

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Maximum Marks: 80)

(Time allowed: Three hours)

(Candidates are allowed additional 15 minutes for **only** reading the paper.  
They must NOT start writing during this time.)

Answer **Question 1** (compulsory) from Part I, and **five** questions from Part II,  
choosing **three** questions from Section A and **two** questions from Section B.  
The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].

## PART I (20 Marks)

Answer *all* questions.

### Question 1

Answer briefly each of the questions (i) to (x).

[10 × 2]

- (i) India is described as *a federal state with subsidiary unitary features*. Identify *two* of these unitary features.
- (ii) What are *conventions*?
- (iii) Distinguish between *direct* and *indirect* elections.
- (iv) Explain the composition of the U.S. Senate.
- (v) State *two* legislative powers of the President of India.
- (vi) What is meant by *Judicial Review*?
- (vii) What is the purpose of *Directive Principles* in the Indian constitution?
- (viii) Mention *any two* words that were added to the Preamble by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of India.
- (ix) What is meant by *regionalism* in the context of Indian democracy?
- (x) With respect to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of India, what is the significance of the Eleventh Schedule?

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## PART II (60 Marks)

### SECTION A

Answer *any three* questions.

#### Question 2

- (a) Explain *three* differences between *parliamentary* and *presidential* forms of government. [6]
- (b) Explain *four* features of an *Authoritarian State*. [6]

#### Question 3

- (a) Explain the following kinds of constitutions: [6]
  - (i) Written
  - (ii) Unwritten
  - (iii) Enacted
  - (iv) Evolved
- (b) Is the distinction between a *written* constitution and an *unwritten* constitution a real one? Discuss. [6]

#### Question 4

- (a) What is a *political party*? Explain *four* functions of political parties. [6]
- (b) Explain *two* merits and *two* demerits of *multi-party* system. [6]

#### Question 5

- (a) Explain *three* functions of the Lok Sabha. [6]
- (b) Discuss the changing role of the Prime Minister of India in the coalition era. [6]

#### Question 6

- (a) Distinguish between *judicial activism* and *judicial restraint*. [6]
- (b) Critically examine *any three* powers of the Supreme Court of the United States. [6]

## SECTION B

Answer *any two* questions.

### Question 7

- (a) Discuss *any three* salient features of the Constitution of India. [6]
- (b) Explain *any three* rights conferred under the *Right to Freedom of Religion* in the Constitution of India (Articles 25-28). [6]

### Question 8

- (a) Explain the Three-Tier system of Panchayati Raj under the 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of India. [6]
- (b) Discuss *three* challenges faced by rural local self-government after the passage of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of India. [6]

### Question 9

- (a) Explain the meaning of *communalism* and discuss its effects on the functioning of Indian democracy. [6]
- (b) Discuss the role of *caste* in Indian politics. [6]

