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( 4th Semester )

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Paper No. : POL-401

**( Indian Government and Politics )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 45%*

*Time : 3 hours*

( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )

( Marks : 45 )

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. What is quasi-federal? On what grounds do you say that there are quasi-federal features in the Indian Constitution? 2+7=9

*Or*

State the federal features as enumerated in the Indian Constitution. 9

2. Write a detailed note on the 'basic structure' doctrine of the Indian Constitution. 9

*Or*

Elucidate the amendment procedure of the Indian Constitution.

3. "The working of any system of representative government is in large measure determined by the nature of political parties which operates." Discuss the nature of party system in India. 9

*Or*

Critically examine the role of election in democracy and evaluate the role of Election Commission of India in conducting free and fair elections. 4+5=9

4. "Defections have become more or less a regular feature of State politics." Evaluate the implications of defection on Indian politics. 4+5=9

*Or*

Examine the emergence of and recent trends in coalition politics in Indian politics. Suggest the measures to deal with coalition politics. 4+5=9

5. What is communal politics? State the growth of communalism in contemporary India. 2+7=9

*Or*

Analyse the impact of regionalism on the Indian polity. Is regionalism a threat to the unity and integrity of India? 7+2=9

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 25 )

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**A.** Choose the correct answer by putting a Tick (✓) mark  
in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. An Inter-State Council under Article 263 of the  
Constitution was set up by the

(a) Government ( )

(b) Parliament ( )

(c) Planning Commission ( )

(d) President ( )

2. The most important feature of a federation is
- (a) judicial review ( )
  - (b) separation of powers ( )
  - (c) division of powers ( )
  - (d) bicameral legislature ( )
3. The conditions of service and tenure of office of the Election Commissioners and the Regional Commissioners shall be determined by the
- (a) Parliament ( )
  - (b) President ( )
  - (c) Supreme Court ( )
  - (d) Government ( )
4. Coalition government in India started by the year
- (a) 1963 ( )
  - (b) 1965 ( )
  - (c) 1967 ( )
  - (d) 1969 ( )

5. Who decides the disqualification of members of Parliament and State legislature under the 52nd Amendment Act of 1985?
- (a) President ( )
  - (b) Presiding officer ( )
  - (c) Governor ( )
  - (d) Parliament. ( )
6. The model code of conduct for political parties and candidates to be followed during election is
- (a) a voluntary agreement among recognised political parties ( )
  - (b) enjoined by the Supreme Court ( )
  - (c) specified in the representation of the People Act, 1951 ( )
  - (d) laid down in the Constitution of India ( )
7. The 42nd amendment to the Indian Constitution is notable because it gives
- (a) special treatment to Nagaland ( )
  - (b) primacy to Directive Principles over Fundamental Rights ( )
  - (c) special treatment to Jammu and Kashmir ( )
  - (d) primacy to Fundamental Rights over Directive Principles ( )

8. Bahujan Samaj Party was founded by
- (a) V. P. Singh ( )
  - (b) Kanshi Ram ( )
  - (c) C. N. Annadurai ( )
  - (d) Lalu Prasad Yadav ( )
9. By which amendment elementary education was made a fundamental right?
- (a) 87th amendment ( )
  - (b) 92nd amendment ( )
  - (c) 86th amendment ( )
  - (d) 90th amendment ( )
10. Which of the following factors have contributed to the growth of regional parties in India?
- (a) Social factors ( )
  - (b) Ethnic factors ( )
  - (c) Cultural and geographical factors ( )
  - (d) All of the above ( )

**B.** Write short notes on the following :

5×2=10

1. (a) Caste politics in India

Or

(b) Legislative relations between Centre and State



2. (a) Delimitation of election constituencies

Or

(b) Political instability due to coalition politics

C. State whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

1. A Federal Structure of India was first put forwarded by the Act of 1909.

( T / F )

2. Disputes regarding sharing water, primacy or language of majority have also given rise to feelings of regionalism.

( T / F )

3. Parliament decides allotment of symbols to political parties.

( T / F )

4. An amendment of the Constitution can only be initiated in Lok Sabha.

( T / F )

5. Disqualification under 10th Schedule does not apply if a split takes place when 2/3rd of the members form a new party.

( T / F )

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