

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER II

GOVERNANCE

Q7. e-governance projects have a built-in bias towards technology and back-end integration than user-centric designs. Examine. (2025,10M)

Q8. The Doctrine of Democratic Governance makes it necessary that the public perception of the integrity and commitment of civil servants becomes absolutely positive. Discuss. (2024,10M)

Q16. The Citizens' Charter has been a landmark initiative in ensuring citizen-centric administration. But it is yet to reach its full potential. Identify the factors hindering the realisation of its promise and suggest measures to overcome them. (2024,15M)

Q18. e-Governance is not just about the routine application of digital technology in service delivery process. It is as much about multifarious interactions for ensuring transparency and accountability. In this context, evaluate the role of the 'Interactive Service Model' of e-governance. (2024,15M)

Q8. e-Governance, as a critical tool of governance, has ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability in governments. What inadequacies hamper the enhancement of these features? (2023,10M)

Q16. Has digital illiteracy, particularly in rural areas, coupled with lack of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility hindered socio-economic development? Examine with justification. (2021,15M)

Q2. "Recent amendments to the Right to Information Act will have profound impact on the autonomy and independence of the Information Commission". Discuss. (2020,10M)

Q7. "Institutional quality is a crucial driver of economic performance". In this context, suggest reforms in Civil Service for strengthening democracy. (2020,10M)

Q8. "The emergence of Fourth Industrial Revolution (Digital Revolution) has initiated e-Governance as an integral part of government." Discuss. (2020,10M)

Q8. Implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) based Projects/Programmes usually suffers in terms of certain vital factors. Identify these factors, and suggest measures for their effective implementation. (2019,10M)

Q6. "Policy contradictions among various competing sectors and stakeholders have resulted in inadequate 'protection and prevention of degradation' to environment." Comment with relevant illustrations. (2018,10M)

Q8. E-governance is not only about utilisation of the power of new technology, but also much about critical importance of the "use value" of information. Explain. (2018,10M)

Q18. The Citizens' Charter is an ideal instrument of organisational transparency and accountability, but it has its own limitations. Identify the limitations and suggest measures for greater effectiveness of the Citizens' Charter. (2018,15M)

Q18. Initially Civil Services in India were designed to achieve the goals of neutrality and effectiveness, which seems to be lacking in the present context. Do you agree with the view that drastic reforms are required in Civil Services? Comment. (2017,15M)

Q10. "In the Indian governance system, the role of non-state actors has been only marginal." Critically examine this statement.(2016,12 ½ M)

Q12. In the Integrity Index of Transparency International, India stands very low. Discuss briefly the legal, political, economic, social and cultural factors that have caused the decline of public morality in India. (2016, 12 ½ M)

Q14. "Traditional bureaucratic structure and culture have hampered the process of socio-economic development in India." Comment. (2016,12 ½ M)

Q14. In the light of the Satyam Scandal (2009), discuss the changes brought in corporate governance to ensure transparency, accountability. (2015,12 ½ M)

Q15. "If amendment bill to the Whistleblowers Act, 2011 tabled in the Parliament is passed, there may be no one left to protect." Critically evaluate. (2015 12 ½ M)

Q7. Though 100 percent FDI is already allowed in non-news media like a trade publication and general entertainment channel, the Government is mulling over the proposal for increased FDI in news media for quite some time. What difference would an increase in FDI make? Critically evaluate the pros and cons. (2014 12 ½ M)

Q14. Has the Cadre-based Civil Services Organization been the cause of slow change in India? Critically examine. (2014, 12 ½ M)

Q15. Two parallel run schemes of the Government, viz. the Aadhaar Card and NPR, one as voluntary and the other as compulsory, have led to debates at national levels and also litigations. On merits, discuss whether or not both schemes need run concurrently. Analyse the potential of the schemes to achieve developmental benefits and equitable growth.(2014, 12½ M)

Q13. Electronic cash transfer system for the welfare schemes is an ambitious project to minimize corruption, eliminate wastage and facilitate reforms. Comment. (2013, 10M)

Q16. Though Citizens' Charters have been formulated by many public service delivery organizations, there is no corresponding improvement in the level of citizens' satisfaction and quality of services being provided. Analyse. (2013,10M)