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PA, Constitution, Union Govt

Public Administration

Test-1

Time: 90 Mts. 03:00 P.M. to 04:30 P.M. Marks: 150

Answer the following questions (1 X 60 = 60 marks)

1. Discuss the evoltuion of development administration in India with special emphasis on post 1990 developments.

Answer the following questions in not more than 300 words (3X 30 = 90 marks)

2. Analyze the impact of political culture on administration in India.
3. Do you think power and prestige enjoyed by Prime Minister has declined considerably after the advent of coalition governments?
4. Judicial Activism in India is a misnomer. Comment.

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Ans 3: India, after Independence, adopted a Parliamentary form of govt. As per the Indian Constitution, the Prime Minister is 'primus interparus' i.e. real executive head of the govt. During single-party rule, from independence till 1967, the Prime Minister enjoyed enormous power & prestige because of his following functions -

1.) Head of the Council of Ministers
2.) Leader of the House of People
3.) Advised the President, in selection & appointment of Council of Ministers
4.) Played key role in financial policy of the govt.
5.) Advised the President in appointment of Key Constitutional functionaries.

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Played a key role in formulation of foreign policy

Acted as a link b/w President & govt., Centre & states, govt. & opposition.

Advised the President on imposition of National Emergency & President's rule in States.

Co-alition govt. is a govt. formed when two or more parties combine together to form a govt., generally based on a common minimum programme.

The power & prestige of the PM declined under coalition govt. because of the following reasons-

Now, he has to consider the advice of coalition partners in appointment of Council of Ministers.

He has to make compromises with his coalition partners in order to

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ensure smooth running of govt.

He has to consider the view of coalition partners in advicing the President on imposition of National Emergency & President's rule in states.

In the appointment of high Constitutional dignitaries also, he has to consider coalition's views.

In all public policy matters, he has to keep the co-alition in confidence, in order to ensure their effective implementation.

At the same time, emergence of co-alition govts. have provided more relevance to the post of PM because of the following reasons-

Now, decisions are consensus-based. PM can no longer be a dictator.

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The Public policy now reflects aspirations of a wider population & various regions.

In order to ensure the power & prestige of the office of PM in the era of Co-alition govts., following measures must be taken :-

Co-alitions must be formed, before polls & based on a common minimum programme.

PM candidate should be selected via a transparent process & before polls.

The PM should get effective support of all co-alition partners, in running the govt.

Co-alition govts. are a reality today, and are here to stay. They act as a check against excessive power concentration in the hands of the PM. They must work towards ensuring a PM focussed on achieving development.

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