

Paper - III

General Studies II - 250 Marks

(Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)

- i. Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- ii. Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
- iii. Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- iv. Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
- v. Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.
- vi. Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.
- vii. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
- viii. Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
- ix. Statutory, Regulatory and various Quasi-Judicial bodies.
- x. Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation."
- xi. Development processes and the development industry the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
- xii. Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
- xiii. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
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Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources, issues relating to poverty and hunger with emphasis on Assam.

- xv. Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance-applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures with emphasis on Assam.
- xvi. Role of civil services in a democracy.
- xvii. India and its neighborhood relations.
- xviii. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- xix. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
- xx. Important International institutions, agencies and forums, their structure, mandate.