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- Emphasis on preparing better answers through illustrations, examples, graphic analysis, etc. required in answer writing by adopting scientific approach.
- Use of only standard books and sources during model answer writing.
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<b>Test-9 OPT-PA-2409</b>	<b>30 June, 2024 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Full Length Paper I</b>
<b>Test-10 OPT-PA-2410</b>	<b>07 July, 2024 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Full Length Paper II</b>
<b>Test-11 OPT-PA-2411</b>	<b>14 July, 2024 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Full Length Paper I</b>
<b>Test-12 OPT-PA-2412</b>	<b>21 July, 2024 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Full Length Paper II</b>
<b>Test-13 OPT-PA-2413</b>	<b>04 August, 2024 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Full Length Paper I</b>
<b>Test-14 OPT-PA-2414</b>		<b>Full Length Paper II</b>
<b>Test-15 OPT-PA-2415</b>	<b>18 August, 2024 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Full Length Paper I</b>
<b>Test-16 OPT-PA-2416</b>		<b>Full Length Paper II</b>

\*For detailed breakup of syllabus, kindly refer to the subsequent pages.

## UPSC (2023) & Drishti IAS Mains Test Series (Public Administration Optional) Comparative Analysis

### Paper 1

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
PA-2312	2(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the basis for judicial control over administration .Elaborate.</li> </ul>	1.(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judiciary is playing a more positive role in policy formulation ,not just in limiting government actions,but also in mandating them."</li> </ul>	10
PA-2312	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss how Citizen's Charter has a bearing on the overall state of Public Administration and on the state of governance</li> </ul>	1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizen charter's focus is on empowering citizens concerning public service delivery</li> </ul>	10
PA-2311	1(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify developments related to gender perspective in the evolution of organization theory in public administration.</li> </ul>	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisation theory is not a single theory with a loosely knit of many approaches to organisational analysis ,and it provides different answer to different situations". comment</li> </ul>	20
PA-2311	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The decision-making theory was an attempt to understand human behaviour in organization for establishing a link between behaviour and efficiency which was a failure of classical thinkers. Explain</li> </ul>	1(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process of decisions is largely technique of narrowing choices.Explain.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2309	3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M.P Follett's views on management were to solve the conflict between management and workers through integration rather than workers' representation. Comment</li> </ul>	2(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follett firmly advocated for cultivating interdependence and collaboration among individuals as the key to resolving conflicts and establishing more harmonious and all encompassing social structures.Discuss.</li> </ul>	20
PA-2311	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The success of the PPP model requires that both public administration and business administration find a middle ground for collaboration by achieving a balance between the state's obligation for accountability and the business sector for accountability to performance. Critically analyse the statement.</li> </ul>	2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public private partnership have been justified in various ways over time that seek to privatize public services for the profit of private entities."Do you agree?</li> </ul>	

PA-2308	2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until the Official Secret Act is abolished, it will remain a roadblock in the effective implementation of the RTI Act 2005. Comment.</li> </ul>	3(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The backlash against right to information by the state hampered the citizen's right to know."Examine and point out the need to amend the RTI Act to provide protection to RTI activists.</li> </ul>	
PA-2313	3(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the relationship between "motivational factors" and 'job enrichment' as given in Herzberg's two-factor theory. What is their relevance in contemporary work motivation?</li> </ul>	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Two factor theory entails certain factors in workplace resulting in job satisfaction ,while others,if absent ,lead to dissatisfaction."Discuss.</li> </ul>	
PA-2304	6(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Principle of delegated legislation, is I think right, but I must emphasize that it is well for Parliament to keep a watchful and even jzealous eye on it at all stages- (Herbert Morrison). Analyze.</li> </ul>	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Subordinate legislation has its drawbacks ;this does not negate the fact that it is also quite beneficial."</li> </ul>	15
PA-2307	7(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monetary policy should remain accommodative to objectives of fiscal policy. Do you agree with the statement? Justify.</li> </ul>	5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Monetary policy and fiscal policy are different ;but both are used to regulate economy."Discuss.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2305	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss Whitley Councils and its role in achieving harmony between employer-employee relationships</li> </ul>	5(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Instead of conflicting,the employer-employee relationship should be one of mutual reliance."Explain.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2314	6(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is Zero Based Budgeting more popular than Performance based budgeting. How is Zero Based Budgeting being implemented in India. Discuss.</li> </ul>	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Zero-based budgeting (ZBB) is based on programme efficiency rather than budget history. "In the light of this, examine the advantages of ZBB over traditional budget.</li> </ul>	15
PA-2305	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information and Communication technology has had a transformative effect on the traditional structure of administration. Elaborate</li> </ul>	7(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Information communication Technology (ICT) can harness the power of artificial intelligence (AI) to execute the policies more intelligently creating an efficient and effective government." Examine and identify the challenges.</li> </ul>	15
PA-2305	3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training not only promotes efficiency and skills it also broadens the outlook and aptitude of the trainees</li> </ul>	8(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training is not a short affair ;rather it is a step-by-step process of developing skills,habits,knowledge and aptitude."Elucidate.</li> </ul>	15

PA-2309	7(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the challenges of career advancement in public personnel management in the post globalized era.</li> </ul>	7(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In career advancement ,civil servants are necessitated to political superiors and hence the phenomenon poses the challenges to civil service neutrality."Comment.</li> </ul>	15
PA-2303	7(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparative Public Administration adopted the “Ivory Tower” image in building the theory of public administration. Critically examine</li> </ul>	6(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"The studies in Comparative Public Administration (CPA) got momentum in 1980's and 1990's with a new objective and orientation than its previous counterparts."Critically examine.</li> </ul>	20
<b>Paper 2</b>					
Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
PA-2306	5(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“The Rule of Law and maintenance of order is the science of governance”-Kautilya. Comment</li> </ul>	1(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kautilya's Arthashastra is a theoretical work on state and statecraft."Comment</li> </ul>	10
PA-2302	1(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“A pure rational bureaucracy is a utopian concept”. Examine.</li> </ul>	1(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critics sometimes argue that bureaucracy is an impediment to a nation's development.Analyse.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2306	1(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of the Finance Commission is being redefined due to the new architecture of fiscal federalism in India. Elucidate</li> </ul>	1(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is it true that Finance Commission has been lending financial strength to the local bodies in India .Argue in favour of your response.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2306	7(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A strong political executive means a weak parliamentary democracy. Critically examine the statement.</li> </ul>	1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parliamentary democracy in India envisages elected head as real executive of a state."Discuss.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2312	7(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‘In India the Cabinet form of government has transformed into the Prime Ministerial form of government.’ Comment.</li> </ul>	2(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian Prime Minister is more empowered than his British counterpart in the westminister model of democracy . Elucidate.</li> </ul>	20
PA-2308	5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To make PRIs more effective structural reforms need to be carried out. Examine.</li> </ul>	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-amendment period Panchayats have become a platform of competitive politics ,but could not emerge as agency of planning and service delivery.Examine.</li> </ul>	20
PA-2308	5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of digital infrastructure in promoting inclusive Financial development. Discuss.</li> </ul>	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India has significantly advanced in its development goals ,increased efficiency in the public sector and unlocked innovation in private sector by adopting approach of building digital public infrastructure.Elucidate.</li> </ul>	20

PA-2308	5(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Indicative planning cannot be a substitute of development planning in India. Examine.</li> </ul>	3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attempts to prepare unified and holistic plans for the country are complex and full of challenges ".Discuss.</li> </ul>	20
PA-2308	1(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluate the implementation of the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihood Mission.</li> </ul>	5(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "Mission Antodaya strives to realize the vision of poverty - free India ."Examine.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2305	6(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ethics in administration provides a frame for the accountability of administration. Discuss.</li> </ul>	5(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Do you agree that code of ethics and code of conduct for ministers would help in upholding higher standards of their constitutional and ethical conduct ?Explain.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2308	5(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has become a people's Movement. Do you agree with the statement?</li> </ul>	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is by far the most significant cleanliness campaign by the Government of India . Comment.</li> </ul>	10
PA-2310	6(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The theme of the Disaster Management Plan 2016 is Build Back Better (BBB) but there is conspicuous absence of any funding mechanism like DMMF/DMRF. Discuss.</li> </ul>	7(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disasters can push the world's poorest deeper into poverty. Do you think that a comprehensive strategy to deal with such vulnerabilities is required ?</li> </ul>	10
PA-2303	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The success of the PPP model requires that both public administration and business administration find a middle ground for collaboration by achieving a balance between the state's obligation for accountability and the business sector for accountability to performance. Critically analyse the statement.</li> </ul>	8(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In the context of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission recommendations ,evaluate Public Private Partnership as a preferred mode of implementing infrastructural projects.</li> </ul>	20
PA-2316	6(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Critically assess the role of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherji RURBAN Mission in bridging rural-urban divide.</li> </ul>	8(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission is a cluster based approach of converging rural development efforts of different departments of the Government .Comment .</li> </ul>	10