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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Major)

Paper : 5.5

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

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

GROUP—A

(Rural Local Governance)

1. Discuss the significant phases of the evolution of local governance in India during Colonial Period. 10

Or

Discuss the nature of local governance in Ancient India.

2. Discuss the basic characteristics of the 73rd Amendment of the Constitution of India. 10

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Or

Critically examine the problems of rural local governance in India.

3. Analyse the devices of legislative control and supervision over local governance in India. 10

Or

Discuss the composition, powers and functions of the Zilla Parishad in Assam.

4. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) State Election Commission
- (b) Reservation of seats for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions
- (c) Anchalik Panchayat
- (d) District Planning Committee and its role
- (e) Executive control over Rural Local Governance

5. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) What is 'Gaon Sabha'?
- (b) State two recommendations of Balwant Ray Mehta Committee (1957).

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- (c) State four subjects mentioned in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution of India.

- (d) What is the main objective of the Finance Commission constituted under Article 243(I) of the Constitution of India?

6. Answer the following questions as directed :

$1 \times 7 = 7$

- (a) What is the number of subjects transferred to the panchayat bodies by 73rd Constitutional Amendment?
- (b) In which year was the Ashok Mehta Committee constituted?
- (c) Who is regarded as the father of 'local self-government' in India?
- (d) The Assam Panchayat Act, 1994 created '—' tier system of Panchayati Raj in Assam.

(Fill in the blank)

- (e) Can all adult residents of a village be members of Gaon Sabha?

(Write Yes or No)

(4)

(f) In which year was Panchayati Raj Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act enacted?

(g) Control through 'Question Hour' is regarded as 'Executive'/'Judicial'/'Legislative' control.

(Choose the correct option)

GROUP—B

(Political Sociology-I)

7. Answer the following questions as directed :

1×7=7

(a) Who, of the following thinkers, is identified with Materialist Interpretation of History?

(i) Karl Marx

(ii) John Locke

(iii) Auguste Comte

(Choose the correct option)

(b) The book, *Caste in Indian Politics* was authored by —.

(Fill in the blank)

(5)

(c) The concept of civic culture was propounded by

(i) G. B. Powell

(ii) Daniel Bell

(iii) Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba

(Choose the correct option)

(d) Revolution in society refers to

(i) persistence of existing social order

(ii) rapid and widespread social transformation

(iii) gradual change at a slow pace

(Choose the correct option)

(e) Who has identified the political system with 'authoritative allocation of values for a society'?

(i) David Truman

(ii) David Easton

(iii) Graham Wallas

(Choose the correct option)

(f) Lester Milbraith has authored the book, *Political Participation*.

(Write True or False)

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- (g) Civil society is a product of the age of
- (i) Capitalism
 - (ii) Feudalism
 - (iii) Holy Roman Empire
- (Choose the correct option)

8. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Define political sociology.
- (b) What are the components of political culture?
- (c) Name any two agencies of socialization.
- (d) Explain the meaning of political mobility.

9. Answer any *three* of the following questions : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Explain the utility of political sociology in understanding human society.
- (b) Examine the functions of various agencies of socialization.

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- (c) Discuss the foundations of political culture.
- (d) Examine the relationship between political socialization and political culture.
- (e) Examine the problems of political mobility.

10. Answer any *three* of the following questions : $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) Discuss the emergence and growth of political sociology as a discipline.
- (b) Examine the subject matter and nature of political sociology.
- (c) What is political culture? Discuss the relevance of this concept in the study of political sociology.
- (d) What is socialization? Examine the role of the socialization process in the development of personality of the individual.

- (e) Examine the concept of political mobility. Discuss the value of this concept in explaining the changing nature of politics.
- (f) Discuss the importance of the concepts used in political sociology in the development of the discipline of political science. Examine the relationship between Political Sociology and Political Science.

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