

## WEST BENGAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION, 2008 COMPULSORY PAPER

### THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA AND THE FIVE-YEAR PLANS

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Full Marks: 100**

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.  
Answer may be given in English or in Bengali or in Nepali but all answers must be in one and the same language.

#### **GROUP- A [ Marks—50 ]**

(The Constitution of India)

**SEPARATE ANSWER-BOOK SHOULD BE USED**

[In case a candidate writes answer to questions on Group - B in the answer book meant for Group-A and vice-versa, such answers will not be evaluated.]

**Answer Question No. 6 which is compulsory and any two from the rest.**

1. Discuss the constitutional powers of the Indian President. Is she/ he always bound by the advice of the council of Ministers? 16
2. Analyze the right to liberty as embodied in Article 19 of the Constitution of India. 16
3. Examine the role of the Indian judiciary with special reference to (a) the power of judicial review and (b) public interest litigation. 16
4. Attempt a critical assessment of the powers of the Indian parliament. 16
5. Identify the various procedures for amending the constitution of India. Is the 'basic structure' of the constitution amendable? 16
6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 16
  - (a) India as a 'socialist' state.
  - (b) Acquisition of Indian citizenship.
  - (c) Significance of the Directive Principles of State policy.
  - (d) Constitutional provisions regarding protection of the rights of the minorities.

**GROUP-B [Marks—50]**

(The Five-Year Plans)

SEPARATE ANSWER-BOOK SHOULD BE USED

**Answer Question No. 12 which is compulsory and any, two from the rest.**

7. Give an account of what you consider to be three major successes as well as three major failures of the planning process in the Indian economy. 8+8
8. Analyze the impact of WTO agreements and trade liberalization on India agriculture. Identify some tasks for the government to help Indian agriculture adjust to globalization. 10+6
9. Mark a review of the financial sector reforms in India in the post-liberalization period. 16
10. Discuss in brief the general problems of public sector under taking in India. To what extent disinvestment and privatization policy with regard to the public sector will help in removing these problems. 8+8
11. Briefly discuss the poverty Alleviation programmes adopted by the Government of India in course of the Five-Year plans. Examine why anti-poverty programmes have assumed greater significance in the post-perform period. 10+6
12. Write short notes on **any two**: 9x2
  - (a) Imperative plan and Indicative plan.
  - (b) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
  - (c) Reorientation of planning and Role of the state in India,
  - (d) Globalization with a “Human Face”.