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A MESSAGE BY R.C. SINHA

1. Go through your resume. Generate questions and answer them. Give logical, rational & realistic answer. Get feedback about your expression, body language.
2. Give utmost respect to the board members; you must respect their experience and erudite wisdom. Be very courteous to the Lady members.
3. Listen patiently what exactly are they asking, take a pause of 3-5 seconds, think over it well, then only answer, if it is objective, take 1-2 second pause, if subjective 3-5 seconds pause. Always seek permission like, "May I take a moment to recollect sir"?
4. Do not lie, whatever the situation may be and howsoever smart you may be, be truthful till the end.
5. Always maintain eye contact with the Board Members, never look down, while answering questions look into their eyes, so that they can read your mind. When one member asks you a question, look at him for most of the time, but in between for some seconds, look at other members too, this can be done by eye contact and facial expressions.
6. Always smile when opportunity presents, it tells the board members that the candidate has high level of confidence.
7. But suppose a member asks you a very serious question then avoid smiling, maintain a serious disposition. When they smile, you smile, when they laugh even then you respond to them by smile.
8. Be positive views regarding the efforts of Government. Criticize policies along with your suggestive measures which must be based on ground realities.
10. When you present your views on a topic, be balanced. Don't take extreme stand point, see both sides of the coin.
11. Read editorials, of The Hindu. The Indian Express and Front line thoroughly along with watching news channels but all the media news have to be reoriented as you are not supposed to speak like people in media.
12. Prepare your hobbies very well. Search internet for details and read relevant articles and information. However, don't get strained for collecting information. After all, it is your hobby where you are supposed to be enjoying in your own way.
13. If you are already in any service, try to know every detail of that service and why you want to change.

14. Why would you want to join IAS? Give a very original and convincing answer to this question which should be different from the others.
15. Think what you will say about your preference of service?
16. Prepare your state and district thoroughly. Take help from your state govt. website, its social welfare, industries, statistics about your state, district, tourism sector, social sector schemes in your state, district etc.
17. Your preparation for interview should start much in advance so that you get sufficient time to prepare.
18. Answer what exactly has been asked. Don't beat around the bush. Don't say something which they have not asked. Be precise and to the point. Speak the most important point first and then tell other points if they let you continue.
19. When view based question is asked take 5-10 seconds and then answer elaborately for 2-minutes. If they stop you in between then stop and listen to what they are saying. Be a good listener to be a good speaker.
20. When they laugh or say you do not know anything about this topic. remain cool, stick to your point. They are just testing your confidence level and seeing how you react to such a situation.
21. They are basically testing your attitude, confidence level, character and personality, so give more emphasis on view based questions. Your answers must reflect your concern for the nation.
22. When you do not know an answer, say, "Sorry Sir, I don't know. There is nothing to be afraid or feel embarrassed about. You must know what you know and what you don't know.
23. The questions are endless, the more you think beforehand, the better prepared you are. Always remember that "Luck favours those who do not believe in luck".

.. ALL THE BEST, GOD BLESS.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO PERSONAL BACKGROUND

1. Define yourself?
2. Your qualities?
3. Your Shortcomings?
4. Meaning of your name?
5. Your role model?
6. How did you prepare for interview?
7. What shall be your options in case you are rejected?
8. What are you doing these days?
9. Why do you want to join admin.?
10. Challenges before admin today?
11. Why don't you organize NGO to serve the country?
12. What is your roll no? Sum up your roll no. Do you believe in significance of digits?
13. Your home state, district, town, village-Economy and important features.
14. What shall be your preferences after joining Admin.?
15. What are your criteria for setting preferences for services?
16. The best moment in your life till date.
17. Worst moment in your life.
18. How did you come to UPSC?
19. Where are staying in Delhi?
20. How did you come to Delhi?
21. What do you like and dislike in Delhi?

QUESTIONS RELATED TO YOUR ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND OPTIONAL

1. Why did you not join academics in spite of having so good academic records?
2. Why did you shift from technical subject to subjects of social sciences as your optional?
3. How do you visualize difference between academic standard and competitive standard of the country?
4. Your criteria of choosing optional?
5. Should student union election be banned? What is your experience in the University? Put your view point over arrest of JNU SUP?
6. How do you see remarkable change in mind set of youth from financial security to job security?
7. How do you see emerging triangular relation among Scientist, Industrialist and Govt.?
8. How do you see education policy of India? Does Right to Education work?
9. Every administrator has to be a philosopher friend of Govt.? How do you react?
10. Every administrator has to be a good strategist and psychologist? How do you think?
11. Is working of U PSC absolutely fair? How do you think?
12. Is reservation instrumental in social upliftment of society?
13. Don't you think by opening more and more IITs and IIMs affecting their world class quality?
14. Should there be a minimum marks criteria for appearing at civil services examination?
15. Government schools are in bad shape even in the capital. What to do?
16. What should be profile of primary education system in India to minimize dropout rate?
17. Don't you think that social sector like education, health care, have been taken over by private sector? Is it good for the country?
18. Increasing violence among school children. What are the reasons? Suggest measures.
19. Education is hijacked by urban elite? What do you think?
20. The President of India has said. That dirt lies in the mind of people and not on street.
21. B. Tech has become now How do you reach? basic degree. How do you react?

HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS

1. How will you react against your corrupt superiors?
2. How to motivate your subordinates?
3. Why are role and functions of civil services not up to the expectations of people inspite of the fact that civil services attract the best talents of society.
4. Social image of police is negative. why and how will you change image?
5. Why does civil admin fail in disaster management? How to change their mode of working?
6. What is your plan to improve intelligence network. How to improve human and technical intelligence?
7. How will you improve law enforcement to generate respect for rules of law?
8. How to check cases of indiscipline among subordinates?
9. Your view on moral policing, cyber, community and tourist Policing? How will you coordinate all of them?
10. How will you ensure subordination from staff when some of them have high political connections?
11. How will you react to political pressure which is day to day phenomenon in admin.?
12. What strategy can you draw to fight against naxalism or Maoism? Why do they act smarter in all respect?
13. What is the difference between counter insurgency and anti-terrorist operations?
14. If you are asked to change selection and training system of admin. according to present challenges, then what measures will you suggest to change key factors?
15. Why, you won't be carried away by the present system of corruption?
16. Had you been dealing with recent cases of unruly crowd, what would have been your strategy?
17. What will be your strategy if terrorists have made people captive in a mall?
18. If you're senior officer is adamant to cover up a case of sexual harassment of your batch mate, how will you react if even your batch mate is reluctant in filing F.I. R?

SOCIAL - CULTURAL ISSUES

1. Culture and traditions hold modernization of India your views?
2. Increasing domestic violence? Why? How to deal.
3. Suicidal tendency among students on rise why?
4. Live in relationship? Extra marital affairs on rise why?
5. Increasing violence against women why?
6. Sexual abuse of children on rise-why? How to deal?
7. Radicalisation of youth by I.S. how to deal with?
8. Delhi called rape capital- your views.
9. Why not gold from temples be taken out?
10. Society, instead of being progressive, getting retrogressive your views.
11. Returning rewards. Is it right way of protest?
12. What is Gandhigiri, is jal satyagrah, Dharna, Strike, Protest are Gandhian way?
13. Foreign funding of NGOs-your views.
14. Homosexuality and Gay marriage, your views?
15. Sexual abuse of children, especially by their own near and dear? How to deal with?
16. Juvenile crime and criminals. Why or rise? How to deal with?
17. Human trafficking drug trafficking on rise. How to deal with?
18. Ardh Kumbh and dikats of sadhus. Are they really sadhu?
19. Beef ban, should it be. Your views?
20. Cock fight or Jallikattu, Why is not government firm to stop them?
21. What is social Activism. Is media really people parliament?
22. How faith is different from belief?
23. What is judicial view on freedom. Of speech and dress code in temples?
24. Should issues like Ayodhya or Ram Setu be decided by judiciary?
25. Should government pass uniform civil code?
26. Role of social media-your views?
27. How deal with issue of social exclusions?
28. Triple Talaq?
29. Social activism in India?
30. Saffronization of education?
31. Taj controversy?

32. Private army taking law in their hand?

POLITICAL ISSUES - YOUR VIEWS ON

1. Changing voting behavior in India.
2. Declining parliamentary behavior?
3. What is remote control politics?
4. Right to reject or right to recall?
5. Defining contempt of Parliament or contempt of court?
6. People Representation Act? Need of review by legislature.
7. Right to information and Right to be informed?
8. Post of Governor has become political why? Council of states-Backdoor entry in to government. How to stop?
9. Political high jacking of economy how do you react?
10. Why No to N.J.A.C. and Yes to collegium system?
11. Death sentences and President's power on mercy petition needs complete review?
12. Stronger punishment against rape of children?
13. Is India confiscating federation?
14. Demand for separate state. Need of second S.R.C.?
15. All India Judicial Service, need of hour - your views.
16. Is India growing in term of political houses.?
17. National Green Tribunal, Governance over governance?
18. Do you think India is over crowded by Acts without actions? Too many commissions without commitment why?
19. Hate Politics and speeches. How to deal with?
20. Need of new Parliament Building? Your views?
21. Will fifty percent seat of women in Panchayat can make women come out of their door steps? Your views.
22. Crisis in Judiciary
23. Technocrats keen to joint bureaucracy but why not politics?

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

1. Challenges of Terrorism and Naxalism ground realities?
2. Administrative reforms in the area of selection and training?
3. Public order a subject of state list and role of central forces.
4. Role of NIA& CBI and is not NCTC urgently required?
5. Deployment of Para military in almost every state why?
6. Security forces themselves need security.
7. Reorganizations of police Force? Soli Sorabjee Committee Report.
8. What is criminal Justice System your understanding?
9. One Rank one Pension how to ensure?
10. Need of better pay allowances for ND.R.F. - your views.
11. Corporate culture in civil services.
12. Cyber attacks and role of ethical hackers.
13. Bureaucrats are more corrupt than politicians? Your views.
14. Increasing cases of fake encounters and misuse of AFSPA.
15. Security Forces - should they be made nodal agency of development in red corridors your views?
16. Intelligence Failure and how is it different from command failure?
17. Appointments by sidelining number of senior officers is it right
18. What changes in the role of civil services are you expecting of the change in competition examination pattern?
19. Should there be all India sports service?
20. Should judges not subjected to specialized training to deal with technical and cyber crime?
21. How are administrator different form Manager?
22. Record Encounters in UP?
23. Hiring ethical hackers to counter cyber attack.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Rejection and resentments in Indian science congress?
2. Science Policy of India?
3. Nuclear energy deal or no deal. your views?
4. Energy Security vs National Security?
5. Application of I.T. in anti-terror actions.
6. Threat to scientific organizations especially nuclear reactors.?
7. e - governance, e - admin. role of artificial intelligence?
8. Narco Test (Truth Drug), is it violation of Fundamental Right? your views?
9. Disaster management, is itself a disaster. How do you react?
10. Alternative Sources of Energy, can solar power meet outstanding demand of energy.
11. MARS mission how it is so special? organic farming and evergreen revolution?
12. Climate Diplomacy and river water terrorism?
13. How to deal with technical evidences cyber crime?
14. Missile Program of India. With nuclear war heads your views?
15. Hydrogen bomb by North Kores - with Indian stand your views?
16. GEO Fencing and GPS in Policing.
17. Home grown GPS your views?
18. Digital India, smart cities, Make in India or Make India or Make for India.
19. Indian technocrats - now one million in us diaspora or brain drain?
20. Start up India - What is it really?
21. Bullet Trains - are they viable in India?
22. Odd Even Formula - your views.
23. Recent disasters what has gone wrong?
24. What is special in MARS mission?
25. Can genetic engineering be taken as revolution?
26. First GSLV by India in June -2017?
27. Indian 6th country in term of missile capability?

ECONOMIC ISSUES

1. Food security and right to food-?
2. Organic Farming and ever green revolution.
3. Corporate entry into the area of agriculture.
4. Irrigation potential, check dams, issue of water audit.
5. River water ways? What are challenges?
6. Soil Health card - How is it working?
7. Suicide by farmers? What are the ground realities.?
8. Role of money lenders?
9. Present agriculture policy, how will you generate awareness?
10. Un resolved issues in W.T.O.?
11. Agro-Processing near Agriculture field to transfer the benefit to farmers?
12. G.S.T., Explain to a common man.
13. Veto power of RBI Governor. and MPC.
14. Inviting Foreign Investment? Single brands and Multi brands.
15. Make India, Make for India then Make in India Your reaction?
16. Export orientation in Indian Economy - How to work out?
17. Think of Smart villages before smart cities.
18. Outcome budget in India? Railway budget with Central Budget?
19. Indian Economy/Chinese Economy and India's role in World Economy?
20. Tourism Industries - Camp. Tourism.
21. Economy of North East. How to work out?
22. India exploring African Union.
23. Foreign players in Pension schemes.
24. Aviation Sector and Aviation Fuel issue?
25. Free Trade Agreements? your views.
26. Integrating black money through amnesty schemes-your views?
27. Gold Monetization scheme - Prospects.
28. Currency war?
29. Should economic parameters be reviewed?
30. What is G.I. tag? How does it help in word market?
31. I am Raghu Ram Rajan, I do, what I do. Your views on this comment.
32. Your views on NITI AYOOG.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

1. How is Diplomacy different from foreign Policy?
2. Changes in Foreign Policy from Nehru to Narendra Modi?
3. Ideals like nuclear disarmament, panchsheel, Non-Alignment Relevance today.
4. India-Pakistan-Afghanistan?
5. Afghanistan - after exit of American Forces?
6. Trans border Terrorism - still unresolved.
7. India-Nepal new constitution? Rise of Chinese Influence Diplomacy of Disaster Management.
8. Chief Guest of Republic Day Last year, This year French President, Prospects?
9. Sri Lanka -India - changing relations.
10. India - China, better India join silk route.?
11. Oil Pipeline - options - TAPI viability of underwater pipeline.
12. NATO bombing ISLAMIC STATE, side impacts?
13. Australia ready to supply nuclear materials? condition.
14. Indo - Russia - Syrian crisis, India's stand.
15. Attack on France, lesson for India?
16. New World order? Multipolar World? Role of India.
17. India's economic and diplomatic image?
18. How do you define your role as diplomat?
19. International Yoga Day - Why on 21 st June?
20. UN Reforms - Still miles to go-why?
21. South China Sea emerging battle field.
22. Land transfers between India Bangladesh well began half done.
23. PARIS CLIMATE PACT, Impacts?
24. Republic Day – 2018 – very special?
25. Is India trying to isolate china by taking ASEAN into confidence?