

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Three hours)

(Candidates are allowed additional 15 minutes for **only** reading the paper.

They must **NOT** start writing during this time).

Answer **Question 1** (compulsory) from **Part I**, and **five** questions from **Part II**,
choosing **three** questions from Section A and **two** questions from Section B.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

PART I (20 Marks)

Answer **all** questions.

Question 1

[10 × 2]

Answer briefly each of the questions (i) to (x):

- (i) What is meant by *political homogeneity* in a Parliamentary form of government?
- (ii) What is an *evolved constitution*? Give an example.
- (iii) Distinguish between a *single member* and *multi member* constituency.
- (iv) What is a *unicameral legislature*? Give an example.
- (v) Explain *pocket veto* of the U.S. President.
- (vi) What is meant by the term '*judicial restraint*'?
- (vii) What is meant by the word '*secular*' in the Preamble?
- (viii) How are '*fundamental rights*' protected by the Constitution?
- (ix) What is the significance of the '*73rd Amendment*' to the Indian constitution?
- (x) Define '*regionalism*'.

PART II (60 Marks)

SECTION A

Answer any *three* questions.

Question 2

- (a) Distinguish between *unitary* and *federal* states with relevant examples from U.K. and U.S.A. [6]
- (b) Describe the procedures of constitutional amendment in India, U.K. and U.S.A. [6]

Question 3

- (a) What is meant by *universal adult franchise*? Discuss reasons for its wide acceptance. [6]
- (b) Explain *three* merits and *three* demerits of *single party system*. [6]

Question 4

- (a) Examine the functions of the Legislature. [6]
- (b) *The Lok Sabha is more powerful than the Rajya Sabha*. Elucidate. [6]

Question 5

- (a) Distinguish between the *political executive* and the *permanent executive* in India. [6]
- (b) Discuss the role of the Prime Minister in a coalition government. [6]

Question 6

- (a) Discuss how independence of Judiciary is secured in the U.S. and India. [6]
- (b) Examine the functions of the Supreme Court in India. [6]

SECTION B

Answer any *two* questions.

Question 7

- (a) Examine the importance of the *Preamble* to the Indian Constitution. Briefly explain any *three* ideals stated in the Preamble. [6]
- (b) Describe any *three* salient features of the Indian Constitution. [6]

Question 8

- (a) Explain the '*right to equality*' as given in the Indian Constitution. [6]
- (b) Describe the challenges faced by *panchayati raj* institutions. [6]

Question 9

- (a) What is the role of *caste* in Indian Politics? Discuss. [6]
- (b) Discuss the effects of political violence with reference to India. [6]