

# 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) Identify *two* key points of difference between a *parliamentary* and a *presidential* system.
- (ii) Distinguish between a *written constitution* and an *unwritten constitution*.
- (iii) State *two* reasons for the widespread acceptance of *Universal Adult Franchise*.
- (iv) State one *electoral* function of the Parliament of India.
- (v) Distinguish between the *political executive* and the *permanent executive*.
- (vi) State one area where the Supreme Court of the United States exercises original jurisdiction.
- (vii) State why the Indian constitution is characterised as *partly rigid and partly flexible*.
- (viii) State *two Gandhian Directive Principles* that find a place in Part IV of the Constitution of India.
- (ix) Which authority is charged with the conduct of local self-government elections under the 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of India?
- (x) Briefly explain the meaning of *regionalism* in the Indian context.

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**PART II (60 Marks)**

**SECTION A**

Answer *any three* questions.

**Question 2**

- (a) Distinguish between *totalitarian states* and *liberal democratic states*. [6]
- (b) India is described as a *federal state with subsidiary unitary features*. Explain. [6]

**Question 3**

- (a) Explain *three* functions of political parties. [6]
- (b) Discuss *three* merits of a multi-party system. [6]

**Question 4**

- (a) Explain *three* powers of the House of Representatives. [6]
- (b) Discuss *three* ways in which the Lok Sabha exercises control over the executive. [6]

**Question 5**

- (a) Critically examine the role of the President in the Constitution of India. [6]
- (b) Briefly explain *three* functions of the *permanent executive* (civil service). [6]

**Question 6**

- (a) Critically examine *judicial review* with reference to India. [6]
- (b) With reference to the Supreme Court of the United States, explain *three* principles (maxims) of Judicial Review. [6]

## SECTION B

Answer *any two* questions.

### Question 7

- (a) Explain *any three* Salient Features of the Constitution of India. [6]
- (b) What rights are conferred under the *Right to Freedom of Religion* in Articles 25 to 28 of the Constitution of India? [6]

### Question 8

- (a) Explain the composition of the Zila Parishads. [6]
- (b) Discuss *three* challenges faced by urban local self-government institutions in India. [6]

### Question 9

- (a) Explain *three* ways in which communalism affects the functioning of Indian democracy. [6]
- (b) Critically discuss the role of caste in Indian politics. [6]