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Q3

Assess the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration process of Indian Princely States.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · GS I · 10 marks · Post-independence Consolidation

Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.

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Instrument of Accession

Legal device by which a ruler joined the Dominion for three subjects first.

Operation Polo 1948

Indian action that ended the Nizam's hold and the Razakar terror in Hyderabad.

Privy purses

Constitutional payments to former rulers, abolished by the 26th Amendment, 1971.

V. P. Menon

Civil servant who negotiated mergers and wrote the administrative history of integration.

PEPSU

Patiala and East Punjab States Union, an example of stitching small Sikh-hill states into one unit.

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