

IAS Mains General Studies 1991

Paper II

Section I

1. Answer the following questions

- a. Examine the constitutional relation between the President and the Prime Minister of India (About 250 words). (40) OR
- b. 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, especially in the light of recent happenings in our Country (About 250 words). (40)

2. Answer the following questions

- a. What usually is meant by the expression an underdeveloped economy? What, according to you, are the basic causes of underdevelopment in India (About 250 words)? (40) OR
- b. Discuss the measures taken in the Five-Year Plans to mitigate rural poverty (About 250 words). (40)

3. Answer the following questions

- a. What is artificial intelligence? What is its current scenario and what are its prospects (About 250 words)? (40) OR
- b. Give a brief account of major achievements in the realm of biotechnology in India (About 250 words).

Section II

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

- a. Discuss the powers of the President of India regarding the scheduled areas.
- b. What are the constitutional provisions that ensure the independence of the Public Service Commissions in India?
- c. Discuss the secular nature of Indian polity and the position of minorities in India.
- d. 'The planning operation's in India have led to erosion of federalism.' Discuss.

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

- a. Analyze the main defects of Indian Trade Union Movement.
- b. Bring out the main features of India's Trade Policy.
- c. What, according to you, are the remedies to the problem of rural indebtedness in India?
- d. What are the factors that ensure the success of the Public Distribution System?

3. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each questions should be in about 150 words) (15 + 15)

- a. What do you understand by the Integrated Rural Energy System? Also mention at least three new sources of Energy.
 - b. Examine the recent developments that have taken place in identifying and mapping land resources in India.
 - c. Explain the factors affecting the distribution of population in India, bringing out the variation in density over space.
 - d. Account for the varied environmental problems resulting from wide spread deforestation in both Aravallis and Himalayan regions.
4. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each questions should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)
- a. Trace the progress of India's Space Research Programmes? What are its significant achievements?
 - b. What is 'Jal Shakti' What are its uses?
 - c. What is the basis of monsoon forecasts now prepared by the Indian Meteorological Department, which have been reasonably correct for the last three successive years?
 - d. The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) is expected to set up a number of hydroelectric projects in the Eighth plan. Summarise the salient features of the proposal.

Section III

1. Answer four questions from Group A, three from Group B and three from Group C (Answer to each question should be in about 25 words each) (30)
- a. Group A
 - i. What is Non-Plan Expenditure?
 - ii. What is Statutory Liquidity Requirement of commercial banks?
 - iii. What is ICICI?
 - iv. What is 'Dakshina Ganga' Why is it so named?
 - v. How was Meghataya Plateau separated from the Deccan Plateau?
 - vi. In the context of recent institutional developments in our capital markets, what do the following abbreviations stand for:
 - i. CRISIL
 - ii. SEBI
 - iii. SHCI
 - b. Group B
 - i. Distinguish between value-based politics and personality-based politics.
 - ii. Distinguish between Care-taker Government and Minority Government.
 - iii. When can the Governor of a State reserve a Bill for consideration by the President of India?

- iv. Why was Education taken out of the State List and inserted in the concurrent list of the Indian Constitution?
- v. Set forth the functions of the Cabinet.
- vi. What is the value of 'O and M' in Administration?

c. Group C

- i. What are binary chemical weapons?
- ii. What is SQUID? Which of the CSIR laboratories are working on it?
- iii. What is tissue culture?
- iv. What is Hepatitis E?
- v. What are ocean floor polymetallic sulphides? Where is the largest occurrence of deposits reported?
- vi. Name the main offshore oil field of India and the agency which operates it.