

3 (Sem-6) PSc M 5 (C/D)

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Major)

Paper : 6.5

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

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

OPTION—C

(Urban Local Governance)

1. Discuss the need and importance of Urban Local Governance in urban development. 10

Or

Explain the development of Urban Local Governance in India after Independence.

2. Discuss the composition, powers and functions of Nagar Panchayat. 10

Or

Discuss the composition, powers and functions of Guwahati Municipal Corporation.

3. Discuss the role of District Planning Committee as guardian of local self-government institutions. 10

Or

Explain various kinds of personnel administration in the context of Urban Governance.

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

- (a) Royal Commission on Decentralization, 1907
- (b) Election of the Members of Municipality
- (c) Executive Control on Urban Governance
- (d) Assam State Election Commission
- (e) Control of District Collector over Local Governance

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

- (a) Mention two features of the 74th Amendment Act.

- (b) State two discretionary functions of Municipal Corporation.

- (c) Mention two objectives of District Planning Committee.

- (d) What is Grant-in-aid?

- (e) Write two problems of Urban Local Governance.

6. Answer the following questions/Choose the correct option : 1×7=7

- (a) The Chairman of Royal Commission, 1907 was

- (i) Charles Hobhouse

- (ii) Lord Ripon

- (iii) Lord Mayo

- (iv) None of them

- (b) The First Mayor of Guwahati Municipal Corporation was

- (i) Padmanath Gohain Barua

- (ii) Gopinath Bordoloi

- (iii) Radha Gobinda Baruah

- (iv) Krishnakanta Handique

- (c) Who is the head of the Municipal Corporation?

(d) In Assam, who is the Chairman of District Planning Committee?

(i) District Collector

(ii) Minister of District

(iii) President of Zilla Parishad

(iv) President of Gaon Panchayat

(e) Which of the following is correctly matched?

(i) DPC—Article 243 (ZC)

(ii) MPC—Article 243 (ZE)

(iii) SFC—Article 243 (B)

(iv) SEC—Article 243 (ZD)

(f) In which year was Guwahati Municipal Corporation formed?

(g) Legislative control over Local Governance means

(i) control of State Legislature over Local Governance

(ii) control of State Government over Local Governance

OPTION—D

(Political Sociology—II)

1. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

10×3=30

(a) What do you understand by distribution of power in society? Discuss the psychological approach to political elite as developed by Vilfredo Pareto. 4+6=10

(b) Discuss C. W. Mills' 'Elite theory of Democracy'. 10

(c) Define bureaucracy. Explain Max Weber's concept of bureaucracy. 3+7=10

(d) Define political development. What are the main characteristics of political development? Briefly distinguish between political culture and political development. 3+3+4=10

(e) Discuss the role of army in modernizing society and politics. What, according to your opinion, should be the relationship between civil society and the military in contending insurgency and peace making in the society? 6+4=10

(f) What do you understand by political change? What are its causes? What political changes have you noticed in India during the post-colonial period? 2+3+5=10

2. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

5×3=15

- (a) Examine the Elitist theory of distribution of political power in society with special reference to the organizational approach of Gaetano Mosca and Robert Michels.
- (b) What is revolution? Explain, in brief, the Marxian concept of revolution.
- (c) Discuss the role of media and political party in bringing about political change.
- (d) Critically examine Lucian Pye's theory of 'political development'.
- (e) Discuss the role of bureaucracy in the Third World countries.

3. Answer the following questions briefly : 2×5=10

- (a) Write a note on Pareto's 'Circulation of Elites'.
- (b) Write a note on direct military intervention in the political process.
- (c) Explain two major problems of 'modernization'.
- (d) Write a note on participatory political culture.
- (e) Discuss two major defects of modern bureaucracy.

4. Answer the following questions very briefly :

1×5=5

- (a) Who developed the concept 'Power Elite' in connection with American society?
- (b) Who is the author of the book, *The Ruling Class*?
- (c) "Revolutionary culture is a powerful revolutionary weapon of the people." Who said this?
- (d) Who is the author of the book, *Towards a Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right*?
- (e) Mention one basic utility of political culture.

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