

TS SC STUDY CIRCLE: HYDERABAD
GENERAL STUDIES PAPER II
FULL LENGTH Test – 2

Date: 18.01.2023.

Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 250.

Answer questions in NOT MORE than the word limit specified for each in the parenthesis. Content of the answer is more important than its length.

Q1. Fundamental rights and Directive principles are like two wheels of a chariot one no less than the other. Analyze. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q2. Provide an assessment of the role of ECI in ensuring the integrity of elections in India ? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q3. Elaborate the steps that can be taken to address the perennial issue of huge pendency of cases in the High Courts in different states in India? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q4. Do you think the Doctrine of Pleasure as applicable to appointment of Governors has failed in promoting neutrality and fairness to the office? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q5. The criminal procedure amendment, 2021 act poses wide-ranging constitutional and regulatory challenges. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q6. The Seventh Schedule is a relic of the colonial past and doesn't reflect the complex realities of India in current times. Is there a need to review the seventh schedule to improve center-state relations? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks.

Q7. Assess the role played by the GST Council in strengthening Co-operative federalism in India? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q8. Public Interest legislation(PIL), a novel tool to democratize access to justice, is a double-edged sword for the judiciary. Argue with illustrations. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q9. What is data governance? Discuss how India's data governance efforts are using the economic and social "value generation capacity of the data" for the developmental process? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q10. With the government's focus on 'minimum government but maximum governance', various reforms have been taken to improve the quality of governance. In light of the statement, discuss measures taken to achieve the same. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

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Q11. Discuss the main functions of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)? What measures need to be adopted to revamp PAC as a true watchdog of the public purse? (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q12. Do you agree that the FCRA amendments 2020 transformed the intended purpose of the Act from a regulatory to controlling act? Elucidate the challenges recent amendments pose to the functioning of NGOs with examples. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q13. Has the constitutional status of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) helped improve the working of the commission and the outcomes? (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks.

Q14. Cleansing elections is the best way to promote ethics in public life, reduce corruption, and governance standards. Discuss the efficacy of RPA 1951 in this regard. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q15. "Panchayat Raj Institutions have been bestowed with necessary powers to bring Social Transformation in India". Substantiate the statement with examples. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q16. Parliament is an institution for constructive policy-making, not politics. In this context discuss measures to make Parliament more efficient, and responsive. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q17. Do you think that the provisions of the PMLA are disproportionate to the threat and provide too much power to the Enforcement Directorate? Argue in light of recent judgments. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks.

Q18. Citizen's Charter Programme is a limited programme of reforming administration in governance. Do you agree? (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q19. "Fairplay, Independence and effective dispute resolution lie at the heart of regulatory processes". In the light of the statement above examine the issues that affect the functioning of the regulatory bodies in India? (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q20. The Whistle Blowers Protection Act was enacted to provide a framework to protect persons who allege any wrongdoings. However, there has been a rampant cry for strengthening the Act to make it whistle blower friendly and providing protection to whistle blowers. Critically examine. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks.