

2013

POLITICAL SCIENCE

( Major )

Paper : 3.5

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

*Candidates **eligible** for Internal Assessment shall  
answer from PART—I only ( Marks : 90 )*

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*Candidates **not eligible** for Internal Assessment shall  
answer both from PART—I and PART—II ( Marks : 100 )*

Answer questions from the Group offered by you

GROUP—A

( **PANCHAYATI RAJ AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA** )

PART—I

( Marks : 90 )

1. Answer any *three* from the following :  $15 \times 3 = 45$

- (a) Discuss the importance of Rural Self-Government in the context of Indian democracy.

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- (b) Explain the meaning and the nature of 'Village Swaraj' as enunciated by Mahatma Gandhi. 15
- (c) Highlight the recommendations of the Balwantrai Mehta Committee on Panchayati Raj. To what extent these were implemented by the Government of India? 10+5=15
- (d) Analyze the major problems of rural development through Panchayati Raj Institutions and suggest remedial measures. 8+7=15
- (e) Comment on the powers and functions of the Gaon Panchayats in Assam. 15
- (f) Discuss the administrative devices to ensure accountability of the Panchayati Raj Institutions. 15
2. Answer any *two* from the following : 10×2=20
- (a) Highlight the relationship between the District Administration and Gaon Panchayats.
- (b) Discuss the concept of 'Autonomy vs. Dependence' in the context of Rural Self-Government in India.

- (c) Examine the powers and functions of the President of the Gaon Panchayat.
- (d) Analyze the constitutional status of Local Self-Government in Independent India.

3. Answer any *five* from the following :      5×5=25

- (a) What is meant by democratic decentralization?
- (b) Highlight the fiscal and administrative scheme of Lord Mayo.
- (c) Comment on the sources of revenue of the Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- (d) Highlight the ways of people's participation in the Panchayati Raj System.
- (e) Indicate the process of election of the members of Zila Parishad.
- (f) To what extent the grassroots-level institutions may be considered as means of Women's Empowerment?
- (g) What is the significance of the Eleventh Schedule to the Constitution of India?

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PART—II

( Marks : 10 )

( In lieu of Internal Assessment )

4. Highlight the changing status of Rural Self-Government under the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India. 10

Or

Examine the powers and functions of Gaon Sabha.

GROUP—B

( POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY )

PART—I

( Marks : 90 )

5. Explain the meaning, nature and scope of Political Sociology. 15

Or

Examine the interrelationship between Political system and Society.

6. Assess the socioeconomic conditions that give rise to situations in which totalitarian systems can emerge and acquire stability. 15

Or

Explain the meaning and significance of political culture.

7. Explain the importance of elite theories in the study of distribution of power in society. 15

Or

Examine the nature and significance of pressure groups and interest groups.

8. Explain any *two* from the following :  $10 \times 2 = 20$

- (a) Marxian approach
- (b) Characteristics of democracy
- (c) Public opinion
- (d) Variation of culture

9. Write short notes on any *five* from the following :  $5 \times 5 = 25$

- (a) Relationship between Political Science and Sociology
- (b) Political socialization
- (c) Political communication
- (d) Role of mass media
- (e) C. Wright Mills' concept of 'Power Elite'
- (f) Concept of power
- (g) Role of caste in politics

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PART—II

( Marks : 10 )

( In lieu of Internal Assessment )

10. Answer any *one* from the following : 10

- (a) Explain the importance of Political Sociology in the study of society and politics.
- (b) Examine the role played by various agencies of Political Socialization in developing political culture.

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