



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

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Sub-Topic	Questions	Marks	Year
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	20	2011
	Life' Critically examine this statement.		
President	'The Exercise of executive clemency is not a privilege but is based on several principles, and discretion has to be	20	2011
	exercised in public consideration.' Analysis this statement in the context of the judicial powers of the president of India.		
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	20	2010
	complex." Objectively analyse the major disputes in this connection, with special reference to the Southern States.		
Constitutional amendment	With respect to Cooperative Societies what are the salient features of the 106th and 111th Constitutional Amendment	12	2010
	Bills as at present?		
Parliament	What are the grounds of disqualification of a Member of Parliament from either House? Quote relevant provisions in	12	2010
	your answer.		
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,	5	2010
	resolved?		
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	15	2009
	Elections.		
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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	out how far changing over to the Presidential form of government will be a solution to this problem.		
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	the members of the judiciary? Discuss their significance.		
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	the Constitution?		
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	(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?		
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	(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?		
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