

POLITICAL SCIENCE - II

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SYLLABUS

1. Organization of Government:

A) Unitary and Federal forms of Government:

- a) Unitary form of Government: Meaning, Nature, Merits and Demerits.
- b) Federal form of Government: Meaning, Characteristics, Merits and Demerits, Centralising tendencies in Federations, Difference between Unitary and Federal forms of Government.

B) Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Government:

- a) Parliamentary form of Government: Meaning, Characteristics, Merits and Demerits.
- b) Presidential form of Government: Meaning, Characteristics, Merits and Demerits, Comparison between the two.

C) Democracy and Dictatorship:

- a) Democracy: Meaning and Definition, Merits and Demerits, Conditions for Success.
- b) Dictatorship: Meaning and Definition, Merits and Demerits, Democracy v. Dictatorship.

2. Organs of Government:

- a) **Legislature:** Meaning, Functions, Structure and Decline of Legislature in Present Day.
- b) **Executive:** Meaning, Kinds, Functions and Increase of Executive Powers.
- c) **Judiciary:** Meaning, Functions and Independence.

3. The Theory of Separation Of Powers

4. Political Parties and Pressure Groups:

- a) **Political Parties:** Meaning, Nature, Functions, Importance of Political Parties in a Democratic State, Types of Party System.
- b) **Pressure Groups:** Meaning, Functions, Importance of Pressure Groups in a Modern Democratic State, Distinction between Political Parties and Pressure Groups.



5. Public Opinion:

- a) Meaning and Nature.
- b) Agencies for the Formation of Public Opinion.
- c) Role of Public Opinion in a Democratic State.

6. Electorate and Representation:

- a) Universal Adult Franchise.
- b) Women Suffrage.
- c) Representation:
 - i. Territorial Representation, ii. Proportional Representation

PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION PAPERS

Political Science – II

Second Paper

Full Marks – 80

Year of Examination 2024

Answer any five Questions

1. Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential form of Government. Is the Indian Government Presidential or Parliamentary? [10+6]
2. Discuss the characteristics of Unitary form of Government, also mention its merits and demerits. What are the differences between Unitary and Federal form of Government? [10+6]
3. What is Dictatorship? What are its characteristic features? Distinguish between Dictatorship and Democracy. [4+4+8]
4. Discuss The Theory of Separation of Powers. How far is it applicable in India? [8+8]
5. State the main arguments for and against Universal Adult Franchise. [8+8]
6. What is a Political Party? Are political parties indispensable in a democracy? Explain. [6+10]
7. Define Public Opinion. What are the agencies of public opinion? State the importance of public opinion in a modern democratic state. [4+6+6]
8. Discuss the functions of Judiciary as an important organ in a modern state. How is the independence of the judiciary safeguarded in a modern state? [6+10]
9. Define Democracy. Evaluate the merits and demerits of Democracy. [4+4+6]
10. Write notes on any two: [8×2]
 - a) Pressure Group
 - b) Women Suffrage
 - c) Multi Party System
 - d) Conditions necessary for the success of a federation.



Year of Examination 2023

Answer any five Questions

- 1.a) What are the various characteristics of the Presidential form of Government? [8]
b) Discuss the merits and demerits of the parliamentary System. [8]
- 2.a) Define Direct Democracy and Indirect Democracy.
b) Discuss the conditions responsible for the success of Democracy. [4+4+8]
- 3.a) Discuss the characteristics of a Federal form of Government. [8]
b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Federal System? [8]
- 4.a) Evaluate the function of the legislature in the modern state. [8]
b) What are the various advantages of the Bicameral system of legislature? [8]
- 5.a) What are the different kinds of executive? [8]
b) Discuss the factors responsible for the rise in the power of the executive. [8]
- 6.a) Discuss Judiciary as an important organ in a modern state. [8]
b) How is the independence of the Judiciary safeguarded in a modern state? [8]
- 7.a) Explain the Theory of Separation of Powers. [8]
b) Rigid separation of powers is neither possible nor desirable. - Do you agree with this with reasons? [8]
- 8.a) Defined pressure group. [6]
b) What are the differences between political parties and pressure groups? [10]
- 9.a) What is the role of public opinion in a democracy? [6]
b) What are the different agencies of public opinion? [10]
10. Write short notes on any two : (8×2)
 - a) Features of Dictatorship
 - b) Functions of Judiciary
 - c) Conditions necessary for the success of a federation
 - d) Multi Party System
 - e) Women Suffrage.



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Year of Examination 2022

Answer any five Questions

- 1.a) Discuss the merits and demerits of the Parliamentary form of Government.
b) Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential form of Government. [8+8]
- 2.a) Discuss the characteristics of the Federal Form of Government. [6]
b) Write down the merits and demerits. [5+5]
- 3.a) What do you mean by democracy? [6]
b) Discuss the conditions for the success of Democracy. [10]
- 4.a) Explain the theory of Separation of Power. [8]
b) Rigid Separation of Powers is neither possible nor desirable. Do you agree with this view?
- 5.a) What are the different types of party system? [8]
b) Discuss the importance of the party system in a Democracy. [8]
- 6.a) Discuss the functions of legislation. [8]
b) Discuss the merits and demerits of Bi-cameral system of legislation. [8]
- 7.a) What are the different agencies of public opinion? [8]
b) What role does it play in democracy? [8]
- 8.a) Write down the function of Judiciary in a modern state. [8]
b) What are the factors that help to ensure the independence of the Judiciary? [8]
- 9.a) Write down the merits and demerits of dictatorship. [8]
b) Distinguish between Democracy and Dictatorship. [8]
10. Write short notes on any two: [8×2]
 - a) Functions of the Executive.
 - b) Universal Adult Franchise.
 - c) Territorial Representation.
 - d) Political Party and Pressure group.
 - e) Women Suffrage

Year of Examination 2021

Answer any five Questions

- 1.a) Define Liberal Democracy. [3]
b) How is it different from other forms of democracy? [5]
c) What are the conditions for establishing a liberal democracy? [8]
- 2.a) Explain Delegated Legislation. [3]
b) How is it causing the decline of the Legislature? [5]
c) Critically evaluate Bicameralism. [8]
- 3.a) Delineate the conditions for maintaining independence of Judiciary. [10]
b) Why is it necessary to maintain Judicial independence in a democracy? [6]
- 4.a) Discuss how political parties act as a bridge between society and government. [6]
b) What are the essential features of a political party in a democracy? [0]



5. Discuss the methods used by pressure groups to achieve their objectives in a democratic state. [16]
6. a) Compare and contrast Territorial representation and Proportional representation. [10] b) What were the major impacts of introducing women's suffrage on Indian politics? [6]
7. a) Define Public Opinion. [3]
b) Evaluate the role of mass media in the shaping of Public Opinion. [6]
c) What are the factors which limit Public Opinion in a liberal democracy? [7]
8. Evaluate the centralising tendencies in Federal States, provide examples. [16]
9. a) Discuss the merits of a dictatorship in terms of their relation to the demerits of a democracy. [10]
b) Differentiate between authoritarianism and totalitarianism. [6]
- 10) What are the agencies which lead to the formation of Public Opinion? Relate them with the scenario in India. [16]

Year of Examination 2019

Answer Any Five Questions

1. a) State the characteristics of the Presidential form of Government and discuss the merits of the Presidential form of Government. [6+6]
b) Is the Indian Government Presidential or Parliamentary. [4]
2. a) Discuss the characteristics of Unitary form of Government, also mention its merits and demerits. [10]
b) What are the differences between Unitary and Federal form of Governments? [6]
3. a) What is Dictatorship? [4]
b) What are its characteristic features? [4]
c) Differentiate between Dictatorship and Democracy. [8]
4. Define Democracy, Evaluate the merits and demerits of Democracy. [4+6+6]
5. Discuss the Theory or Separation of Power, How far is it applicable in India? [8+8]
6. State the main arguments for and against Universal Adult Franchise. [8+8]
7. a) What is a Political Party? [6]
b) Are Political Parties indispensable in a democracy? Explain in detail. [10]
8. a) Define Public Opinion. [4]
b) What are the Agencies or Public Opinion? [6]
c) State the importance of Public Opinion in a modern democratic state. [6]
9. a) Discuss the function of the legislature in the modern state. [8]
b) Discuss the merits of the bicameral system of legislature. [8]
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 8×2
a) Pressure Group.
b) Women Suffrage.
c) Types of Executive.
d) Functions of Judiciary in the modern state.



Year of Examination 2018

Answer any five question:

- 1.a) Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential form of Government.[10]
b) What are the merits of the parliamentary form of government? [6]
- 2.a) Discuss the characteristics of a Federal form of Government.[6]
b) What are its advantages and disadvantages?[10]
- 3.a) Discuss the conditions for the success of Democracy.[8]
b) Are those conditions present in India today? [8]
- 4.a) Discuss judiciary as an important organ in a modern state.[8]
b) How is the independence of judiciary safeguarded in a modern state?[8]
- 5.a) What do you understand about "Dictatorship"?[4]
b) Analyse the merits and demerits of dictatorship. [12]
- 6.a) Explain the theory of Separation of Powers.[8]
b) Rigid separation of powers is neither possible nor desirable- Do you agree with this view? [8]
7. a) What do you understand about the term 'Political Party'?[6]
b) Discuss the importance of the Party system in a democracy. [10]
8. a) Explain the functions of the legislature in a modern state.[8]
b) Discuss in this connection the merits of bi-cameral system of legislature.[8]
9. a) Define Public Opinion.[6]
b) What role does it play in a democracy?[10]
10. Write notes on any four: [4x4]
 - a) Women suffrage.
 - b) Types of Executives.
 - c) Functional representation and territorial representation.
 - d) Political Party and Pressure Group.
 - e) Unitary and Federal form of Government.
 - f) Role of Pressure Groups in a modern democratic state.

Year of Examination 2017

Answer any 5 questions:

1. a) Discuss the characteristic features of Unitary Government pointing out its merits and demerits.[10]
b) State the difference between Unitary and Federal form of Government.[6]
2. a) What is the Presidential form of government?[6]
b) Which form of government do you prefer- presidential or parliamentary? Justify your answer.[10]
3. a) Discuss the functions of legislature in a modern democratic state.[10]
b) Narrate the factors responsible for the decline of legislature in modern times.[6]
4. Discuss the theory of separation of powers. How far is it applicable in India? Explain.[8+8]
5. What is Bicameralism? Mention the advantages of Bicameralism





- legislature.[6+10]
6. a) Give an account of the concept of representation.[4+4]
b) What is meant by territorial representation. Discuss its merits and demerits.[8]
 7. What is a political party? Is it correct to say that "political parties are indispensable for democracy".[6+10]
 8. What is public opinion? How is it formed? State the importance or role of public opinion in a modern Democratic state.[4+4+8]
 9. a) Explain the meaning of Democracy and Dictatorship.[8]
b) Mention briefly the merits and demerits of dictatorship.[8]
 10. Write Short Notes on any two of the following:[8+8]
 - a) Conditions necessary for the success of a federation.
 - b) Functions of the Executive.
 - c) Freedom or independence of Judiciary.
 - d) Universal Adult Suffrage.
 - e) Pressure Group.
 - f) Multi party system.

Year of Examination 2016

Answer any five questions:

- 1.a) Define federalism.[4]
b)Discuss the factors responsible for the centralizing tendencies in federations.[12]
- 2.a) What are the features of a parliamentary form of government?[8]
b) What are the major differences between a Presidential and a Parliamentary form of government?[8]
- 3.a) Explain the different types of Executive.[8]
b) Analyse the factors responsible for the rise in the power of the Executive.[8]
- 4.a) Discuss Judiciary as an important organ of the government.[6]
b) What are the factors that help to ensure the independence of the Judiciary. [10]
- 5.a) What are the different types of party system?[6]
b) Discuss the merits and demerits of any one of the party systems mentioned by you.[5+5]
- 6.a) Define pressure group.[6]
b)Discuss the differences between political parties and pressure groups.[10]
7. Discuss in detail the arguments in favour of and against Women's Suffrage.
10+6
- 8.a) What is Democracy?[6]
b) What are the conditions necessary for the successful working of a democracy?[10]
- 9.a) Define Public opinion.[4]
b) What are the different agencies of public opinion? [12]



10. Write short notes on any two of the following: [8x2]
- Principles of the theory of separation of Powers.
 - Advantages of Bicameral Legislature.
 - Important features of a Unitary form of government.
 - Functions of the Judiciary.
 - Role of public opinion in a democratic state.

Year of Examination 2015

Answer any five questions:

- 1.a) What are the essential characteristics of the Presidential form of Government?[6]
b) Discuss in this connection the merits of the Presidential form of Government.[6]
c) Is the Indian Government Parliamentary or Presidential? [4]
- 2.a) What is meant by the unitary form of government?[6]
b) Discuss in brief the advantages and disadvantages of such a form of Government. [5 + 5]
- 3.a) Define Democracy.[4]
b) Discuss the merits and demerits of Democracy.[6 + 6]
- 4.a) Define Dictatorship.[4]
b) Explain the characteristics of Dictatorship.[4]
c) Distinguish between Democracy and Dictatorship. [8]
5. Discuss the arguments for and against Universal Adult Franchise.[8 + 8]
- 6.a) Explain the function of the legislature in the modern state.[8]
b) Discuss in this connection the merits of bi-cameral system of legislature.[8]
- 7.a) Define public opinion.[6]
b) Discuss the importance of Public Opinion in democracy.[10]
- 8.a) Explain the functions of political parties.[8]
b) Discuss in this connection the merits of the party system.[8]
9. Critically discuss the theory of Separation of Powers.[16]
10. Write note on (any two): [8x2]
a) Unitary and Federal form of government.
b) Functions of Judiciary in a modern state.
c) Political party and Pressure group.
d) Women suffrage.



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Year of Examination 2014

Answer any five questions:

- 1.a) Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential form of Government.[10]
b) What are the merits of the Parliamentary form of government?[6]
- 2.a) Discuss the characteristics of a Federal form of government.[6]
b) What are its advantages and disadvantages?[10]
3. Discuss fully the conditions for the success of Democracy. Are those conditions present in India to-day?[8+8]
4. What do you understand about " Dictatorship". Analyse the merits and demerits of dictatorship. [4+12]
5. Discuss the arguments for and against women's suffrage. [8+8]
6. Analyse the functions of the Judiciary in a modern state . How is the independence of the Judiciary in a modern state? How is the independence of the Judiciary safeguard in a modern state? [8+8]
7. Explain the theory of separation of powers. "Rigid separation of powers is neither possible nor desirable"-Do you agree with the statement ? Give reasons for your answer. [8+8]
8. What do you understand about the term 'Political Party'? Discuss the importance of the party system in a democracy . [6+10]
9. Discuss the arguments for and against Bicameralism .[8+8]
10. Write notes on (any two): [8x2]
 - a) Political Party and Pressure Group.
 - b) Functional representation and territorial representation.
 - c) Unitary and Federal form of government.
 - d) Public Opinion and its role in a democracy.
 - e) Functions of the legislature in a modern state.
 - f) Types of Executive.

Year of Examination 2013

Answer any five questions:

1. a) Discuss about the unitary and federal form of government.[8]
b) Discuss the reasons behind the centralizing tendencies in modern federations.[8]
2. a) Discuss the differences between Democracy and Dictatorship.[8]
b) What are the merits and demerits of a Democratic form of Government?[8]
3. a) What are the features of a Presidential form of government?[8]
b) Discuss the major differences between a Presidential and a Parliamentary form of government.[8]
4. a) What do you mean by Executive?[4]
b) Analyse the factors responsible for the rise in the power of the Executive. [12]
5. a) Discuss the importance and functions of the Judiciary. [8]
b) Discuss the independence of the Judiciary.[8]





6. Discuss the theory of separation of powers. Is this theory acceptable? Explain. [8+8]
7. a) Discuss the functions of the legislature.[8]
b) What are the differences between a unicameral and bicameral legislature?[8]
8. a) Discuss the differences between a political party and pressure group.[10]
b) What is the importance of pressure groups in a democratic state?[6]
9. a) Define Public Opinion.[4]
b) What are the different agencies of public opinion?[12]
10. a) Explain the meaning of proportional representation.[8]
b) Discuss the concept of women suffrage. [8]
11. Write notes on any two of the following: [8X2]
 - a) Disadvantages of the Parliamentary form of Government.
 - b) Importance of Political Parties in a Democratic state.
 - c) Role of public opinion in a democratic state.
 - d) Different types of party system.
 - e) Advantages of Bicameral legislatures.



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