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Q6(c)**Evaluate the Centre-State relation with reference to Article 293 and analyze its implications for the Indian federal structure**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · PSIR GS 1 · 15 marks · Federalism

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Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.

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Constitution of India, Article 293

Regulates the borrowing powers of states and conditions state loans on central consent under specific fiscal debt circumstances.

Sarkaria Commission Report (1988)

Recommended that the Centre should exercise its borrowing controls under **Article 293** with utmost restraint and consultation.

Punchhi Commission Report (2010)

Emphasized cooperative federalism and cautioned against the misuse of fiscal instruments to subordinate state financial autonomy.

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