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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) Discuss Centre-State relations in India with special reference to administrative aspects.
- (b) Examine the growth of party system in India in the light of changing trends in Indian politics.
- (c) Discuss election system in India with special reference to the role of Election Commission.
- (d) Examine the challenges to National Integration and highlight the steps taken by the Government in recent years to meet these challenges.

- (e) Discuss the role played by regional parties in Indian politics with special reference to the DMK and the AGP.
- (f) What is Casteism? Examine the role of caste in politics with special reference to the rise of caste-based parties.

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

- (a) Communalism
- (b) Role of Governor
- (c) Coalition politics
- (d) Indian National Congress
- (e) Proportional representation
- (f) Concurrent list

3. Answer any *five* of the following : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Mention two circumstances under which President's Rule can be declared under Article 365.
- (b) What do you understand by the terms 'unity' and 'integrity' as mentioned in the Preamble of the Constitution?
- (c) Mention one merit and one demerit of the 'first-past-the-post' system of representation.
- (d) Mention any two reasons for the rise of terrorism in India.

- (e) Mention two reasons for the growth of regional parties in India.
- (f) Examine the role of the Rajya Sabha as a legislative body representing the States in India.
- (g) Examine briefly the division of financial powers between the Union and the States.

4. Answer the following as directed : $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) Which of the following political parties is not regarded as a Communist Party in India?
 - (i) CPI(M)
 - (ii) CPI
 - (iii) Samajwadi Party
 (Choose the correct option)
- (b) Inter-State Council Order was passed in the year
 - (i) 1950
 - (ii) 1960
 - (iii) 1990
 (Choose the correct option)
- (c) The President of India serves as the Head of the Election Commission in India. (State True or False)
- (d) Rajni Kothari has authored the books, *Politics in India* and *Caste in Indian Politics*. (State True or False)
- (e) The first and only Indian to be appointed as Governor-General of India was —. (Fill in the blank)

- (f) The first non-Congress Prime Minister of India was
(i) Morarji Desai
(ii) Choudhury Charan Singh
(iii) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(Choose the correct option)
- (g) Article I of the Constitution of India says : "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States".
(State True or False)
- (h) In which year were the first General Elections held in India after Independence?
(i) 1947
(ii) 1950
(iii) 1952
(Choose the correct option)
- (i) Telugu Desam Party is a regional party of which State?
(i) Karnataka
(ii) Andhra Pradesh
(iii) Maharashtra
(Choose the correct option)
- (j) Allan Octavian Hume is regarded as the founder of Indian National Congress.
(State True or False)