

Practice and Revision - Bureaucracy

Chapter 20: Bureaucracy · Topic 2

Key Concept

Civil servants, selected through competitive examinations, form the permanent bureaucracy that continues regardless of which political party is in power.

The bureaucracy implements policies decided by elected representatives, providing technical expertise and administrative continuity.

Bureaucrats work at various levels, from national ministries to district administration, ensuring government policies reach citizens.

An efficient, honest bureaucracy is essential for good governance, translating political decisions into effective actions for citizens.

Quick Revision Notes

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- They form permanent bureaucracy.
- This continues regardless of ruling party.
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- Bureaucrats work at national to district levels.
- This ensures policies reach citizens.
- Efficient bureaucracy is essential for good governance.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss how civil servants are selected in India.
- 2 Discuss the role of bureaucracy in implementing policy.
- 3 Research a government department and its bureaucratic structure.
- 4 Discuss why bureaucratic continuity matters.
- 5 Discuss the importance of an honest bureaucracy.
- 6 Explain bureaucracy's role in governance.