

**2023**

**M.A.**

**4th Semester Examination**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**PAPER : PLS-403**

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 hours*

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.*

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

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

Answer from *any one* Section.

**SECTION—I**

**PLS-403 (LGP)**

**( CONCEPTS AND THEORIES )**

Answer from **all** the Groups as directed.

**GROUP—A**

1. Answer *any two* questions from the following :

2×2=4

(a) How is local Government related to local politics?

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- (b) Mention two advantages of decentralization.
- (c) Point out two major approaches to decentralization.
- (d) Mention the three forms of decentralization.

2. Answer *any two* questions from the following :  
4×2=8

- (a) Write a brief note on the political approach to decentralization.
- (b) What are the merits of centralization?
- (c) Mention the constraints on decentralization.
- (d) What are the merits of participation?

3. Answer *any one* question from the following :  
8×1=8

- (a) Discuss the various approaches to the study of local Government.
- (b) Critically examine the various types of participation.

## GROUP—B

4. Answer *any two* questions from the following :  
2×2=4
- (a) Mention the name of Tocqueville's book related to decentralization.
  - (b) What are the major philosophical foundations of Gandhi's approach to decentralization?
  - (c) Who is the major thinker of the *Dual State* thesis?
  - (d) Mention two examples of local consumption.
5. Answer *any two* questions from the following :  
4×2=8
- (a) Evaluate Bryce's contribution to federalism.
  - (b) Write a note on the *oceanic circle* as mentioned by Gandhi.
  - (c) What do you mean by 'localism'?
  - (d) Mention the typologies of state functions, as envisaged in the *Dual State* thesis.
6. Answer *any one* question from the following :  
8×1=8
- (a) Reflect on Gandhi's contributions to the idea of decentralization.
  - (b) Evaluate the fundamental claims of the *Local State* thesis.

[ Internal Assessment : 10 Marks ]

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SECTION--II

PLS-403 (SPSA)

( MAJOR ISSUES IN SOUTH ASIAN POLITICS )

Answer from **all** the Groups as directed.

GROUP—A

1. Answer *any two* questions from the following :

2×2=4

(a) What is the constructivist understanding of the region in International Relations?

(b) What is BAKSAL?

(c) In which year South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) agreement was signed?

(d) What is BIMSTEC?

2. Answer *any two* questions from the following :

4×2=8

(a) Discuss the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.

(b) Discuss the nature of religious violence in Myanmar.

(c) Point out the differences between the Punjabi Suba Movement and Khalistani Movement.

(d) Write a note on religious extremism in Pakistan.

3. Answer *any one* question from the following :  
8×1=8
- (a) Throw light on the debates on South Asia as a region.
- (b) Write an essay on democratization in South Asia.

**GROUP—B**

4. Answer *any two* questions from the following :  
2×2=4
- (a) What is meant by loss of biodiversity?
- (b) What is SACEP?
- (c) What is Global Compact on Refugees?
- (d) What is SNNW?
5. Answer *any two* questions from the following :  
4×2=8
- (a) Write a short note the exodus of Burmese Indians.
- (b) What is 'Indian counterforce' doctrine?
- (c) What is food security?
- (d) What are the non-controversial and peripheral issues in developing regional cooperation?

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6. Answer *any one* question from the following :

8×1=8

- (a) Write a note on the environmental challenges in South Asia.
- (b) Write a note on the relationship between migration and foreign policy.

[ **Internal Assessment : 10 Marks** ]

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