Practice Questions on Governance (General Studies—Mains)

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

Instructions

Answer the following questions. Answer to each question should be in 200 words. Each question carries 10 Marks.

- 1. What are the provisions of the SCs and STs Atrocities Act, 1989? How far has it been implemented? Discuss.
- 2. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has been functioning as "the Government of the Government of India". Comment.
- 3. The Secretariat System in India is based on the principle of separation of policy-making function from that of policy-execution. Critically evaluate.
- 4. Critically examine the role of All-India Services in the administration of India.
- 5. What are the features of good governance? Explain the barriers to good governance in India.
- 6. Compare the relative roles and positions of the Cabinet Secretary and Chief Secretary.
- 7. Discuss the position and role of District Collector in the district administration.
- 8. What are the various constitutional rights and safeguards of SCs and STs?
- 9. What is the rationale of Right to Information? Describe the salient features of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- 10. Describe the composition and functions of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
- 11. What is e-Governance and SMART Governance? Explain the various types of interactions in e-Governance.
- 12. Explain the salient features of the Model Police Act drafted by the Soli Sorabjee Committee. Are they adequate to deal with the contemporary issues in police administration?
- 13. What is meant by people's participation in development administration? What are its benefits and limitations? What measures do you suggest to make it more effective?
- 14. Explain the role of Union Home Ministry in law and order administration. What are its other responsibilities?
- 15. What are the principles of citizens' charter? What are the steps taken in India to promote citizens' charter?

- 16. What are the provisions of the Children Sexual Offences Act, 2012? Are they adequate to address the issue?
- 17. Explain the various activities undertaken by the Central Government to promote good governance practices in the country.
- 18. Describe the various schemes implemented by the Central Government for the socio-economic empowerment of the Minorities.
- 19. What are the rights conferred by the Forest Rights Act, 2006? What are the other provisions of the Act?
- 20. Explain the features of the strengthened and restructured ICDS Scheme.
- 21. What is Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan? What are the salient features of the scheme of Special Central Assistance to the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan?
- 22. What are the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013? Are they adequate to address the issue?
- 23. Describe the various schemes implemented by the Central Government for the educational empowerment of the Scheduled Tribes.
- 24. Explain the salient features of the Indira Awas Yojana.
- 25. Compare the salient features of the Indian Constitution with that of the American Constitution.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Instructions

Answer the following questions. Answer to each question should be in 100 words. Each question carries 5 Marks.

- 1. What are the factors responsible for the weakening of the tenure system of staffing in the Central Secretariat?
- 2. The Cabinet Secretary plays a significant role in the process of official business in the Central Government. Elucidate.
- 3. Directorates are the executive arms of state governments. Comment.
- 4. What are the factors responsible for the declining status and authority of District Collector in the post-independence era?
- 5. DRDA is the principal organ at the district level to oversee the implementation of antipoverty programmes. Elaborate.
- 6. What are the main provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1955?
- 7. Describe the functions of the National Commission for Minorities.
- 8. What are the various features of the National e-Governance Plan?
- 9. What are the amendments made in 2012 to the RTE Act of 2009?
- 10. Describe the organisation of National Security Council.
- 11. What are the features of the National Policy on Open Standards for e-Governance, 2010?
- 12. What are the objectives of the Prime Minister's New 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of

- Minorities, 2006? How is it different from the 1983 Programme?
- 13. What are the rights provided under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986?
- 14. What are the functions of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis?
- 15. Describe the objectives of the District Disability Rehabilitation Centres.
- 16. Explain the components of the Scheme of Assistance for the Prevention of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse and for Social Defence Services.
- 17. What are the provisions of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005?
- 18. Describe the various components of the National Social Assistance Programme.
- 19. Compare the provisions of Integrated Watershed Management Programme with that of Hariyali.
- 20. Explain the role of National Green Tribunal.
- 21. Describe the composition and functions of the Financial Stability and Development Council.
- 22. What is Nirmal Gram Puraskar? What are its objectives?
- 23. What is PURA? How is PURA 2.0 is different from PURA 1.0?
- 24. When can the judiciary intervene in the administrative acts? What are the limitations of judicial control over administration?
- 25. What is "One MP-One Idea" Scheme? Explain.