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Public Administration

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Introduction -

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• Public Administration is both an academic discipline and a field of practice. It houses the implementation of government policy and an academic discipline that studies this implementation of and prepares civil servants for this work. It is also a field of inquiry with a diverse scope. Its fundamental goal is to advance management and policies so that government can function.

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Meaning of Public Administration -

- The word 'administration' is derived from latin words;
'ad' (to) + 'ministrare' (serve)
'Public' = people or citizens
- Administration means to execute the policy of government.
- Public administration simply means governmental administration which operates in a political setting.
- Its focus is specially on the study and practice of public -
bureaucracy.
- It also means coordinating and controlling of governmental operations.

Definitions of Public Administration -

• Maxx - defines as "Administration is determined action taken in pursuit of a conscious purpose. It is the systematic ordering of affairs and the calculated use of resources aimed at making those happen which one wants to happen."

• L.D. White - Public Administration consists of all those operations having for their purpose the fulfillment or enforcement of public policy.

Woodrow Wilson - Public administration is a detailed and systematic application of law. One can also say that

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08 Public Administration is but the policies,
09 practices, rules and regulations etc, in
10 action.

11 F A Nigro — Public Administration is
12 essentially a cooperative group effort in
13 public setting. It covers all the three
14 branches of government machinery — the
15 executive, the legislative and the
judicial.