

Weaknesses

Quite a number of the candidates stated the terms of the Madinan Constitution whereas the question expected them to evaluate the terms of the constitution by **explaining** their significance.

Expected Responses

- i) It was a tripartite agreement between the Muhajirin, the Ansars and the Jews.
- ii) It was the first constitution of an Islamic state.
- iii) In it the Prophet dissolved the narrow tribal loyalties by shifting the focus of attention to the new religion and the state.
- iv) It laid down the broad principles on which cordial relation could be established between Muslims and non-Muslims.
- v) It was a code of conduct which stipulated the rights and limitations of those who were bound by it.
- vi) It guaranteed freedom of thought and works.
- vii) It guaranteed protection of life and property.
- viii) All crimes in all their forms were banned.
- ix) It was a big step to the direction of reconciliation and mutual living.
- x) In the light of the politics of the time, it depicted the Prophet not only as a spiritual leader but also as a statesman.
- xi) The treaty strengthened the position of Muslims.