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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Core)

Paper : C-8

**(Political Process and Institutions
in Comparative Perspective)**

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×8=8

(a) Which approach according to Robert A. Dahl is "An attempt to make the empirical content of Political Science more scientific"?

(Behavioural approach/Historical approach/Philosophical approach/
Institutional approach)

(Choose the correct answer)

(b) Almond and Verba classified political culture into _____ types.

(two/three/four)

(Choose the correct answer)

(c) Who coined the term 'New Institutionalism'?

(d) Which of the following can officially recognize political parties in India?

(The Election Commission of India/The Finance Commission/The State Election Commission/The District Election Commissioner)

(Choose the correct answer)

(e) In which year the first Coalition Government at the Centre was formed in India?

(f) From which word the term 'nation' is derived?

(g) The success of democratization process largely depends upon the smooth and efficient working of the local self-governing bodies.

(Write True or False)

(h) Who said, "Federalism isn't about States' rights. It's about dividing power to better protect individual liberty"?

2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : 4×4=16

- (a) First-past-the-post system
- (b) Mixed representation
- (c) Impact of globalization on Nation-State
- (d) Democratization in India
- (e) Cooperative Federalism

3. Critically examine the political culture approach to comparative politics. 12

Or

Discuss the meaning and characteristics of New Institutionalism. 4+8=12

4. What is an electoral system? Discuss the characteristics of proportional representation system. 4+7=11

Or

Critically discuss the role of leadership in the growth and success of party system in India with suitable examples. 11

5. Define the concept of Nation-State. Discuss how the concept of Nation-State evolved in the post-Westphalia era. 4+7=11

Or

Discuss the major debates associated with the concept of Nation and State. Do you think the concept of Nation-State is being replaced by the concept of State-Nation in the contemporary period? 8+3=11

6. What is third wave of democratization? Examine the process of democratization in post-authoritarian regimes. 4+7=11

Or

Evaluate the success of democratization process in the post-Communist regimes with special reference of at least one country. 11

7. Define Federalism. What are the major challenges faced by federal systems in our times? 2+9=11

Or

How is a federation different from a confederation? Discuss the historical emergence of confederation and its contemporary relevance. 2+9=11
