

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
(JOINT RECRUITMENT CELL)

**MAIN EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF
EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE/COMMITTEE/PROTOCOL ASSISTANT IN
LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT**

25th May, 2010

PAPER II: CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Time : 3 hours

Marks: 100

Attempt any five questions. Answers can be written either in English or in Hindi. All questions should be attempted in the same language. All questions carry equal marks.

1. 'The Preamble to the Indian Constitution holds the key to its decoding and interpretation.' Explain and illustrate.
2. Define Fundamental Duties with reference to Part IV-A of the Constitution. Do you think that a mere incorporation of this part in the Constitution will fulfil the constitutional obligation? Elaborate with examples.
3. The dawn of the era of coalitional politics in India has led to the correction, in practice if not in theory, of many of the aberrations in the functioning of the federal system in India. Discuss.
4. Do you agree with the view that the position of the Parliament has declined in India? Give arguments in support of your answer.
5. 'The concept of Public Interest Litigation lies at the root of judicial activism in India.' Elaborate with suitable examples.
6. Assess the prospects of the Panchayati Raj institutions becoming the main vehicle of the empowerment of the marginalized sections of society and bringing about positive transformations in rural society.
7. Discuss the role played by Constitutional amendments as an instrument of socio economic change in India.
8. Write short notes on any two:
 - (i) Powers of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India
 - (ii) Centre State financial relations
 - (iii) Powers and role of the Rajya Sabha
 - (iv) Significance of Article 32 in the Constitution

भारत की संसद
(संयुक्त भर्ती प्रकोष्ठ)

लोक सभा सचिवालय में कार्यकारी/विधायी/समिति/न्यायाचार सहायकों के पदों की भर्ती हेतु मुख्य परीक्षा

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पेपर-II भारत का संविधान

समय : 3 घंटे

अंक-100

किन्हीं पांच प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए । ये उत्तर हिन्दी या अंग्रेजी किसी भी भाषा में दिये जा सकते हैं । सभी प्रश्नों के उत्तर एक ही भाषा में दीजिए । सभी प्रश्नों के अंक समान हैं । किसी भी प्रकार का संदेह होने पर अंग्रेजी संस्करण देखें ।

1. 'भारतीय संविधान की उद्देशिका ही उसके विकोडन और निर्वचन की कुंजी है', व्याख्या करें और सविस्तार बताएं ।
2. संविधान भाग 4 के संदर्भ में मूल कर्तव्यों की परिभाषा बतायें । आपकी राय में क्या संविधान में इस भाग को सम्मिलित करने मात्र से संवैधानिक दायित्व पूरे हो जाते हैं ? उदाहरण सहित विस्तार से बतायें ।
3. भारत में विभिन्न राजनैतिक दलों के गठन से बनी सरकारों के युग की शुरुआत के परिणाम स्वरूप, यदि सिद्धान्त रूप में नहीं, तो कम से कम व्यवहार रूप में भारत की संघीय प्रणाली के कार्यकरण में आई कई असामान्यताओं को दूर किया गया है । इस पर चर्चा करें ।
4. क्या आप इस बात से सहमत हैं कि भारत में संसद का महत्व कम हुआ है ? अपने उत्तर के समर्थन में तर्क प्रस्तुत करें ।
5. 'भारत में न्यायिक सक्रियतावाद के मूल में लोक हित मुकदमों की अवधारणा ही निहित है' । समुचित उदाहरण देकर विस्तार से बताएं ।
6. समाज के आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गों को सशक्त करने और ग्रामीण समाज में आमूल-चूल सकारात्मक परिवर्तन लाने में पंचायती राज संस्थाओं के मुख्य साधन बनने की संभावनाओं का मूल्यांकन करें ।
7. भारत में सामाजिक और आर्थिक परिवर्तन के साधन के रूप में संवैधानिक संशोधनों की भूमिका पर चर्चा करें ।
8. निम्नलिखित में से किन्हीं दो पर संक्षिप्त टिप्पण लिखें :
 - (i) भारत के नियंत्रक और महालेखा परीक्षक की शक्तियाँ
 - (ii) केन्द्र और राज्य के वित्तीय सम्बन्ध
 - (iii) राज्य सभा की शक्तियाँ और उसकी भूमिका
 - (iv) संविधान में अनुच्छेद 32 का महत्व

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Paper I: English Essay, Precis, Comprehension and Grammar

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 150

I. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 500 words: (60 marks)

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| (i) Globalisation | (ii) Role of Media in Nation Building |
| (iii) Women's Reservation Bill | (iv) Caste and Politics in India |

II. Write a précis of the given passage in about one-third of its length and give it a suitable title. (40 marks)

It's not the shrink Bangaloreans seek out when they feel things are going wrong these days; they just go looking for a Vaastu or Feng Shui consultant. One hears tales of Bangaloreans getting their homes redone and even portions of its broken to improve the quality of their lives. One famous club on the city's outskirts had its swimming pool re-dug in another place as per the dictates of Vaastu. It's a sign of how popular Feng Shui has become that there are shops and people who sell only Chinese items like windchimes, icons, idols, symbols in Chinese, glass bowls and other items recommended in Feng Shui. In fact, gadgetry-based Feng Shui is what attracts many, though it is a misconception that buying a whole lot of wind chimes, colourful dragons and other Chinese articles will solve all problems. Feng Shui books are selling very well too, and have been translated into many Indian Languages. You only need to walk into any good bookstore to see this for yourself. However, books can only provide general tips. Both sciences are very personalized and only a qualified practitioner can get into the technical aspects. Feng Shui practitioner Surendran believes that it is because consultants have become more vocal and the media has highlighted Vaastu and Feng Shui, that both these sciences are becoming popular. Television talk shows, too, have made viewers familiar with these ancient sciences. Vaastu has been introduced as a subject in the civil engineering course, he points out. 'Of late corporates, MNCs and banks have been coming to me for consultations. Even before buying a site, people want the energy flow of the place checked,' Surendran says. Surendran cautions that it is very tempting to believe that one's life can change overnight if one follows the principles of Feng Shui. "You can't escape the realities of life," he warns. For Karoline, a Vaastu practitioner, it is exasperating that while everyone is eager to get their place checked out for Vaastu, no one is willing to make a few changes in their lifestyle. "They want a luxurious lifestyle with lots of plastics and plug points, it's like wanting to lose weight without exercising" she says. Blind followers of Vaastu are aplenty and unfortunately no one explains the ifs and the whys. Vaastu has to be made to apply to the present conditions and not to ancient times. Architects and builders have half-baked knowledge which is "like taking half a course of antibiotics," Karoline says. "Basically we are all divine and positive and that is why we are attracted to sciences like Feng Shui," says practitioner Archana Lakhota. She points that holistic sciences are becoming more acceptable and everything Chinese is in demand, be it Chinese food or Tai Chi and other martial arts. Feng Shui does not entail making drastic changes in one's home or office. Recently, Lakhota 'examined' the home of a married painter. She asked her to remove idols of gods and goddesses from the bedroom as that is the room where a couple spend intimate moments. "I only try to enhance the positive corners of the house," she says. A follow up after a month lets her know whether her clients have been following instructions or not. (540 words)

III. Read the questions given below and answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

"Man finds himself, in the modern world, living under the authority of governments; and the obligation to obey their orders arises from the facts of his nature. For he is a community-building animal, driven by inherited instinct to live with his fellows. Crusoe on the deserted island, or St. Simon Stylites upon his pillar, may defy the normal impulses which make them men; but, for the vast majority, to live with others is the condition of a rational existence.

Therein, at the outset, is implied the necessity of government. If the habits of peaceful fellowship are to be maintained, there are certain uniformities of conduct which must be observed. The activities of a civilized community are too complex and too manifold to be left to the blind regulation of impulse; and even if each man could be relied upon to act consistently in terms of intelligence there would be need for customary standards by which the society in its organized form agreed to differentiate right from wrong. The theory of philosophic anarchy is impossible, in fact, so long as men move differently to the attainment of opposed desires. The effort involved in the peaceful maintenance of a common life does not permit the making of private decisions upon what the society deems essential to its existence. At some point, that is, spontaneity ceases to be practical, and the enforced acceptance of a common way of action becomes necessary condition of a corporate civilization.

Nor is the absence of such spontaneity a limitation upon freedom; it is rather its primary safeguard. For once it is admitted that no man is sufficient unto himself, there must be rules to govern the habits of his intercourse. His freedom is largely born from the maintenance of those rules. They define the condition of his personal security. That maintain his health and the standards, spiritual not less than material, of his life."

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Why does man, according to the author, obey governments?

- (b) What is common between Crusoe and St. Simon Stylites?
 (c) What governs "the necessity of government?"
 (d) Does the existence of 'a corporate civilisation' involve a suppression of individual point of view? Explain.
 (e) How would the maintenance of rules protect the freedom of a person?

IV. Grammar

(25 marks)

1. Which one of the following sentences is grammatically correct?
 (a) As I hurried towards my office building, I found myself envying my boss. (b) As I had hurried towards my office building, I found myself envying my boss. (c) As I hurried towards my office building, I had found myself envying my boss. (d) As I hurried at my office building, I found myself envy my boss.
2. Choose the synonym of the word 'tepid'. (a) warm (b) icy (c) angry (d) weak
3. Choose the antonym of the word 'sluggish'. (a) lethargic (b) indifferent (c) energetic (d) tough
4. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.
 I felt like a soldier singled _____ from the crowd. (a) in (b) out (c) over (d) away
5. Which of the alternatives best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence:
 These days T20 cricket is all the rage.
 (a) Commercially great (b) that which can make people angry (c) popular (d) meant to harm
6. Complete the sentence with the correct option.
 Sometimes I am doubtful if _____. (a) I am being groomed at something higher (b) I have groomed for something higher at (c) I am being groomed for something higher up (d) I had been groomed to something higher up
7. Complete the sentence with the correct option
 Who jumped _____? (a) at the window (b) from the window (c) out of the window (d) off the window
8. Which one of the following options best completes the sentence?
 The director asked the actor _____. (a) If they had shot the right scene (b) If they shoot the right scene (c) If they shoot the right scene (d) if they had been shot the right scene
9. What is the meaning of the Greek prefix 'hemi' in the word 'hemisphere'?
 (a) in two parts (b) one part (c) half (d) hot and cold
10. What is the meaning of the Latin prefix 'sine' in the word 'sinecure'? (a) with (b) all (c) less than (d) without
11. Which one of the sentences is grammatically correct?
 (a) Inner and outer wall were both constructed in time. (b) The inner and outer wall were both constructed in time. (c) The inner and the outer wall were both constructed in time. (d) Inner and the outer walls were both constructed in time.
12. Give the meaning of the expression 'sine qua non'. (a) mark (b) signature (c) impression (d) essential requirement
13. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.
 He searched ----- the lost watch. (a) at (b) about (c) for (d) in
14. Which of the sentences is grammatically correct?
 (a) He smiled to the little girl. (b) He smiled at the little girl. (c) He smiled towards the little girl. (d) He smiled in spite of the little girl.
15. Give the meaning of the idiom 'blow over'.
 (a) to become less effective or important, and end. (b) to destroy everything that comes in the way. (c) to weaken an enemy. (d) to find answer to a problem.
16. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.
 He has lived in Delhi _____ five years. (a) since (b) for (c) from (d) about
17. Choose the synonym of the word 'wrench'. (a) shout (b) scream (c) twist (d) sing
18. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.
 The candidates should write their roll numbers _____ the top of the page. (a) in (b) at (c) on (d) from
19. Complete the sentence with the correct option.
 If you wish to keep this document in your house, (a) lock it away somewhere safe and secure. (b) lock it out somewhere safe and secure. (c) lock it in somewhere safe and secure. (d) lock it off somewhere safe and secure.
20. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.
 The bus is usually _____ time. (a) in (b) at (c) for (d) on
21. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.
 The officer will be away _____ Tuesday. (a) by (b) until (c) for (d) at
22. Which one of the following expressions best expresses the meaning of 'self effacing'?
 (a) One who avoids making others aware of one's achievements out of modesty or shyness
 (b) one who evades the knowledge of self (c) one who is self important (d) one who is simple
23. Complete the sentence with the correct option.
 It was quite warm. He _____ worn the sweater.
 (a) should not have (b) need not have (c) could not have (d) would not have
24. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.
 He finished the work after I _____ him. (a) had reminded (b) reminded (c) had been reminded (d) had
25. Give the synonym of the word 'swamp'. (a) hollow (b) change (c) bog (d) parch