

FIRST SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2010

(CCSS)

Political Science—Complementary Course—Model-II

ICPI C01—INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND POLITICS : BASIC FEATURES

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Objective type questions. Answer all the twelve questions. Choose the correct answer :**1 To which of the following is the Ilbert Bill related :**

- (a) Communal Reservation.
- (b) Economic Discrimination.
- (c) Job Reservation.
- (d) Discrimination in trials between Indians and Europeans.

2 Which of the following event is associated with the British empire building process in India ?

- (a) Battle of Plassey, 1757.
- (b) First war of Indian Independence, 1857.
- (c) Karnatic wars.
- (d) None of the above.

3 Name the first President of the Indian National Congress :

- (a) S.N. Banerjee.
- (b) W.C. Banerjee.
- (c) Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.
- (d) None of the above.

4 When was the Indian Home Rule League founded :

- (a) 1918.
- (b) 1916.
- (c) 1925.
- (d) 1905.

Fill in the blanks :

- 5 Dyarchy was introduced in the provinces by the Government of India Act ———.
- 6 "Equality before law" has its basis in the concept of ——— of Dicey.
- 7 The Directive Principles of State Policy have been adopted from ——— Constitution.
- 8 Part III incorporates right to education at present by Virtue of ——— Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002.

Answer in a word :

- 9 Who was the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly ?
- 10 Which Article of the Indian Constitution provides for safeguards against the misuse of preventive detention ?

11 Which writ can be issued by a High Court or the Supreme Court to compel a person to perform a public or quasi public legal duty ?

12 Name the Act which imposed communal electorates for the first time in British India.

(12 × ¼ = 3 weightage)

II. Short answer questions. Answer *all* the nine questions :

13 Which Article of the Indian Constitution visualises the introduction of a uniform Civil Code

14 What do you mean by protective discrimination ?

15 List out the grounds which limit the exercise of freedoms guaranteed by Article 19.

16 Point out the reason for the non-implementation of federation under the Government of India Act, 1935.

17 Why was Sir. Stafford Cripp's sent to India ?

18 Write down the major changes effected by the Regulating Act, 1773.

19 Mention the major outcome of the Lucknow Pact, 1916.

20 Comment on dyarchy introduced in the provinces by the Government of India Act, 1919.

21 Mention the British objective behind the enactment called the Rowlatt Act.

(9 × 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Short essay or paragraph questions. Answer any *five* of the following :—

22 The Indian Constitution makes a compromise between Judicial Review and Parliamentary Sovereignty. Do you agree ? Give reasons.

23 Explain the features of the Indian Independence Act, 1947.

24 Discuss in brief the significance and scope of Art. 32.

25 Give a general account of the Constituent Assembly.

26 Explain cultural and educational Rights as embodied in the Constitution.

27 Make a brief sketch of the Rowlatt Act.

28 Write a note on Cripp's Mission.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Essay questions. Answer any *two* of the following :—

29 Explain the salient features of the Government of India Act, 1935.

30 "The Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy are complementary and contributory." Discuss the validity of this statement.

31 Narrate the salient features of the Indian Constitution.

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)