

2022

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PAPER—PLS—403

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

**Special paper: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: CONCEPTS AND THEORIES**

Group - A

1. Answer any *two* questions.

2×2

(a) Mention two advantages of centralization.

(b) What is the core idea of doctrinal approach to decentralization?

(Turn Over)

(c) Mention the elements of administrative decentralization.

(d) What do you mean by 'participation'?

2. Answer any *two* questions. 2×4

(a) Explain the relationship between local government and politics.

(b) Mention the merits of decentralization.

(c) Explicate the 'dual role' approach to the study of local government.

(d) Explain the concept of 'elite capture'.

3. Answer any *one* question. 1×8

(a) Compare and contrast the merits of centralization and decentralization and comment on the ways to make decentralization successful.

(b) Explain how decentralization and participation achieve success in development.

Group - B

4. Answer any *two* questions. 2×2
- (a) Mention the names of two theorists on local government.
 - (b) Mention the name of an important book written by Tocqueville.
 - (c) Mention the normative foundations of Gandhi's ideas on local government.
 - (d) Who is the author of the book : *The Local State* ?
5. Answer any *two* questions. 2×4
- (a) Evaluate the ideas of J. S. Mill on local government.
 - (b) What are the main issues of Local State Thesis?
 - (c) Explain Gandhi's ideas on Gram Swaraj.
 - (d) Write a note on local rural governments in Bangladesh.

6. Answer any *one* question.

1×8

- (a) Evaluate the contributions of Bryce as a liberal theorist of local government.
- (b) Critically analyse the fundamental claims of dual state thesis.

[Internal Assessment - 10 Marks]

Special paper: SOCIETY AND POLITICS IN SOUTH ASIA

MAJOR ISSUES IN SOUTH ASIAN POLITICS

Group - A

1. Answer any *two* questions.

2×2

- (a) Define South Asia as a geographical entity.
- (b) What do you mean by a 'nation'?
- (c) Define Security.
- (d) Mention any two factors behind the emergence of terrorism.

2. Answer any *two* questions. 2×4
- (a) Point out some common features of the South Asian states.
 - (b) What do you understand by the process of democratisation?
 - (c) What are 'non-traditional' security threats?
 - (d) What is meant by 'state terrorism'?

3. Answer any *one* question. 1×8
- (a) Examine the process of nation building in South Asia.
 - (b) Write an essay on the major security issues in South Asia.

Group - B

4. Answer any *two* questions. 2×2
- (a) What is nuclear energy?
 - (b) Write the full forms of SAARC and SACEP.

(c) Who are refugees?

(d) Define cooperation.

5. Answer any *two* questions.

2×4

(a) Write a brief note on the South Asian arms race.

(b) Comment on refugee protection mechanisms in South Asia.

(c) What do you mean by international refugee regime?

(d) Point out the different types of conflicts in South Asia.

6. Answer any *one* question.

1×8

(a) Comment on the process of nuclearisation in South Asia.

(b) Discuss the major environmental challenges in contemporary South Asia.

[Internal Assessment - 10 Marks]