

# 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.)

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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 [ ].

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## 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 73<sup>rd</sup> 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]