

2012

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Major)

Paper : 2:2

(**Politics in India**)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any *four* of the following : 10×4=40

- (a) Discuss the constitutional provisions relating to Centre-State legislative relations in India.
- (b) Examine the growth and functioning of regional political parties in India with special reference to Asom Gana Parishad in Assam.
- (c) Examine the powers and functions of the Election Commission in India.
- (d) Comment on terrorism as a challenge to national integration in India.

- (e) What is casteism? How does it affect the working of Indian politics?
- (f) Examine the merits and demerits of 'First-past-the-post' system of elections in India.
- (g) Discuss the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission Report on administrative relations between the Union and the States.
- (h) Discuss the conditions in which regionalism can emerge as a challenge to national integration.
2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : 5×4=20
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- (a) Centre-State Financial Relations
- (b) Proportional Representative System
- (c) National Parties
- (d) Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
- (e) DMK
- (f) Communist Parties in India
3. Answer the following questions : 2×5=10
- (a) State the functions of Inter-State Council as per the Inter-State Council Order, 1990.
- (b) State the role of North-Eastern Council in promoting national integration.

- (c) How is communalism a threat to national integration?
- (d) State the relationship between party system and rise of coalition politics.
- (e) State the role of Governor in Union-State relations.

4. Answer as directed :

1×10=10

- (a) The first Article of the Constitution says that India, that is Bharat, shall be a union of —.

(Fill in the blank)

- (b) Which Article of the Constitution states that the executive power of the State shall be so exercised as to ensure compliance with the laws made by the Parliament?

(i) Article 56

(ii) Article 256

(iii) Article 356

(Choose the correct option)

- (c) The Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution (1963) gives the States in India the right to secede from the Union.

(State True/False)

(d) Name of the author of the book, *Caste in Indian Politics*, is

(i) Myron Weiner

(ii) Robert L. Hardgrave

(iii) Rajni Kothari

(Choose the correct answer)

(e) Which of the following books is authored by Granville Austin?

(i) *Politics in India*

(ii) *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*

(iii) *Government and Politics in India*

(Choose the correct answer)

(f) The Comptroller and Auditor-General (CAG) audits the accounts of the Union Government but not of the States in India.

(State True/False)

(g) Since October 1, 1993, the Election Commission has consisted of — members including the Chief Election Commissioner.

(Fill in the blank)

(h) The representatives of each State in the Rajya Sabha are chosen by the elected members of the State Legislative Assembly in accordance with the system of proportional representation.

(State True/False)

(i) The First National Integration Conference was held in New Delhi by the Union Government in the year —.

(Fill in the blank)

(j) Which Constitutional Amendment Act created Anti-Defection Law?

(i) 1st Amendment Act, 1951

(ii) 42nd Amendment Act, 1976

(iii) 52nd Amendment Act, 1985

(Choose the correct answer)

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