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Q4

(a) Explain the basic principles of citizens' charter movement and bring out its importance. (10 marks) (b) There is a view that the official secrets act is an obstacle to the implementation of Rights to Information act. Do you agree with the view? Discuss (10 marks).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2019 · GS IV · 10 marks · Probity in Governance

Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Citizens' Charter, United Kingdom, 1991

John Major's programme that treated users of public services as entitled to published standards and redress.

Sevottam

A Union quality model linking citizens' charter, grievance redress and excellence in service delivery.

Right to Information Act, 2005, Section 22

Gives the RTI Act overriding effect over inconsistent laws, including the Official Secrets Act, 1923.

Official Secrets Act, 1923

Colonial law on spying and unauthorised official communication; often criticised as over-broad.

RTI Act, Section 8(2)

Allows disclosure of exempt information when public interest in disclosure outweighs the harm, for several exemption heads.

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