

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) State *two* features of a *unitary state*.
- (ii) Explain *one* way in which the Constitution of the United States can be amended.
- (iii) State *one* reason why minorities should be properly represented in legislatures.
- (iv) Explain what is meant by the *constituent function* of the Legislature.
- (v) State *any two* executive powers of the President of India.
- (vi) What is the composition of the Supreme Court of India?
- (vii) What is meant by *single citizenship* as a salient feature of the Constitution of India?
- (viii) Cite *one* example of implementation of a Directive Principle.
- (ix) Which fundamental right is a remedy for the violation of other fundamental rights?
- (x) Explain the meaning of *communalism*, in the Indian context.

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PART II (60 Marks)

SECTION A

Answer any three questions.

Question 2

- (a) Discuss *any three* features of a *liberal democratic state*. [6]
- (b) Explain *any three* features of a *parliamentary* form of government. [6]

Question 3

- (a) What is meant by the *First-Past-the-Post* system? Explain *one* advantage and *one* drawback of this system. [6]
- (b) Explain *two* advantages of a *bi-party* system. [6]

Question 4

- (a) Explain *three* important functions of the United States Senate. [6]
- (b) What are the relative positions of the Lok Sabha and the United States House of Representatives in their respective systems? Discuss. [6]

Question 5

- (a) Discuss *three* important functions of the *Executive*. [6]
- (b) Compare the positions of the President of India and the President of the United States. [6]

Question 6

- (a) Explain the *original jurisdiction* and *appellate jurisdiction* of the Supreme Court of India. [6]
- (b) How is *judicial independence* ensured in the Constitution of the United States? [6]

SECTION B

Answer *any two* questions.

Question 7

- (a) With reference to the Constitution of India, discuss the importance of the *Preamble*. [6]
- (b) Explain the rights conferred under the *Right to Freedom* in Article 19 of the Constitution of India. [6]

Question 8

- (a) Explain the main features of the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India, relating to rural local self-government institutions. [6]
- (b) Suggest *three* ways to address the challenges faced by Panchayati Raj institutions in India. [6]

Question 9

- (a) Explain *three* important causes of *regionalism* in Indian politics. [6]
- (b) Critically examine *three* ways in which the prevalence of *political violence* affects the functioning of Indian democracy. [6]