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- This is a self administered test. Kindly print this question paper preferably on **A4 size** good quality paper and write answers as per the instructions given below.
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- There are TWENTY questions. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.
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- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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Evaluation Indicators*

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Each question carries equal (12.5) marks and maximum limit for each answer is 200 words.

1. Enumerate the fundamental rights pertaining to religious freedom in Constitution of India. Do you agree with the view that Freedom of religion implies freedom to change religion also? Give reasons.
2. "Via the strategy of Public Interest Litigations (PILs), the Supreme Court has been able to remove all constitutional restraints on its powers. The relief to weaker segments of the society is only the by-product of this strategy." To what extent do you agree with this view? Give reasoned opinion.
3. Elucidate the major changes India's federal democracy has undergone in last seven decades.
4. Can the advice given by the Council of Ministers to the President be inquired into by the courts? Examine the scope and ambit of the exclusion of judicial review mandated by Article 74(2) of the constitution.
5. Discuss the principles and philosophy underlying the doctrine of 'basic structure' as enunciated in Keshvananda Bharti's case. Which features of the Constitution have so far been declared as part of its basic structure by the Supreme Court?
6. What are the essential conditions of promulgating the ordinance with respect to President and Governors in India? How far in the present time the ordinance making power became a tool of bypassing the democratic procedure? Discuss with suitable examples.
7. Despite consistent efforts made by successive governments, rural development still seems to be distant dream. Critically examine the challenges to rural development schemes at structural, functional and implementation levels.
8. The concept of *electoral bonds* has been proposed as a way of reforming election funding. Are there any loopholes in this concept? Critically discuss while suggesting ways to plug those loopholes or alternative ways to clean electoral funding.
9. "While the National IPR {Intellectual Property Rights} policy has tried to address a number of gaps in India's IPR system, it has number of flaws." Discuss.
10. "The ministry of agriculture's draft licensing guidelines released in May 2016 have adverse implications for Intellectual Property in seed and bio-tech industry." Discuss critically.
11. "The state of Jammu and Kashmir has continued its constitutional integration process with India although at a very slow pace." Discuss. Why it is said that most important characteristic of this process of constitutional integration is its irreversibility?
12. Critically examine the implications of *Lateral exit as well as lateral entry* towards improving performance and efficiency of the civil services in India.
13. India is among the lowest scoring countries on political finance regulation as per the Global Integrity Report. Suggest the immediate steps that should be taken towards improving India's position.
14. Explain the Supreme Court's verdict in Abhiram Singh Vs C D Commachen & Others case. To what extent this judgement can wipe out identity politics in the country? Critically discuss.
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16. It is widely acknowledged that the highest level of mental and physical well-being can be achieved by investing in initial five year of birth of baby. Critically examine Government of India's interventions in this direction.
17. According to world bank report 22% of Indians live below poverty line. With such a large population unable to support themselves, does targeted basic income make sense? Critically examine.
18. Successive governments in India have failed in implementation of their housing schemes to rehabilitate slums. While analyzing the reasons for the same, critically discuss if current government schemes in this direction are designed to correct past mistakes.
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