



KARNATAKA ICSE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

ISC STD. XII Preparatory Examination 2024

Subject – POLITICAL SCIENCE

Time Allowed: **Three hours**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Date: **12.01.2024**

General Instructions:

Answers all the questions in **SECTION A**, **SECTION B** and **SECTION C**.

SECTION A consists of **objective/very short** answer questions.

SECTION B consists of **short** answer questions.

SECTION C consists of **long** answer questions.

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

SECTION A- 16 MARKS

Question 1

- i. In an Authoritarian regime, political power is usually held by: [1]
- A Monarch
 - The people through direct democracy
 - A single leader or a small group
 - An elected Parliament
- ii. **Assertion:** The President in a Presidential system has a fixed term and cannot be easily removed through a vote of no confidence. [1]
Reason: The President serves a specific term, and removal usually requires a formal impeachment process.
- Both the Assertion and Reason are true, and the Reason correctly justifies the Assertion.
 - Both the Assertion and Reason are true, but the Reason does not correctly justify the Assertion.
 - The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.
 - The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.
- iii. Who heads the Municipal Corporation in India? [1]
- Chief Minister
 - Mayor
 - Governor
 - Sarpanch



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- iv. In a Unitary state, how can local governments be created or abolished? [1]
a) Through a Constitutional Amendment.
b) Only through a Referendum
c) At the discretion of the Central Government.
d) Through an International Treaty.
- v. In an _____ constitution, the Fundamental Laws are not codified in a single document but are based on traditions and precedents. [1]
- vi. As per the Constitution of U.S, the President shall be elected by a group of electors called as _____. [1]
- vii. The Directive Principles are instructions given to the _____ by the constitution to apply these principles while making laws. [1]
- viii. The demand for _____ is a common political expression of regionalism, seeking more autonomy or self-governance for a specific region. [1]
- ix. State whether the following statements are true or false: [1]
a) The permanent executive in a Parliamentary system is completely independent of political control. [1]
b) Marbury vs Madison is a landmark case that established the principle of Judicial review in the United States. [1]
c) The term “Ward” in local self-government refers to a small administrative district within a state. [1]
d) The Directive Principles provide for the separation of the Judiciary from the executive. [1]
- x. Answer the following questions in one word: [1]
a) The political system provides for a federal structure along with a unitary spirit. [1]
b) A state that does not have any religion as a state religion. [1]
c) The electoral system allocates the seats in proportion to the percentage of vote each political party receives. [1]
d) A legal mechanism that enables the citizens or the civil society organization to approach the court of law directly on behalf of the people who are affected. [1]



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SECTION B- 32 MARKS

Question 2

Compare the Amendment procedure of the Constitution of India and U.S [4]

Question 3

Briefly explain *any four* merits of direct election. [4]

Question 4

The Independence of Judiciary is the cornerstone of every Democratic Government and upon it is built the structure of the civil society. Keeping this statement in view, write *any two* measures for securing the Independence of Judiciary. [4]

OR

Differentiate between the method of appointment of Judges in U.S and India.

Question 5

Preamble is integral part of the basic structure of the Constitution of India. Explain *any two* cardinal feature of India as mentioned in preamble. [4]

OR

Briefly explain the following feature of the Constitution:

- (i) Single Citizenship [2]
- (ii) Universal Adult Franchise [2]

Question 6

The Parliamentary system is based on a model of relationship and responsibility. Explain *any two* features of this system. [4]

Question 7

U.S Senate is the second largest chamber in the world. Explain *any four* factors responsible for it. [4]



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Question 8

[4]

State *any four* functions of Zila Parishad.

Question 9

[4]

Explain *any four* features of the role played by caste in Indian Politics.

SECTION C – 32 MARKS

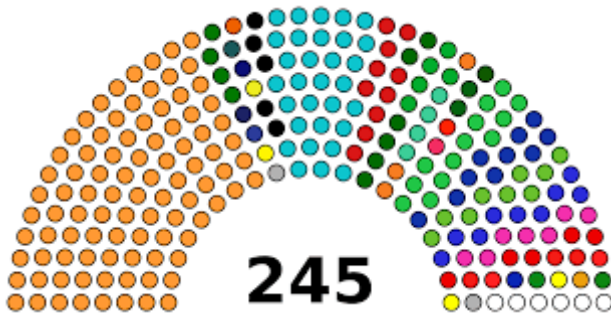
Question 10

[8]

United States of America is a federation. Justify the statement by explaining *any four* features of federal state.

Question 11

Study the image given below and answer the questions that follow:



(i) Which house of the Indian Parliament does it reflect? Why is this called Quasi-permanent house? [2]

(ii) Describe the special powers of this house. [6]



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Question 12

[8]

Enumerate the role played by the U.S President in the Law-making process.

OR

Explain *any four* executive powers of the Indian President.

Question 13

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Manu, a journalist, faced a grave violation of his Right when the authorities detained him without due process. His investigative journal exposing the corruption drew unwarranted attention. Despite his commitment to truth, he found himself in cell, and his liberty curtailed. Legal experts rallied to challenge this breach, highlighting the importance of preserving his rights. Manu's case highlighted the need for balance between the truth and protecting liberty.

- (i) Identify the Fundamental Right violated in the above case. Which part of the Constitution contains Fundamental Rights? [2]
- (ii) Explain in detail the provision of the Fundamental Right violated that has been violated in the case given above. [2]
- (iii) Briefly explain the Fundamental Right and *any two* writs of the Constitution that restores the Fundamental Right that has been violated. [4]

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