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**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Full marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *The question paper consists of 34 questions.*
- iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
- iv) *Answers to questions carrying 1 mark should not exceed one sentence.*
- v) *Answers to questions carrying 2 marks should not exceed 50 words.*
- vi) *Answers to questions carrying 4 marks should not exceed 100 words.*
- vii) *Answers to questions carrying 6 marks should not exceed 200 words.*
- viii) *Answers to questions carrying 8 marks should not exceed 300 words.*

**N.B:** *Check to ensure that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives in questions 1 – 5 (5x1)**

- 1. A recognised party in the Lok Sabha should have a minimum of
  - (a) fifty members
  - (b) fifty three members
  - (c) fifty five members
  - (d) fifty seven members
- 2. ‘We have done our duty by creating a frame in which you can work with freedom and impartiality and from now on it is your job to do your best for your country’. Who said this?
  - (a) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
  - (b) Mahatma Gandhi
  - (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - (d) B. R. Ambedkar
- 3. Which year saw Vladimir Putin being duly elected as the President of Russia for the first time?
  - (a) 1990
  - (b) 1992
  - (c) 1998
  - (d) 2000
- 4. European Union’s currency is known as
  - (a) Dollar
  - (b) Pound
  - (c) Euro
  - (d) Lira
- 5. The Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) came into force in
  - (a) 1972
  - (b) 1975
  - (c) 1982
  - (d) 1985
- 6. Name any two national parties in India. **1**
- 7. When was the electronic voting machines used throughout India? **1**
- 8. Name the present UN Secretary General. **1**
- 9. Write the full form of IPCC. **1**
- 10. Who coined the word ‘globalisation’? **1**
- 11. Name the original state from which the following states were carved out:**1+1=2**
  - i) Chhattisgarh
  - ii) Manipur

12. How can the opposition party best perform its role? Give two reasons. 2
13. What was the 39<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act? 2
14. Write any two criticisms of pressure groups. 2
15. What is terrorism? Mention one method used by terrorists. 1+1=2
16. What is meant by free flow of capital under a global economy? 2

**Answer any four from questions 17 - 22 4x4=16**

17. Explain any two problems faced in the process of the partition of India. (4)
18. Explain any two factors responsible for the dominance of the Congress Party in the first three General Elections in India. (4)
19. State the main objectives of the European Union. (4)
20. Explain any two causes that led to globalization. (4)
21. Write the four main consequences of Indo-Pak War of 1971. (4)
22. Briefly explain any four factors responsible for Pakistan's failure in building a stable democracy. (4)

**Answer any three from questions 23 - 28 6x3=18**

23. Discuss the role and functions of the NITI Aayog. (6)
24. When was the Shimla Agreement signed? Mention five main provisions of the agreement. (1+5=6)
25. Examine any three factors that led to the disintegration of the Soviet Union. (6)
26. Explain any three consequences and effects of the declaration of Emergency in India in the year 1975. (6)
27. Mention any six points that should be done to make the United Nations more effective and more relevant. (6)
28. Discuss any three traditional modes of protection against threat to security. (6)

**Answer any three from questions 29 - 34 8x3=24**

29. Explain any two factors responsible for the emergence of regional parties and also two increasing role of the regional parties in the national politics. (4+4=8)
30. Discuss the role of SAARC in bringing about cooperation among the member nations. (8)
31. What is veto power? Examine the relevance of the United Nations. (1+7=8)
32. Discuss the main features of the party system in India. (8)
33. What is meant by interest or pressure groups? Examine the role of pressure groups in India. (2+6=8)
34. Discuss China's new economic policies in the post Mao's era which has made China an emerging economic power. (8)

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