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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 )