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UG DEGREE PROGRAMME POLITICAL SCIENCE
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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SCIENCE- (MINOR)
Political and Social Issues in India COURSE CODE: POL- 211 CREDITS: 04
MAXIMUM MARKS: 80 DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- **All Questions are compulsory; however, there are internal choices for Q.1, Q.2A, Q.3A, Q.4A, Q.5A**
- **Answer sub-questions in Q.1 in not more than 50 words each.**
- **Answer sub-questions in Q.2 A, Q.3 A, Q.4 A, and Q.5 A in not more than 150 words each.**
- **Answer sub-questions in Q.2 B, Q.3 B, Q.4 B, and Q.5 B in not more than 150 words each.**
- **Answer sub-questions in Q.2 C, Q.3 C, Q.4 C, and Q.5 C in not more than 100 words each.**
- **Figures to the right indicate maximum Marks for the questions.**

Q1. Answer any 8 of the following. (8 x 2 = 16)

- a) Enlist the features of a Political Party.
- b) What is a Regional Party? Give example.
- c) What is NDA and UPA
- d) Define Democracy.
- e) How is Election Commission independent?
- f) State the features of a Free and Fair Election.
- g) Enlist the features of Criminalization of Politics?
- h) Why is India considered as a secular state?
- i) Enlist the features of Communalism.
- j) Differentiate between Communalism and Secularism.

Q.2. A. i) Explain the main differences between the National and the Regional Parties in India. (06)

OR

ii) Examine the classification of Political parties in India. (06)

Q.2. B. Elaborate on the roles and responsibilities of the Election Commission of India. (06)

Q.2. C. Explain the difference between secularism and communalism. (04)

Q.3. A. i) Analyse the reasons behind unpopularity of Congress party in India in 1990s. (06)

OR

ii) Examine the reasons behind the rise of Political Parties based on caste, religion and culture in India. (06)

Q.3. B. Examine the defects in Indian Electoral system. (06)

Q.3.C. Elaborate on the issues and challenges of Criminal elements in Politics. (04)

Q.4. A. i) Critically assess the Politics of Caste and its impact on Indian Politics. (06)

OR

ii) Evaluate the divisive tendencies in India as a result of language controversies. (06)

Q.4.B. Analyse the provisions and role of Secularism in India. (06)

Q.4. C. Critically evaluate the role of NGOs in Indian Social Movements. (04)

Q.5. A. i) Evaluate the role of Civil Society in a democratic regime like India. (06)

OR

ii) Analyse the rise of regionalism and its impact in India. (06)

Q.5.B. Critically analyse the difference between Leftist and Rightist parties in India. (06)

Q.5. C. Assess the various dimensions of electoral reforms implemented in India. (04)