

POLITICAL SCIENCE II

AtArani Law Academy

SYLLABUS

1. **Organisation and Organs of the Government:** Organisation of Government; Unitary form of government: Meaning, Nature, Merits and Demerits; Federal form of government- Meaning, Characteristics, Merits and Demerits; Centralising Tendencies in Federations, Quasi Federal Difference between Unitary and Federal forms of Government; Presidential and Parliamentary Forms of Government; Democracy and Dictatorship.
2. **Wings of Government:** Legislature; Executive; Judiciary.
3. **Working of the Governmental Wings:** Doctrine of Separation of Power; Parliamentary Sovereignty; Independence of Judiciary.
4. **Concept of representation:** Political Parties; Pressure Groups.
5. **Electorate and Representation:** Universal Adult Franchise; Women Suffrage; Representation-Territorial and Proportional Representation.
6. **Public Opinion:** Meaning and Nature; Agencies of Public Opinion; Role of Public Opinion.

PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION PAPERS

Full Marks - 80

2025 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1. (a) Discuss the features of a federal form of govt. pointing out its merits & demerits. [12]
(b) State the differences between Unitary and Federal Government. [4]
2. Give an account of the Presidential form of government. Is Indian Government Parliamentary or Presidential? What type of government do you prefer? Give reasons. [4+4+8]
3. (a) What is democracy? Discuss the different forms of democracy. [4+4]
(b) What conditions are necessary for the success of democracy? [8]
4. What kinds of functions are performed by the executive? Discuss the factors for the rise in the powers of the executive. [8+8]
5. Critically discuss the Theory of Separation of Powers. [16]
6. What is Unicameral and Bi-Cameral legislature? Discuss in brief the advantages and disadvantages of Bi-Cameralism. [8+8]
7. (a) Discuss the role played by Public Opinion in democracy. [6]
(b) Write the different agencies of public opinion with special reference to mass media. [10]

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8. Define Pressure Group. State the differences between Political party and Pressure groups. What kind of role do political parties play in a democratic state? [4+6+6]
9. What do you know about Territorial Representation and Proportional Representation? [8+8]
10. Write notes on any two of the following: [8+8]
- (a) Difference between democracy and dictatorship
 - (b) Different kinds of executive
 - (c) Independence of Judiciary
 - (d) Multi-party system
 - (e) Women suffrage.
 - (f) Executive head Parliament

2024 | Political Science II

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 characteristics 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 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 safeguard in a modern state? [6+10]
9. Define Democracy. Evaluate the merits and demerits of Democracy. [4+6+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.



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2023 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1. (a) What are the various characteristics of the Presidential form of Government?
(b) Discuss the merits and demerits of the parliamentary System. [16]
2. (a) Define Direct Democracy and Indirect Democracy.
(b) Discuss the conditions responsible for the success of Democracy. [16]
3. (a) Discuss the characteristics of a Federal form of Government.
(b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Federal System? [16]
4. (a) Evaluate the function of the legislature in modern state.
(b) What are the various advantages of the Bicameral system of legislature? [16]
5. (a) What are the different kinds of executive?
(b) Discuss the factors responsible for the rise in the power of the executive. [16]
6. (a) Discuss Judiciary as an important organ in a modern state.
(b) How is the independence of the Judiciary safeguarded in a modern state? [16]
7. (a) Explain the Theory of Separation of Powers
(b) Rigid separation of powers is neither possible nor desirable. Do you agree with this with reasons. [16]

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8. (a) Defined pressure group.
(b) What are the differences between political parties and pressure groups? [16]
9. (a) What is the role of public opinion in a democracy?
(b) What are the different agencies of public opinion? [16]
10. Write short notes on any two : [8x2]
(a) Features of Dictatorship
(b) Functions of Judiciary
(c) Conditions necessary for the success of a federation
(d) Multi Party System
(e) Women Suffrage.

2022 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1. (a) Discuss the merits and demerits of the Parliamentary form of Government. [8]
(b) Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential form of Government. [8]
2. (a) Discuss the characteristics of 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.
(b) Rigid Separation of Powers is neither possible nor desirable.
Do you agree with this view? Give reasons. [8]
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.



2021 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1. Define Liberal Democracy. How is it different from other forms of democracy? what are the conditions for establishing a liberal democracy? [3+5+8]
2. Explain Delegated Legislation. how is it causing the decline of Legislature? Critically evaluate Bicameralism. [3+5+8]
3. Delineate the conditions for maintaining independence of Judiciary. Why is it necessary to maintain Judicial independence in a democracy? [10+6]
4. Discuss how political parties act as a bridge between society and government. What are the essential features of a political party in a democracy? [6+10]
5. Discuss the methods used by pressure groups to achieve their objectives in a democratic state. [16]
6. Compare and contrast Territorial representation and Proportional representation. What were the major impacts of introducing women's suffrage on Indian politics? [10+6]
7. Define Public Opinion. Evaluate the role of mass media in the shaping of Public Opinion. What are the factors which limit Public Opinion in a liberal democracy? [3+6+7]
8. Evaluate the centralising tendencies in Federal States, provide examples. [16]

9. Discuss the merits of a dictatorship in term of their relation to the demerits of a democracy. Differentiate between authoritarianism and totalitarianism. [10+6]
10. What are the agencies which lead to the formation of Public Opinion? Relate them with the scenario in India. [16]

2019 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1. State the characteristics of the Presidential form of Government and discuss the merits of Presidential form of Government. Is the Indian Government Presidential or Parliamentary? [6+6+4]
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 Governments? [10+6]
3. What is Dictatorship? What are its characteristic features? Differentiate between Dictatorship and Democracy. [4+4+8]
4. Define Democracy. Evaluate the merits and demerits of Democracy. [4+6+6]
5. Discuss the Theory of 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. What is Political Party? Are Political Parties indispensable in a democracy? Explain [6+10]

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8. Define Public Opinion. What are the agencies of Public Opinion? State the importance of Public Opinion in a modern democratic State. [4+6+6]
9. Evaluation the function of Legislature in modern state. Discuss the merits of Bicameral system of Legislation. [8+8]
10. Write short notes on any two of the following; [8x2]
- (a) Pressure Group.
 - (b) Women Suffrage.
 - (c) Types of Executive.
 - (d) Functions of Judiciary in modern state.

2018 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1. Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential form of Government. What are the merits of the Parliamentary form of Government? [10+6]
2. Discuss the characteristics of a Federal form of Government. What are the advantages and disadvantages? [6+10]
3. Discuss the conditions for the success of Democracy. Are those conditions present in India today? [8+8]
4. Discuss Judiciary as an important organs in a modern state. How is the independence of Judiciary safeguard in a modern state? [8+8]



5. What do you understand by 'Dictatorship'? Analyse the merits and demerits of Dictatorship. [4+12]
6. Explain the Theory of Separation of Powers. Rigid separation of powers is neither possible nor desirable - Do you agree with this view? [8+8]
7. What do you understand by the term 'Political Party'? Discuss the importance of Party system in a Democracy. [6+10]
8. Explain the function of Legislature in a modern state. Discuss in this connection the merits of Bicameral system of Legislature. [8+8]
9. Define Public Opinion. What role does it play in a democracy? [6+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



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2017 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1.(a) Discuss the characteristic features of Unitary Government pointing out its merits and demerits. [10]

(b) State the differences between Unitary and Federal Governments. [6]

2. What is President Government? Which form of Government do you prefer Parliamentary or Presidential? Justify your answer. [10]

3. (a) Discuss the functions of legislation in a modern democratic state. [10]

(b) Narrate the factors responsible for the decline of legislature in modern times. [4]

4. Discuss the Theory of Separation of Powers. How far it is applicable in India? Explain. [8+8]

5. What is Bicameralism? Mention the advantages of Bicameral 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 Political Party? Is it correct to say that 'Political Parties are indispensable for democracy'? [6+10]

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8. What is Public Opinion? how it is 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 defects 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.

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2016 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1. Define Federalism. Discuss the factors responsible for the centralising tendencies in Federation. [4+12]
2. What are the features of a Parliament form of Government? What are the major differences between Presidential and Parliamentary form of Government? [8+8]
3. Explain the different types of Executive. Analyse the factors responsible for the rise in the power of the Executive. [8+8]
4. Discuss Judiciary as an important organ of the government. What are the factors that help to ensure the Independence of the Judiciary. [6+10]
5. What are the different types of party system? discuss the merits and demerits of any one of the party system mentioned by you. [6+5+5]
6. Define Pressure Group. Discuss the difference between Political Parties and Pressure Group. [6+10]
7. Discuss in detail the arguments in favour of and against Women's Suffrage. [10+6]
8. What is Democracy? What are the conditions necessary for the successful. [6+10]

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9. Define Public Opinion. What are the different agencies of Public Opinion? [4+12]

10. Write short on any two of the following: [8x2]

(a) Principles of the Theory of Separation of Powers.

(b) Advantages of Bicameral Legislation.

(c) Important features of a Unitary form of Government.

(d) Functions of the Judiciary.

(e) Role of Public Opinion in a Democracy State.

2015 | Political Science II

Answer any five Questions

1. What are the essential characteristics of the Presidential Form of Government? Discuss in this connection the merits of the Presidential Form of Government. Is the Indian Government Parliamentary or Presidential? [6+6+4]

2. What is meant by Unitary form of Government? Discuss in brief the advantages and disadvantages of such a form of Government. [6+5+5]

3. Define Democracy. Discuss the merits and demerits of democracy. [4+6+6]

4. Define Dictatorship. Explain the characteristics of Dictatorship. Distinguish between Democracy and Dictatorship. [4+4+8]

5. Discuss the arguments for and against Universal Adult Franchise. [8+8]

6. Explain the functions of Legislature on a modern state. Discuss in this connection the merits of Bicameral system of Legislature. [8+8]

7. Define Public Opinion. Discuss the importance of Public Opinion in a democracy. [6+10]

8. Explain the functions of Political Party. Discuss in this connection the merits of the Party System. [8+8]

9. Critically discuss the Theory of Separation of Power. [16]

10. Write down 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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