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STUDY PLAN-3 (STEEEPLECHASE)

13.11.2018 TO 23.11.2018

Test 10 [Mains 6] – 13.11.18

Syllabus

1. Indian constitution – historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
2. Separation of powers between various organs, dispute redressal mechanism and institutions.

Primary Source:

1. Laxmikant's "Indian polity book" [OR]
2. D.D Basu's "Introduction to the constitution of India", 1st 5 chapters

Additional Reference:

1. For issues related to organs and dispute redressal mechanism, refer summary & recommendation of 2nd ARC "capacity building for conflict resolution"
2. Officers IAS Academy's Mains Mantra Indian polity [2018]

Topics to be focused:

1. Evolution of Indian constitution
2. Important features of Indian constitution
3. Important constitutional amendments
4. Kesavanandha Bharati judgment on basic structure & issues associated with it (like NJAC)
5. Various dispute redressal bodies (tribunals, constitutional, statutory bodies like Lokpal, Lokayuta, National commission for SC's, ST's, etc)

Test 11 [Mains 7] – 16.11.18

Syllabus

1. 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.
2. Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers and privileges and issues arising out of these.

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3. Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.

Primary Source:

1. Laxmikant's "Indian polity book" [OR]
2. D.D Basu's "Introduction to the Constitution of India"

Secondary source:

1. 2nd ARC report on Organizational structure of Government of India (summary and recommendations)

Additional Reference:

1. Refer PRSindia.org "Annual conference on Effective legislatures 2014" summary, Discussion papers
2. Officers IAS Academy's Mains Mantra Indian polity [2018]

Topics to be focused:

1. Function and responsibilities of Executive at center and state and issues associated with it .
2. Function and responsibilities of legislature at centre and states and issues associated with it.
3. Devolution of power and finances to Panchayati Raj institutions and their challenges.
4. Parliamentary oversight of executive
5. Parliamentary oversight of Regulators
6. Parliament's role in financial oversight
7. Measures for effective functioning of parliament
8. Strengthening parliamentary committees
9. Effective functioning of state legislatures.
10. Salient features of US, France, UK, and other countries which framed their constitution recently.

Test 12 [Mains 8] – 20.11.18

Syllabus

1. Structure, organization and functioning of the executive and the judiciary ministries and departments of the Government;
2. Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance-applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency and accountability and institutional and other measures.

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Primary Source:

1. Laxmikant's "Indian polity book"
2. 2nd ARC organizational structure of Government of India (summary and Recommendation)

Additional Reference:

1. Polity and Governance Mains Mantra- 2018
2. PRS website (issues related to executive and judiciary)

Topics to be focused:

1. Judicial review, judicial activism
2. Appointments in higher judiciary (collegiums system, NJAC controversy ,etc)
3. Judicial accountability and issues of corruption in judiciary
4. E-governance
5. Citizens charter
6. Transparency and accountability in governance

Test 13 [Mains 9] – 23.11.18

Syllabus

1. Appointment to various constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various constitutional Bodies
2. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies
3. Salient features of the Representation of people's Act

Primary Source:

1. Laxmikant's "Indian polity book"

Secondary source:

1. D.D Basu's "Introduction to Indian constitution"
2. Officers IAS Academy's Mains Mantra Indian polity [2018]

Topics to be focused:

1. CAG
2. UPSC
3. Finance commission
4. National commission for SC's and ST's

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5. NCBC, etc
6. SEBI
7. CVC
8. CBI
9. Lokpal, Lokayukta
10. Tribunals etc
11. Representation of People's Act and issues associated with it.

