

Sovereign PYQ Vault: High-Yield Solved Papers

Aspirant Revision Dossier with Devanagari Explanations & Constitutional Cross-References

Welcome to The Hindu Club Solved PYQ Vault. Analyzing previous year questions (PYQs) is the bedrock of clearing both UPSC Civil Services Examination and Staff Selection Commission (SSC CGL/CHSL). This dossier provides verified official solutions with dual-language conceptual context (हिंदी देवनागरी एवं अंग्रेजी) and direct constitutional articles for swift revision.

VAULT SECTIONS (प्रश्न बैंक वषिय)	EXAM FOCUS & PATTERNS
1. UPSC CSE Indian Polity & Governance (भारतीय राजव्यवस्था) 2. UPSC CSE Indian Economy & Monetary Policy (अर्थव्यवस्था) 3. UPSC CSE Environment, Climate & Ecology (पर्यावरण एवं जैव विविधता) 4. SSC CGL General Awareness & Constitutional Articles (सामान्य ज्ञान) 5. SSC CGL Speed Quants & Typing Standards (टंकण परीक्षा दक्षिा-नरिदेश)	• UPSC CSE Prelims: Negative Marking 0.66 marks, 50:50 elimination. • SSC CGL Tier-1: 100 questions, 60 minutes, speed accuracy balance. • SSC CGL Tier-2: Computer Knowledge (CPT) & 15-min DEST (2000 KD). • Referral Code: Use P39A74 on Testbook for maximum discount.

Part I: UPSC Civil Services Examination (Polity & Governance / भारतीय राजव्यवस्था)

Q1. [UPSC CSE Prelims] In the context of India, which one of the following is the characteristic appropriate for bureaucracy?

(भारत के संदर्भ में, नमिनलखिति में से कौन-सी नौकरशाही की उपयुक्त वशिषता है?)

- A) An agency for widening the scope of parliamentary democracy
- B) An agency for strengthening the structure of federalism
- C) An agency for facilitating political stability and economic growth
- D) An agency for the implementation of public policy (लोक नीतकि क्रयिन्वति करने वाला अभकिरण)

Correct Answer: D

Explanation (व्याख्या): Bureaucracy (लोक सेवा) is essentially an administrative agency whose primary function is the execution and implementation of public policy formulated by the political executive and legislature. (नौकरशाही का प्राथमकि दायतिव सरकार द्वारा नरिमिति नीतयिों को धरातल पर क्रयिन्वति करना है।)

Q2. [UPSC CSE Prelims] Which one of the following factors constitutes the best safeguard of liberty in a liberal democracy?

(उदार लोकतंत्र में स्वतंत्रता की सर्वोत्तम सुरक्षा नमिनलखिति में से कसिमें नहिति है?)

- A) A committed judiciary (एक प्रतबिद्ध न्यायपालकि)
- B) Centralization of powers (शक्तियिों का केंद्रीकरण)
- C) Elected government (नरिवाचति सरकार)
- D) Separation of powers (शक्तियिों का पृथक्करण)

Correct Answer: D

Explanation (व्याख्या): Montesquieu's doctrine of 'Separation of Powers' (शक्तियों का पृथक्करण) among the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary prevents tyranny and functions as the best safeguard of individual liberty. (शक्तियों का संतुलन और नियंत्रण नागरिकों की स्वतंत्रता को सुरक्षित रखता है।)

Q3. [UPSC CSE Prelims] Consider the following statements regarding the Attorney General of India (भारत के महान्यायाधीश):

1. He is appointed by the President under Article 76.
2. He must have the qualifications required to be appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
3. He has the right of audience in all courts in India and right to take part in proceedings of Parliament without the right to vote.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only B) 2 and 3 only C) 1 and 3 only D) 1, 2 and 3 (सभी 1, 2 और 3)

Correct Answer: D

Explanation (व्याख्या): Under Article 76 of the Constitution of India, the Attorney General is the highest law officer in the country. Under Article 88, he can participate in parliamentary proceedings without voting privileges. (अनुच्छेद 76 के तहत महान्यायाधीश की न्युक्ति राष्ट्रपति द्वारा की जाती है और अनुच्छेद 88 के तहत उन्हें संसद में बोलने का अधिकार है परंतु मतदान का नहीं।)

Part II: UPSC Economy, Science & Environment (अर्थव्यवस्था एवं पर्यावरण)

Q4. [UPSC CSE Prelims] Which of the following is/are linked to the concept of 'Narrow Money' (M1) in Indian Monetary System?

(भारतीय मौद्रिक प्रणाली में संकीर्ण मुद्रा 'M1' में नमिनलखित में से कौन सम्मिलित है?)

- A) Currency with the public + Demand deposits with banking system + 'Other' deposits with RBI
 B) Currency with the public + Time deposits with banks
 C) Total post office savings + Demand deposits
 D) M3 minus net foreign exchange assets of RBI

Correct Answer: A

Explanation (व्याख्या): Narrow Money M1 = Currency with Public (जनता के पास मुद्रा) + Demand Deposits with Banking System (मांग जमा) + Other Deposits with RBI. Time deposits are part of Broad Money (M3 / व्यापक मुद्रा).

Q5. [UPSC CSE Prelims] With reference to the 'Ramsar Convention', consider the following wetlands in India:

1. Keoladeo Ghana National Park (Rajasthan)

2. Loktak Lake (Manipur)

Which of the above is/are currently placed under the Montreux Record?

(उपर्युक्त में से कौन मॉन्ट्रो रिकॉर्ड के अंतर्गत सूचीबद्ध है/हैं?)

- A) 1 only B) 2 only C) Both 1 and 2 (दोनों 1 और 2) D) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C

Explanation (व्याख्या): Both Keoladeo National Park (केवलादेव) and Loktak Lake (लोकटक झील) are in India's Montreux Record. Chilika Lake was once on the record but was subsequently removed after ecological restoration.

Part III: SSC CGL Tier-1 & Tier-2 General Awareness (कर्मचारी चयन आयोग सामान्य अध्ययन)

Q6. [SSC CGL Tier-1 Official] Which Article of the Indian Constitution mandates the constitution of a Finance Commission every five years by the President?

(भारतीय संविधान का कौन-सा अनुच्छेद प्रत्येक पांच वर्ष में राष्ट्रपति द्वारा वित्त आयोग के गठन का प्रावधान करता है?)

- A) Article 270 (Taxes Devolution)
- B) Article 280 (Finance Commission / वित्त आयोग)
- C) Article 275 (Grants-in-Aid)
- D) Article 300A (Right to Property)

Correct Answer: B (Article 280)

Explanation (व्याख्या): Article 280 provides that the President shall constitute a Finance Commission consisting of a Chairman and four other members. The 16th Finance Commission is chaired by Dr. Arvind Panagariya. (16वें वित्त आयोग के अध्यक्ष डॉ. अरविंद पनगढ़िया हैं।)

Q7. [SSC CGL Tier-1 Official] Under whose reign was the Fourth Buddhist Council held at Kundalvana in Kashmir?

(कश्मीर के कुंडलवन में चतुर्थ बौद्ध संगीतकिसिके शासनकाल में आयोजित की गई थी?)

- A) Ashoka (अशोक)
- B) Kanishka (कनिष्क - Kushan Dynasty)
- C) Kalashoka (कालाशोक)
- D) Ajatashatru (अजातशत्रु)

Correct Answer: B (Kanishka)

Explanation (व्याख्या): The 4th Buddhist Council was presided over by Vasumitra (वसुमित्र) with Asvaghosa as deputy during Kanishka's reign (78 CE). It led to the formal division of Buddhism into Mahayana (महायान) and Hinayana (हीनयान).

Q8. [SSC CGL Tier-2 CPT / Computer Knowledge] In MS Excel and spreadsheet applications, what is the default keyboard shortcut to edit the contents of an active cell?

(एमएस एक्सेल में सक्रिय सेल की सामग्री को संपादित करने के लिए शॉर्टकट कुंजी क्या है?)

- A) F1 B) F2 C) F4 D) F7

Correct Answer: B (F2 Key)

Explanation (व्याख्या): F2 places the insertion cursor inside the cell for editing. F1 opens Help, F4 toggles absolute/relative reference (\$A\$1), and F7 initiates Spellcheck.

Part IV: Official SSC CGL DEST Typing Evaluation Norms (टंकण परीक्षा नयिम)

EVALUATION CRITERIA	OFFICIAL SSC DEST STANDARD	CANDIDATE TARGET
Passage Duration & Length	15 Minutes • 2,000 Key Depressions (~350-400 words)	Practice 30-35 WPM minimum
Permissible Error Threshold	UR: 5% (Tier-2 Post Specific) or 7% (General) OBC/EWS: 7% SC/ST: 10% PwBD: 10%	Keep errors strictly under 3%
Mistake Categorisation	Full Mistake: Omission/substitution of word, addition of word. Half Mistake: Spacing error, wrong capitalization, spelling error.	Use TheHindu Typing Simulator (thehindu.club/descriptive-typing)

THE HINDU CLUB SOVEREIGN STUDY ECOSYSTEM (प्रतियोगी परीक्षा समाधान)

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