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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) Examine the changing trends in Centre-State relations in India in recent years in the light of Constitutional provisions.
 - (b) Examine the party system in India with focus on the relevance of National Parties in the age of Coalition Politics.
 - (c) Discuss the Election System in India with special reference to the applicability of the system of proportional representation.
 - (d) Discuss the conditions for the emergence of extremist politics and terrorism in India. How do they threaten national unity?

- (e) Examine the role of Governor in Union-State relations and comment on the relevance and necessity of the post of Governor.
- (f) Discuss the role and relevance of Left Parties in India with special reference to CPI and CPM.

2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : 5×4=20

- (a) Regional Parties
- (b) Caste in Politics
- (c) Sarkaria Commission Report on Centre-State Relations
- (d) Social Justice
- (e) Inter-State Council and National Integration

3. Answer the following questions : 2×5=10

- (a) What do you understand by 'First-past-the-post' system of elections?
- (b) Discuss briefly the prevalence of communal politics in India.
- (c) Discuss the role of AGP in politics in Assam.
- (d) State the implications of Article 356 of the Constitution for Centre-State relations.
- (e) State the role of DMK in Coalitions at the Central level in recent years.

4. Answer as directed :

1×10=10

(a) Which Article of the Constitution states "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States"?

(i) Article 365

(ii) Article 17

(iii) Article 1

(Choose the correct option)

(b) The word 'Secular' was added to the Preamble of the Constitution by the — Amendment.

(Fill in the blank)

(c) Article 370 of the Constitution contains special provisions for the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(State True or False)

(d) Name the first Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) Name the author of the book *India Against Itself : Assam and the Politics of Nationality*.

(i) Hiren Gohain

(ii) Sanjib Barua

(iii) H. K. Barpujari

(Choose the correct option)

(f) Rajni Kothari has authored the books *Politics in India* and *Caste in Indian Politics*.

(State True or False)

- (g) Which of the following is not implied by the term 'Secularism' in India?
- (i) State will not attach itself to any religion
 - (ii) All citizens enjoy freedom to follow the religion of their choice
 - (iii) Citizens are not allowed to convert from one religion to another
- (Choose the correct option)
- (h) Which Schedule of the Constitution contains the Union List, the State List and the Concurrent List, showing the division of powers between the Union and the States?
- (i) First Schedule
 - (ii) Second Schedule
 - (iii) Seventh Schedule
- (Choose the correct option)
- (i) Sixth Schedule of the Constitution is not applicable to which of the following North-Eastern States?
- (i) Assam
 - (ii) Nagaland
 - (iii) Meghalaya
- (Choose the correct option)
- (j) Each State in India sends equal number of representatives to the Rajya Sabha.
- (State True or False)

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