

Mock Test – Polity 1

Time Allowed: 180 Mins

Maximum Marks: 250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions.
2. There are TWENTY questions printed in ENGLISH.
3. **All questions are compulsory.**
4. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
5. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.
6. **Answers to Question Nos. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to Question Nos. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.**
7. Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.
8. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO

1. **What role does a Constitution play in the context of a democratic nation like India, and why is it of utmost significance?** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
2. **Highlight the distinctions between 'coming together federations' and 'holding together federations,' elucidating with relevant examples.** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
3. **Examine and contrast the authority and functions of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
4. **What is your comprehension of judicial activism and its potential for overreach? Additionally, explore the related apprehensions and issues.** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
5. **What is your interpretation of the concept of the rule of law? Describe how this principle is manifested in the Constitution of India.**(Answer in 150 Words) 10
6. **Elaborate on the idea of the separation of powers. Identify and discuss the provisions within the Indian Constitution that illustrate this principle.** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
7. **Examine the President of India's authority in exercising veto powers.** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
8. **Explore the significance of Departmentally Related Standing Committees in enhancing the robustness of parliamentary democracy in India.** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
9. **What is your comprehension of pressure groups, and how do they employ various techniques to advance their objectives? Give examples.** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
10. **List the structure and responsibilities of the National Commission for Women (NCW), and showcase the initiatives undertaken by the Commission to advance women's empowerment.** (Answer in 150 Words) 10
11. **Examine the transfer of powers as mandated by the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts. In your opinion, has the process of devolution been suboptimal to date?** (Answer in 250 Words) 15
12. **While quasi-judicial bodies may possess powers similar to judicial bodies, there exist significant differentiating factors between the two. Please provide an elaboration.** (Answer in 250 Words) 15

- 13. Outline the disqualification criteria stipulated in The Representation of the People Act, 1951. Additionally, explore the corrective measures accessible to disqualified representatives.** (Answer in 250 Words) 15
- 14. The basic structure doctrine of the Indian Constitution is a judicial innovation. Analyse.** (Answer in 250 Words) 15
- 15. Highlight the diverse obstacles faced in achieving cooperative federalism in India, & provide recommendations to promote cooperative federalism.** (Answer in 250 Words) 15
- 16. The distinctive nature of the Indian Constitution, which, while drawing inspiration from various foreign constitutions, maintains its uniqueness. Discuss.** (Answer in 250 Words) 15
- 17. Should the substantial number of ministries within the Government of India be streamlined? Discuss with reasoned arguments.** (Answer in 250 Words) 15
- 18. Provide an overview of functions of the UPSC and list the constitutional safeguards designed to preserve its independence and impartiality.** (Answer in 250 Words) 15
- 19. What are tribunals and how does Article 323A contrast with Article 323B in the Indian Constitution?** (Answer in 250 Words) 15
- 20. What are the criteria for the imposition of President's Rule in a state? Additionally, outline the process for its implementation and its consequences.** (Answer in 250 Words) 15