

**QUESTIONS TREND ANALYSIS: GENERAL STUDIES MAINS PAPER 2011-2000 – (INDIAN POLITY)****- TEAM VISION IAS**

| Sub-Topic | Questions | Marks | Year |
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| DPSP | 'Essentially all that is contained in Part IV-A of the constitution is just a codification of tasks integral to the Indian Way of Life' Critically examine this statement. | 20 | 2011 |
| President | 'The Exercise of executive clemency is not a privilege but is based on several principles, and discretion has to be exercised in public consideration.' Analysis this statement in the context of the judicial powers of the president of India. | 20 | 2011 |
| Parliament | Distinction between 'Department Related parliamentary Standing Committee's and Parliament Forums'. | 12 | 2011 |
| Inter-water River Disputes | "Disputes between the- riparian states on sharing or river waters in post-Independence India are becoming increasingly complex." Objectively analyse the major disputes in this connection, with special reference to the Southern States. | 20 | 2010 |
| Constitutional amendment | With respect to Cooperative Societies what are the salient features of the 106th and 111th Constitutional Amendment Bills as at present? | 12 | 2010 |
| Parliament | What are the grounds of disqualification of a Member of Parliament from either House? Quote relevant provisions in your answer. | 12 | 2010 |
| Parliament | Legislative powers assigned to the Rajya Sabha under Art. 249 and Art. 312 of the Constitution | 5 | 2010 |
| Parliament | Bring out the powers and responsibilities attached to the office of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. | 12 | 2010 |
| State Legislature | How is disarmament between the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of a State in passing of an ordinary Bill, resolved? | 5 | 2010 |
| IPC | Section 377 of IPC | 3 | 2009 |
| Applied Polity | Are the traditional determinants of voting behaviour in India changing? Examine in the context of the last General Elections. | 15 | 2009 |
| Applied Polity | Examine corruption as a serious development challenge in Indian Polity. | 15 | 2009 |
| Public Service Commission | In the changing context of governance in the country, what should be the role of the UPSC? | 15 | 2009 |
| Applied Polity | Significance of 26th November in the country's polity | 2 | 2009 |
| President | Pocket Veto | 2 | 2009 |
| The Panchayat | PESA, 1996 | 2 | 2009 |
| Judiciary | What is meant by 'Judicial Activism'? Evaluate its role in the context of the functioning of Indian polity. | 30 | 2008 |
| Applied Polity | Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the federal polity in India. | 30 | 2008 |
| Fundamental Duties | Enumerate the Fundamental Duties incorporated in the Constitution after the 42nd Amendment. | 15 | 2008 |
| Centre-State Relations | Examine the demand for greater state autonomy and its impact on the smooth functioning of Indian polity. | 15 | 2008 |
| Public Service Commission | Discuss the composition and functions of the Union Public Service Commission. | 15 | 2008 |
| Parliament | What is a Censure Motion? | 2 | 2008 |
| CAG | Distinguish between the auditing and accounting functions of the CAG of India. | 2 | 2008 |
| Parliament | Distinguish between a starred question and an unstarred one asked in the Parliament. | 2 | 2008 |

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| Parliament | What is contempt of Parliament? | 2 | 2008 |
| Governor | What were two major considerations to have the Governor appointed and not elected? | 2 | 2008 |
| Constitution | Do you think there is a need for a review of the Indian Constitution? Justify your view. | 30 | 2008 |
| Applied Polity | Examine the role of caste in Indian politics. | 15 | 2008 |
| Applied Polity | Discuss the problems in achieving National Integration in India. | 15 | 2008 |
| Applied Polity | Examine the impact of Regional Political Parties in Indian politics. | 15 | 2008 |
| Gender Issues | Examine whether rural women in India have been empowered by their active participation in Panchayat Raj System. | 15 | 2008 |
| Constitution | What is a Constitution? What are the main sources of the Indian Constitution? | 30 | 2007 |
| Fundamental Rights & DPSP | Bring out the differences between the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy. Discuss some of the measures taken by the Union and State Governments for the implementation of the Directive Principles of State Policy. | 30 | 2007 |
| Applied Polity | What is Regionalism? In which way regionalism has affected the Indian polity? | 30 | 2007 |
| Applied Polity | What are the main determinants of voting behaviour in India? | 30 | 2007 |
| President | What are the exceptions when the Presidents of India is not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers? | 15 | 2007 |
| Parliament | What is pro tem Speaker? | 15 | 2007 |
| Parliament | Under what circumstances, Parliament may legislate on State subjects? | 15 | 2007 |
| Applied Polity | What is criminalization of politics? | 2 | 2007 |
| President | How is the President of India elected? | 2 | 2007 |
| Applied Polity | What is casting vote? | 2 | 2007 |
| Union | What is the difference between Council of Ministers and Cabinet? | 2 | 2007 |
| Fundamental Rights | What is the importance of Right to Constitutional Remedies? | 2 | 2007 |
| Applied Polity | What is value-based politics? | 10 | 2007 |
| Foreign Policy | Prime Minister's 5-point agenda for India's development as a knowledge society | 10 | 2007 |
| Union | What is Consolidated Fund? | 2 | 2007 |
| Fundamental Rights | What is right to life and personal liberty? How have the courts expanded its meaning in recent years? | 30 | 2006 |
| Parliament | On what grounds can a member be disqualified from either House of Parliament? | 30 | 2006 |
| Applied Polity | Discuss economic backwardness as a major challenge of Indian democracy. Can democracy and development go together smoothly? | 30 | 2006 |
| Legislative Procedure | How would you differentiate between the passage of a Constitution Amendment Bill and of an Ordinary Legislative Bill? | 15 | 2006 |
| Inter-state Council | How does the Inter-State Council establish co-ordination between states? | 15 | 2006 |
| Judiciary | Is the High Courts' power to issue 'writs' wider than that of the Supreme Court of India? | 15 | 2006 |
| Conduct Of business | Explain the followings terms: (i) Dissolution of the House (ii) Prorogation of the house (iii) Adjournment of the business of the House | 2 | 2006 |
| Union | What is Consolidated Fund of India? | 2 | 2006 |
| President | To what extent can the President withhold his assent to a Bill already passed by the Parliament? | 2 | 2006 |
| Economic Geography | "Political boundaries and regional boundaries need to be co-terminus." Do you agree? | 10 | 2005 |

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| Centre-State Relations | Comment on the financial relations between the Union and the States in India. Has post-1991 liberalization in any way affected it? | 30 | 2005 |
| Judiciary | It is possible to distinguish between judicial review and judicial activism in India? Does the recent behaviour of the Indian judiciary partake more of judicial activism? Argue with suitable examples. | 30 | 2005 |
| The Panchayat | Would you say that the implementation of the Panchayati System in the last ten years has led to a real restructuring of the Indian polity? | 30 | 2005 |
| Fundamental Rights | Give your views on the right to freedom of religion as enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Do they make India a secular State? | 30 | 2005 |
| Fundamental Rights | What are the constitutional limitations on the free movements of Indians throughout the country? | 15 | 2005 |
| Applied Polity | How has the Indian State tackled the trade-off between environment and development? | 15 | 2005 |
| Election Commission | What are steps that the Election Commission may take if a recalcitrant State Government wants to put off Assembly Elections? | 15 | 2005 |
| Fundamental Rights | What is meant by 'double jeopardy'? | 2 | 2005 |
| Schedule Tribes | What are the protections afforded to Scheduled Tribes in the Fifth Schedule of the Indian Constitution? | 2 | 2005 |
| President | In what ways can the President of India ascertain the views of the Supreme Court on a particular bill? | 2 | 2005 |
| Constitution | What is the common point between Articles 14 and 226 of the Indian Constitution? | 2 | 2005 |
| Parliament | Who and what does the Indian Parliament consist of? | 2 | 2005 |
| Constitution | What is the significance of a preamble to a constitution? Bring out the philosophy of the Indian polity as enshrined in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. | 30 | 2004 |
| Applied Polity | Discuss the meaning of "breakdown of constitutional machinery". What are its effects. | 30 | 2004 |
| Constitution | Discuss how the Constitution of India provides equal rights. | 30 | 2004 |
| Public Service Commission | How does the Indian Constitution seek to maintain independence of the Public Service Commission? | 30 | 2004 |
| Legislative Procedure | Define Money-bill. Discuss how it is passed in the Parliament. | 15 | 2004 |
| Finance Commission | What is a Finance Commission? Discuss the main functions of the State Finance Commission. | 15 | 2004 |
| State Legislature | Discuss how state governments can exercise control over panchayats. | 15 | 2004 |
| Judiciary | What is Habeas Corpus? | 2 | 2004 |
| Centre-State Relations | What are the constitutional restrictions imposed upon the power of borrowing of the state governments? | 2 | 2004 |
| Applied Polity | What is the special facility provided to the linguistic minorities under Article 350 A? | 2 | 2004 |
| Judiciary | How can a judge of the Supreme Court be removed? | 2 | 2004 |
| Election Commission | How is the Election Commission of India constituted? | 2 | 2004 |
| Applied Polity | The Inter-State river water dispute has once again assumed Centre-State river water dispute has once again assumed all previous accords on river water. Discuss. | 30 | 2004 |
| Applied Polity | What is 'social justice' in the context of Indian economy? | 2 | 2004 |
| President | Discuss the question of death sentence and Presidential clemency. | 30 | 2003 |
| Governor | Explain the discretionary powers of the Governor of a State. | 30 | 2003 |
| Parliamentary System | Discuss Parliamentary Control over the executive. | 30 | 2003 |
| Applied Polity | Identify the major obstacles in the smooth functioning of Parliamentary democracy in India. | 30 | 2003 |
| Amendment of the Constitution | Highlight the significance of Forty Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of India. | 15 | 2003 |

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| Fundamental Duties | Identify the major Fundamental Duties. | 15 | 2003 |
| Parliament | Explain the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the federal set up of Indian Parliamentary System. | 15 | 2003 |
| Parliament | What is a point of order? When can it be raised? | 2 | 2003 |
| Parliament | What is a Privilege Motion? | 2 | 2003 |
| Union | State the difference between Council of Ministers and the Cabinet. | 2 | 2003 |
| Vice-President | How is the Vice President of India elected? | 2 | 2003 |
| Parliament | What is meant by 'Sine-die' adjournment. | 2 | 2003 |
| Centre-State Relations | What is a Finance Commission? | 15 | 2003 |
| Applied Polity | "The issue of a hung Parliament adversely affects the stability of Indian Government." Discuss the statement and point out how far changing over to the Presidential form of government will be a solution to this problem. | 30 | 2002 |
| Forms of Oaths | Why does the Constitution of India provide different forms of Oaths for the President, the Ministers, the legislators and the members of the judiciary? Discuss their significance. | 30 | 2002 |
| Judiciary | What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? How far does it play its role as the guardian of the Constitution? | 30 | 2002 |
| Amendment of the Constitution | How is the Constitution of India amended? Do you think that the procedure for amendment makes the Constitution a play-thing in the hands of the Centre? | 30 | 2002 |
| DPSP | Discuss the constitutional provisions relating to the non-justiciable directives binding upon the states. | 15 | 2002 |
| Election Commission | Describe the methods of delimiting constituencies for parliamentary elections in India. | 15 | 2002 |
| Parliament | Explain the role of the Public Accounts Committee. | 15 | 2002 |
| Applied Polity | (i) What is the importance of the 84th Amendment of the Indian Constitution? (ii) Under what Article of the Constitution can the Union Government play its role in settling inter-state water disputes? (iii) What is the role of the protem speaker? (iv) What is meant by the 'lame-duck session' of the legislature? (v) What is meant by the 'fringe areas' in the sphere of local government in India? | 10 | 2002 |
| President | What is the composition of the Electoral College for the election of the President of the Indian Republic? How is the value of votes cast counted? | 30 | 2002 |
| Centre-State Relations | Discuss the administrative relations between the centre and the states in the light of recent controversies. | 30 | 2001 |
| Parliamentary System | Bring out the aberrations of the parliamentary system of government in India. | 30 | 2001 |
| DPSP | What is the constitutional position of Directive Principles of State Policy? How has it been interpreted by the judiciary after the emergency in 1975-77? | 30 | 2001 |
| Legislative Procedure | What are the main differences between the passage of a Constitution Amendment Bill and other Legislative Bills? | 30 | 2001 |
| President | Comment on the nature of Ordinance-making power of the President of India. What safeguard's are there against possible misuse? | 15 | 2001 |
| Parliament | Distinguish between Cabinet Secretariat and Prime Minister's Secretariat. Which of these is more important? | 15 | 2001 |
| Applied Polity | Discuss the constitutional provisions regarding the right of children. | 15 | 2001 |
| Parliament | Explain the Local Area Development Scheme of the Members of Parliament. | 2 | 2001 |
| Parliament | What is Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha? | 2 | 2001 |
| Centre-State Relations | Why is it said that the centre has absolute veto over State Legislature? | 2 | 2001 |
| Parliament | What is Call Attention Motion? | 2 | 2001 |

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| Conduct of Business | When is the device of joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament not available? | 2 | 2001 |
| Population Policy | Review the population policy of the Govt. of India giving the distinguish features. | 30 | 2001 |
| Constitution- Introduction | Examine the need for the review of the Indian Constitution. | 15 | 2000 |
| Federalism | Examine the demand for greater State-autonomy and also its impact on the smooth functioning of the Indian polity. | 15 | 2000 |
| Parliamentary System | How does Parliament control the Union Executive? How effective is its control? | 15 | 2000 |
| Constitution- Introduction | What constitutes the doctrine of 'basic features' as introduced into the Constitution of India by the Judiciary? | 15 | 2000 |
| Electoral Reforms | Identify the major electoral reforms which are necessary in the Indian Political Systems. | 15 | 2000 |
| Parliamentary Committees | Examine the role of Estimates Committee. | 15 | 2000 |
| Federalism | Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the working of federal polity in India. | 15 | 2000 |
| Procedure in Financial Matters | What is vote on account? | 5 | 2000 |
| Applied Polity | What is Caretaker Government? | 5 | 2000 |
| Applied Polity | Do you justify the Prime Minister's entry into Parliament through the Rajya Sabha? | 5 | 2000 |
| Parliament | What is Privilege Motion? | 5 | 2000 |
| Parliament | What is Contempt of Parliament? | 5 | 2000 |
| Human Rights | Discuss the provisions of the Human Rights Protection Act (1993) relating to the following: (i) Definition of human rights. (ii) Composition of the National Human Rights Commission (iii) Function of the Commission (iv) What suggestions have been made for amending the Act for making the role of the NHRC more effective? | 30 | 2000 |
| Judiciary | Discuss the propositions laid down by the Supreme Court of India in the context of Torture in Prisons and human Dignity. | 30 | 2000 |
| Judiciary | Explain Public Interest Litigation. Who can file it and on what basis can it be rejected by the Court of Law? | 10 | 2000 |
| Applied Polity | What are the features of the Uttar Pradesh Regulation of Public Religious Buildings and Places Bill, 2000, that have caused widespread protests from minorities? | 10 | 2000 |
| Applied Polity | Differentiate and state the significance of Pokharan I and Pokharan II. | 15 | 2000 |
| Economy | What do you know about 11th Finance Commission? | 2 | 2000 |

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