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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) Define a Political Party.
- b) What is a National Party? Give example.
- c) What is coalition?
- d) Define an Election?
- e) What is democracy?
- f) What is Election Commission?
- g) Define Free and Fair Election.
- h) What is Criminalization of Politics?
- i) Define secularism.
- j) What is Communalism?

Q.2. A. i) Explain the functions of a Political Party. (06)

OR

ii) Examine the types of Party System in India. (06)

Q.2. B. Elaborate on the composition and function of the Election Commission of India. (06)

Q.2. C. Explain the features of secularism in India. (04)

Q.3. A. i) Explain the various causes behind the fall of Congress party in India. (06)

OR

ii) Examine the reasons behind the rise of identity based Political Parties in India. (06)

Q.3. B. Examine the challenges faced by the Election Commission in holding free and fair elections. (06)

Q.3.C. Elaborate on the concern of Criminalization of Politics. (04)

Q.4. A. i) Assess the concern related to the Politics of Caste and reservation in India. (06)

OR

ii) Evaluate the main issues and challenges of politics of language in India. (06)

Q.4.B. Analyse the concept of Secularism in India. (06)

Q.4. C. Critically evaluate the New Social Movements in India. (04)

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

OR

ii) Analyse the challenge of regionalism in India. (06)

Q.5.B. Bring out the differences between various types of party systems. (06)

Q.5. C. Assess the need for electoral reforms in India. (04)