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Interdisciplinary Research (Model Questions)

SECTION- II

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS:

- (I) Which of the given points is not true about Democracy?
- (A) It improves the quality of decision making
 - (B) It worries about majorities and public opinion
 - (C) It gives room to correct mistakes
 - (D) Decision making is much faster
- (ii) Among the options, which country has the highest participation of woman in public life?
- (A) Sweden and Africa
 - (B) Norway and Sri Lanka
 - (C) Sweden and India
 - (D) Nepal and Finland
- (iii) What facilities are available to the account holder under the PM Jan Dhan Yojna?
1. Facility to maintain zero-balance bank account
 2. Debit card
 3. Accidental insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh
 4. Life insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh
- Select the correct option from the codes given below:
- (A) Only 1 & 2
 - (B) Only 2 & 3
 - (C) Only 1, 2 & 3
 - (D) 1, 2, 3 & 4

DESCRIPTIVE-TYPE QUESTIONS:

Given below is an excerpt from a recent article by Gurucharan Das. In this context, answer the given questions.

‘... Because of this mismatch, a second lesson is that it’s difficult to reform in a democracy. A populist who promises rice at Re 1 per kg will usually defeat the reformer at the polls. Hence, successful reformers spend more time selling reforms than doing them. India’s reformers have failed in this regard, which is why 29 years after 1991, India still reforms by stealth and Indians cannot distinguish between being pro-market and pro-business. They continue to believe that reforms make the rich richer and poor poorer, despite so much evidence to the contrary.’

- Q 1. What, according to you, is the issue being discussed in the article?
- Q 2. Discuss the contradicting approaches to public policy highlighted here.