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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Major)

Paper : 5.2

(**Select Constitutions—I**)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×7=7

(a) The Philadelphia Convention took place
in the year _____.

(Fill in the blank)

(b) Queen Elizabeth II is the longest
reigning monarch in UK.

(Write True or False)

(c) Women received equal franchise with
men in UK in the year (1915 / 1918 /
1920 / 1928).

(Choose the correct year)

(d) *The English Constitution* is a book
written by A. V. Dicey/Walter Bagehot/
David Cameron/H. H. Asquith.

(Choose the correct author)

- (e) How are members appointed to the House of Lords?
- (f) Who authored the book *Comparative Politics : A Developmental Approach*?
- (g) Who presides over the House of Representatives of USA?

2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) Why is the British Constitution called an unwritten Constitution?
- (b) What are the principles on which Aristotle classified Constitutions?
- (c) Mention two reasons for the centralizing tendency in USA.
- (d) What are the rights of the Queen according to Walter Bagehot?

3. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) Party system in USA
- (b) Pocket veto
- (c) Senatorial courtesy
- (d) Judicial system in UK
- (e) Parliamentary sovereignty in UK

4. What are the conventions of the Constitution of UK? What is the difference between convention and law? 6+4

Or

What do you mean by 'rule of law'? What are the exceptions to the 'rule of law'? 6+4

5. Compare the powers and functions of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the USA. 10

Or

Examine the working of the 'principle of checks and balances' in the American Constitution. 10

6. Discuss the composition, powers and functions of the House of Commons in UK. 10

Or

Describe the procedure for election of the President of the USA. 10

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