



## Mains Notes for IAS and PCS

### GS-2 Government and Political Dynamics

#### Last year Questions papers

1. "The Indian party system is passing through a phase of transition which looks to be full of contradictions and paradoxes." Discuss.  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
2. Has the Indian governmental system responded adequately to the demands of Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation started in 1991? What can the government do to be responsive to this important change?  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
3. "Demographic Dividend in India will remain only theoretical unless our manpower becomes more educated, aware, skilled and creative." What measures have been taken by the government to enhance the capacity of our population to be more productive and employable?  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
4. Resorting to ordinances has always raised concern on violation of the spirit of separation of power doctrine. While nothing the rationales justifying the power to promulgate ordinances, analyse whether the decisions of the Supreme Court on the issue have further facilitated resorting to this power. Should the power to promulgate ordinances be repeated?  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
5. Instances of President's delay in commuting death sentences has come under public debate as denial of justice. Should there be a time limit specified for the President to accept/reject such petitions? Analyse.  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
6. The size of the cabinet should be as big as governmental work justifies and as big as the Prime Minister can manage as a team. How far is the efficacy of a government then inversely related to the size of the cabinet? Discuss.  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
7. An athlete participates in Olympics for personal triumph and nations's glory; victors are showered with cash incentives by various agencies, on their return. Discuss the merit of state sponsored talent hunt and its cultivation as against the rationale of a reward mechanism as encouragement.  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
8. Constitutional mechanisms to resolve the inter – state water disputes have failed to address and solve the problems. Is the failure due to structural or process inadequacy or both? Discuss.  
(Civil Services Examination 2013)
9. Discuss the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission which have been a departure from the previous commissions for strengthening the local government finances.  
(Civil Services Examination 2013)
10. Pressure group politics is sometimes seen as the informal face of politics. With regards to the above, assess the structure and functioning of pressure groups in India.  
(Civil Services Examination 2013)
11. The Central Government frequently complains on the poor performance of the State Governments in eradicating suffering of the vulnerable sections of the society. Restructuring of Centrally sponsored schemes across the sectors for ameliorating the cause of vulnerable sections of population aims at providing flexibility to the states in better implementation. Critically evaluate.  
(Civil Services Examination 2013)
12. Disputes between the riparian states on sharing of river waters in post – Independence Era, India are becoming increasingly complex. Objectively analyse the major disputes in this connection with special reference to the Southern states?  
(Civil Services Examination 2010)

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13. "Cost – benefit analysis should not be the sole consideration, while deciding to host events like the Commonwealth Games," Critically comment on this perspective. **(Civil Services Examination 2010)**
14. Are the traditional determinants of voting behaviour in India changing? Examine in the context of the last General Elections. **(Civil Services Examination 2009)**
15. Discuss the problems in achieving national integration in India. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
16. Examine the role of caste in Indian politics. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
17. What should be the role of the media to project 'mass reality' in place of 'illusion of reality'? **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
18. Write notes on Prime Minister's 5 – point agenda for India's development as a knowledge society. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
19. What are your views on the features and impact of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005? **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
20. Examine the impact of Regional Political Parties in Indian politics. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
21. What is Regionalism? In which way regionalism has affected the Indian polity? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
22. What are the main determinants of voting behaviour in India? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
23. What is Value – Based Politics? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
24. Distinguish between Cabinet Secretariat and Prime Minister's Secretariat. Which of these is more important? **(Civil Services Examination 2001)**
25. Why does India object to Kashmir being treated as a 'disputed territory'? **(Civil Services Examination 2001)**
26. Explain Public Interest Litigation (PIL). Who can file it and on what basis can it be rejected by the court of Law? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
27. What are the features of the Uttar Pradesh Regulation of Public Religious Buildings and Places Bill, 2000 that have caused widespread protests from minorities? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
28. What were the circumstances leading to the promulgation of Prasar Bharti Ordinance in August 1998? **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
29. Give a brief account of Common Minimum Programme (CMP) of the United Front Government at the Centre. **(Civil Services Examination 1997)**
30. Why is there a demand for making Uttarakhand a Separate Hill State in India? **(Civil Services Examination 1997)**
31. Present your views for and against the creation of an All India Judicial Service. **(Civil Services Examination 1997)**