

2014

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Major)

Paper : 5.2

(**Select Constitutions—I**)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer as directed : 1×7=7

(a) What do you mean by constitutionalism?

(b) Who authored the book, *The Civic Culture*?

(i) Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba

(ii) Robert A. Dahl

(iii) Gabriel Almond and G. B. Powell

(iv) Seymour Martin Lipset

(Choose the correct option)

(c) "That government is best which governs the least, because its people discipline themselves." To which American President is this statement ascribed?

- (i) Thomas Jefferson
- (ii) Abraham Lincoln
- (iii) Ronald Reagan
- (iv) Barack Obama

(Choose the correct option)

(d) "The office of the Prime Minister is what its holder chooses and is able to make of it." Who made this statement?

- (i) Robert Walpole
- (ii) David Cameron
- (iii) H. H. Asquith
- (iv) Margaret Thatcher

(Choose the correct option)

(e) Who is the current President of USA?

(f) "The British Parliament can do everything except make a woman a man and a man a woman." To whom is this statement attributed?

- (i) Albert Venn Dicey
- (ii) Walter Bagehot
- (iii) Jean Louis de Lolme
- (iv) None of them

(Choose the correct option)

- (g) In 1988, the Liberal Party and the Social Democratic Party merged to form the Liberal Democrats in Britain.

(Write True or False)

2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) What is the difference between a rigid constitution and a flexible constitution?
- (b) Mention two important changes brought about in the House of Lords by the Reforms Act of 2005.
- (c) Which Amendment to the American Constitution granted women the right to vote and when?
- (d) What do you mean by referendum? Mention a recent instance where referendum was used in Britain.

3. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) Role of Interest Groups in USA
- (b) Salisbury Doctrine
- (c) Democratic Party
- (d) Rule of Law
- (e) Royal Prerogative

4. Make a comparative study of the powers of the American Congress and the British Parliament, highlighting any four aspects. 10

Or

Explain the legislative procedure of the British Parliament.

5. What powers does the Constitution of America give to the President of America? What are the limitations to the exercise of these powers? 7+3=10

Or

Discuss the composition, powers and functions of the Supreme Court of America. 10

6. Explain the nature of the British Constitution. 10

Or

Enumerate the main features of the Constitution of America.
