POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Maximum Marks: 80)

(Time allowed: Three hours)

(Candidates are allowed additional 15 minutes for only reading the paper.
They must NOT start writing during this time.)

Answer Question 1 (compulsory) from Part I, and five questions from Part II,
choosing three questions from Section A and two questions from Section B.
The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].

PART I (20 Marks)

Question 1

Answer briefly each of the questions (i) to (x).

(i) India is described as a federal state with subsidiary unitary features. Identify two of these unitary features.

(ii) What are conventions?

(iii) Distinguish between direct and indirect elections.

(iv) Explain the composition of the U.S. Senate.

(v) State two legislative powers of the President of India.

(vi) What is meant by Judicial Review?

(vii) What is the purpose of Directive Principles in the Indian constitution?

(viii) Mention any two words that were added to the Preamble by the 42nd Amendment to the Constitution of India.

(ix) What is meant by regionalism in the context of Indian democracy?

(x) With respect to the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India, what is the significance of the Eleventh Schedule?
PART II (60 Marks)

SECTION A

Answer any three questions.

Question 2
(a) Explain three differences between parliamentary and presidential forms of government. [6]
(b) Explain four features of an Authoritarian State. [6]

Question 3
(a) Explain the following kinds of constitutions: [6]
   (i) Written
   (ii) Unwritten
   (iii) Enacted
   (iv) Evolved
(b) Is the distinction between a written constitution and an unwritten constitution a real one? Discuss. [6]

Question 4
(a) What is a political party? Explain four functions of political parties. [6]
(b) Explain two merits and two demerits of multi-party system. [6]

Question 5
(a) Explain three functions of the Lok Sabha. [6]
(b) Discuss the changing role of the Prime Minister of India in the coalition era. [6]

Question 6
(a) Distinguish between judicial activism and judicial restraint. [6]
(b) Critically examine any three powers of the Supreme Court of the United States. [6]
SECTION B
Answer any two questions.

Question 7
(a) Discuss any three salient features of the Constitution of India. [6]

Question 8
(a) Explain the Three-Tier system of Panchayati Raj under the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India. [6]
(b) Discuss three challenges faced by rural local self-government after the passage of the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India. [6]

Question 9
(a) Explain the meaning of communalism and discuss its effects on the functioning of Indian democracy. [6]
(b) Discuss the role of caste in Indian politics. [6]