

Insights Mains Offline Test Series 2015General Studies Paper – 2

Mock Test – 14

18 October 2015

Duration: 1 Hour 45 Minutes

Answer ALL the questions in NOT MORE THAN 200 words each. Contents of the answers are more important than its length. All questions carry equal marks. (15x10 = 150)

1. “The 99th Constitutional Amendment, which created a National Judicial Appointments Commission, violates “judicial independence”, which is an aspect of the basic structure.” In the light of recent Supreme Court judgment striking down the NJAC Act, 2014 as unconstitutional, critically analyze the statement.
2. Despite the establishment of basic structure doctrine, do you think the Articles 368(4) and (5) of the Indian Constitution continue to give more authority to the Parliament *vis a vis* the Supreme Court? Critically comment.
3. “India may praise itself as the “world’s largest democracy” but there are important lessons it can take from the new constitution of Nepal.” Critically examine.
4. “A quick legal redressal system and strengthening of the dispute settlement mechanism of mediation would help make 'Make in India' campaign a success.” Discuss.
5. What are the key elements of concept of cooperative federalism? Critically comment on the institutional mechanism that has been created to give shape to this concept.
6. Discuss the functions of and reasons why Emoluments Commission is being proposed to be set up by the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry.
7. Critically examine the view that pressure groups are a threat to democracy.
8. Critically comment on the theory and practice of the concept of collective ministerial responsibility in India.
9. Is anti-defection law a death-knell for parliamentary dissent? Critically examine.
10. In the light of ongoing debate on abolition of capital punishment, critically discuss the provisions of Article 72 of the Indian Constitution.
11. In your opinion, to effectively implement ‘minimum government, maximum governance’ doctrine in India, what shortcomings should be addressed? Analyze.
12. “In ‘tribunalisation’ of courts, at stake are core principles of an independent judiciary and separation of powers, a part of the basic structure of the Constitution.” Comment.
13. Why are tribunals favoured over courts in resolving water disputes in India? Critically evaluate their role in this regard.
14. Why do you think many of the centrally sponsored schemes, or CSS, have failed to perform better? Does reducing their number make them efficient? Examine what needs to be done to make them efficient.
15. Should government confer full financial and operational autonomy to Indian Institutes of Management apart from academic autonomy, which it has already given? Substantiate.

