

2018

( 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. Explain the Legislative relations between the Union and the States. In what way does the Union enjoy superior position in this respect? 5+4=9

Or

Discuss the major tension areas in the Union-State relations. 9

2. Discuss the procedure for the amendment of the Indian Constitution. 9

*Or*

Explain the criticisms levelled against the amendment procedure of the Indian Constitution. 9

3. Explain the composition, powers and functions of the Election Commission of India. 9

*Or*

What is a Regional Party? How do you account for the increasing role of regional parties in the Indian political system? 3+6=9

4. Write an essay on the importance of political stability in India. 9

*Or*

What constitutes a political defection? What steps should be taken to secure an elimination of the evil of political defection? 4+5=9

5. Discuss the role of caste in Indian politics. 9

*Or*

"Communalism has been the bane of Indian politics."

Suggest measures for combating communalism. 9

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 25 )

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## SECTION—A

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

1. Which Part of the Constitution of India discusses the financial relations between the Union and the States?
- (a) Part X      (    )
- (b) Part XI     (    )
- (c) Part XII    (    )
- (d) Part XIII   (    )

2. Which of the following does not reflect the Administrative relations between the Union and the States?

- (a) The President appoints the Governor of each State ( )
- (b) The provision for common All-India Services ( )
- (c) The duty of the Union to protect the States ( )
- (d) The Parliament can change the boundaries of the States ( )

3. Right to property was deleted from the list of Fundamental Rights by the

- (a) 42nd Amendment Act ( )
- (b) 43rd Amendment Act ( )
- (c) 44th Amendment Act ( )
- (d) 73rd Amendment Act ( )

4. Which of the following Articles deals with the amendment procedure of the Constitution?

- (a) Article 356 ( )
- (b) Article 368 ( )
- (c) Article 386 ( )
- (d) Article 268 ( )

5. Identify the one which is not a feature of the Indian party system.
- (a) Power-sharing between the National and Regional political parties. ( )
  - (b) Inner factionalism. ( )
  - (c) Rigid ideological divisions among the political parties. ( )
  - (d) Special status for the leader of the opposition. ( )
6. The elections to the Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assemblies are held on the basis of
- (a) second ballot system ( )
  - (b) first past the post system ( )
  - (c) alternative vote system ( )
  - (d) proportional representation system ( )
7. In the case of the Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabha, the Anti-defection Act, 1985 provided that rules and regulations under the Tenth Schedule were to be made by
- (a) the President of India ( )
  - (b) the Speaker ( )
  - (c) the Prime Minister ( )
  - (d) the Parliament ( )

8. Which party was not a coalition partner in the First Coalition Government at the Centre in 1977?
- (a) Congress (O) ( )
- (b) Congress (I) ( )
- (c) Bharatiya Lok Dal ( )
- (d) Jan Sangh ( )
9. Who is the author of the book, *Caste in Indian Politics*?
- (a) M. N. Srinivas ( )
- (b) Karve ( )
- (c) J. P. Narayan ( )
- (d) Rajni Kothari ( )
10. Which of the following decides the manner of giving Grants-in-aid and financial assistance to the States?
- (a) The Council of Ministers ( )
- (b) The Finance Commission ( )
- (c) The Planning Commission ( )
- (d) The Parliament ( )

SECTION—B

Write short notes on the following :

5×2=10

1. Superiority of the Union in the sphere of Administrative Relations between the Union and the States

*Or*

Remedies against the menace of regionalism



2. Electoral reforms in India

Or

Coalition politics in India

## SECTION—C

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

1. The amount for Grant-in-aid to the States is determined by the Finance Commission.

( T / F )

2. Part XX of the Constitution deals with the power of the Parliament to amend the Constitution.

( T / F )

3. Canvassing within 100 metres of a polling station on the day of polling is an electoral offence.

( T / F )

4. The coalition group/alliance must always elect or select a coalition leader in advance.

( T / F )

5. The Parliament can alter areas, boundaries or names of existing States by a  $\frac{2}{3}$ rd majority, with ratification by at least half of the State Legislatures.

( T / F )

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