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Relation of Public Administration with other Social Sciences -

(1) Public Administration and Political Science -

For a long time Public Administration has been regarded as a part of Political Science. The political system of every country is related to the administrative system which creates its political system. Political Science deals with the policy making and the implementation of policies is left to the administrators. On other hand administration plays a significant role in the formulation of policies also. It follows that the political system and administration influence each other to such an extent that it will be sometimes difficult to demarcate between the roles played by the respectively in the given case. There are certain areas of study common to Political Science and Public Administration such as Public Policy, Comparative Constitutions and Local Government. The methods and techniques of Political Science are borrowed extensively by researchers in Public Administration also, which includes public policy, public welfare and public interest. The relation between political science and public administration is so close that they may be

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regarded as the two sides of a coin.

2- Public Administration and Sociology -

Sociology is concerned with the scientific study of social structure and administration operates in the context of the society.

Here we notice a two way relationship; administration exists in a social setting, and the pattern of administration theoretically is determined by society. Sociology offers information about groups, their behaviours and the way they affect social life.

The tools developed by sociology are made use of by the scholars of Public Administration in order to understand the sociology of administrators. The interests in the studies of the representatives of a country's bureaucracy makes for the study of the relationship between sociology and public administration.

3- Public Administration and Economics -

During 19th century the industries which had been hitherto managed by the private sector had come under the direct administration of the government. The fast growing public sector

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08 illustrates the relationship between Economics
 and public administration. On the other
 09 hand the administrators today have been
 entrusted with the responsibility of managing
 10 railways, insurance companies and tackling
 issues concerning agriculture, banking etc.
 11 They, therefore, have got to have an
 understanding of the economic problems of
 12 the country.

13 4 - Public Administration and History -

14 History provides an insight into the past. The
 study of historical background of a country
 15 ~~can~~ enables us to understand its administrative
 systems. Modern historians have been paying
 16 increasing attention of the prevalent
 administrative systems. This augurs well
 17 for social sciences like Public Administration
 since it will provide valuable information
 18 to them.

19 5 - Public Administration and Law -

20 Public administration has to function within
 the framework of the law of the
 country. In other words, law sets the
 limits of administrative action, though
 it allows considerable discretion to the
 administration. Civil servants have a say in
 the formulation, presentation and enactment
 of laws.