article 331.
- vi. Explain the status of the Ministers known as 'Ministers of State'

c. Group C

- i. What is ELISA? What is it used for?
- ii. What are VSATs? What are they used for?
- iii. What is pacemaker? How does it work?
- iv. What do the following stand for
 - i. IREDA
 - ii. APPLE
 - iii. INMAS
- v. What is El Nino? What is its relevance to India?
- vi. What is bioremediation?