

Previous Year Questions 2020

PAPER-1

SECTION-A

1. Comment on the following in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Post-colonial theory of the state
 - (b) Equality of opportunity
 - (c) Liberalism as a revolutionary idea
 - (d) Ambedkar's ideas on constitutionalism
 - (e) Machiavelli's secularism

2.
 - (a) Make a comparative assessment of Greek perspective of Justice with the Rawlsian concept of Justice.
 - (b) Representative democracy means the people as a body must be able to control the general direction of government policy. (J. S. Mill). Comment.
 - (c) Assess the significance of right to property in political theory.

3.
 - (a) Explicate the ideological components of Gandhism.
 - (b) Examine the nature and meaning of power.
 - (c) Explain the sources of ancient Indian political thought.

4.
 - (a) Trace the evolution of Western Political Thought from ancient to contemporary period.
 - (b) Discuss the significance of a normative approach to Political theory.
 - (c) Discuss Karl Marx's concept of class.

SECTION-B

5. Answer the following in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Role of socialists in Indian National Movement
 - (b) Indian constitution makers' concerns on social inequality
 - (c) Right to constitutional remedies in India
 - (d) Judicial overreach in India
 - (e) Mechanism for settling inter-state disputes

6.
 - (a) Examine the role and functioning of the Election Commission of India and the Comptroller and Auditor General in the last two decades.
 - (b) Trace the role of militant and revolutionary movements in Indian national movement.
 - (c) To what extent has 73rd and 74th amendments of the Indian Constitution enhanced women's empowerment?

7.
 - (a) Does the functioning of the federalism in India tend to make it appear as a unitary state in practice?

- (b) Has the thrust of government tilted towards executive in contemporary Indian Politics? Give your arguments.
 - (c) 'Liberalisation of Indian Economy has not been accompanied with adequate reforms'. Comment.
8. (a) To what extent has the inadequate intra-party democracy affected the functioning of Indian Democracy?
- (b) Examine the role of religion in Indian Electoral Politics in the contemporary times.
 - (c) Examine the nature of the civil liberty movement in India.