IAS Mains Political Science 2000

Paper I

Section A

1. Comment on any three of the following in about 200 words each: (20 × 3 = 60)

    a. Until philosophers are kings. Or kings and princes of this world have the spirit and power of philosophy, cities will neever have rest from evil (Plato).

    b. Power is an end in itself and he (Machievelli) inquires into the means that are best suited to acquire, retain and expand power, thus separates power from morality, ethics, religion and metaphysics (Ebenstein on Machievelli).

    c. I gives the name to every state that is governed by laws, no matter what the form of its administration (Rousseau).

    d. State is a march of God on the Earth (Hegel).

2. The modern pluralist democracies have posed a great threat to the fabric of nation state. Discuss (60).

3. Post-behaviouralism is not a negation of the behavioural revolution but only its corrective. How does it seeks to raise the status of the discipline of political Science (60)?

4. To what extent does the Rawlsian goal of achieving social justice depend on an overarching consensus among cultural, religious and ideological groups (60)?

Section B

5. Comment on any THREE of the following in about 200 words each: (20 × 3 = 60)

    a. Shared rule to be as important as self rule in explaining the possibility of federal power sharing.

    b. Women empowerment in India and its impact on democracy.

    c. Corruption in Administration in India and its impact on socio-economic reconstruction.

    d. Caste and religion as operative factors with Indian policy.

6. What are the salient features of Sarkaria Commission Report as regard to federal restructuring in India with special reference to autonomy demand by states (60)?

7. Critically evaluate Webers ideas on Bureaucracy and highlight the significance of the Weberian model from Indias point of view (60).

8. The role of Indian Prime Ministers in the federal system was always controversial. Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer with apt examples (60).