

MES's Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar, Goa
B.A. (NEP) SEMESTER END ASSESSMENT, SEMESTER III, October/November 2024
POLITICAL SCIENCE- (MINOR)
POL- 211: Political and Social Issues in India

DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

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 Eight 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 the Election Commission?	
g) Define Free and Fair Election.	
h) What is the Criminalization of Politics?	
i) Define secularism.	
j) What is Communalism?	
 Q.2. A) i) Explain the functions of a Political Party.	(06)
OR	
ii) Classify the political parties according to the ideologies 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 the 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 the politics of language in India.	(06)
 Q.4.B) Analyse the difference between Secularism and Communalism in India.	(06)
 Q.4. C) Critically evaluate the New Social Movements in India.	(04)
 Q.5. A) i) Evaluate the role of NGOs 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)
