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Term End Examination 2024-2025**Programme – B.A. LL.B.-2024****Course Name – Political Science II****Course Code - BALLB201****(Semester II)****Full Marks : 60****Time : 2:30 Hours**

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group-A**(Multiple Choice Type Question)****1 x 15=15****1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :**

- (i) Select one of the chief merits of the unitary form of government.
 - a) it promotes local entity
 - b) there are no conflicts of jurisdiction
 - c) the centre is very powerful
 - d) it is best suited for big countries
- (ii) Identify who divides the power between the centre and states in a federal government.
 - a) The Parliament
 - b) The Constitution
 - c) The states by majority decision
 - d) The central government
- (iii) Show the correct option for the process of amendment of Constitution in a federation.
 - a) the centre alone
 - b) the centre with the consent of the states
 - c) the states alone
 - d) the judiciary
- (iv) Select the reason for the need of an independent judiciary in a federation.
 - a) to keep the central government under check
 - b) to keep the state government under check
 - c) to settle disputes between centre and states
 - d) to protect the liberties of the people
- (v) Choose the form of government which operates on the principle of collective responsibility.
 - a) Parliamentary
 - b) Presidential
 - c) Unitary
 - d) Federal
- (vi) Select one way of legislative control to check the power of the judicial branch.
 - a) Vetoing judicial decisions
 - b) Appointing judges
 - c) Confirming or refusing to confirm judges
 - d) none of these
- (vii) Identify the process by which Legislative branch can check the power of the Executive branch, when President of USA makes use of his veto on a bill referred to him.

- a) the bill shall be permanently killed
b) the Congress can overcome the veto by repassing the bill by two-thirds majority
c) the Congress can overcome the veto by repassing the bill in a joint meeting of the two-houses of Congress by three-fourth majority
d) the Congress can overcome the veto by repassing the bill by simple majority
- (viii) Choose the meaning of Functional representation.
a) Representation of government functionaries
b) Representation on vocational basis
c) The functions of the representatives are well defined
d) The representatives are free to function as they like
- (ix) Relate the branch/person in the government that has command over the armed forces.
a) Judicial
b) Legislative
c) Executive
d) Both b and c
- (x) Select the tenure of the office of the Senator in USA.
a) 2 years
b) 4 years
c) 6 years
d) 8 years
- (xi) Select the two most popular devices of direct democracy.
a) Referendum and Initiative
b) Elections and Political Parties
c) Political Parties and Press
d) Landsgemeinde and Parliament
- (xii) Show the correct match with Public Interest Litigation as a tool of the Judiciary.
a) Judicial control
b) Judicial review
c) Judicial Activism
d) none of these
- (xiii) Select the perverted form of government ruled by a few as recognized by Aristotle.
a) Monarchy
b) Tyranny
c) Aristocracy
d) Oligarchy
- (xiv) Choose the most favoured technique of pressure groups in the USA.
a) total strike
b) Lobbying
c) boycott and picketing
d) peaceful agitation
- (xv) Choose the most important agent of political socialization in a democratic country.
a) educational institutions
b) peer groups
c) political parties
d) legislature and judiciary

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Explain three differences between dictatorship and democracy with examples. (3)
3. Construct a note on Referendum and Initiative. (3)
4. Identify three key functions performed by the United States Congress. (3)
5. Identify three important functions of the bureaucracy. (3)
6. Evaluate the concept Parliamentary sovereignty with reference to United Kingdom. (3)

OR

Interpret the meaning of 'rule of law'. (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Compare unitary and federal forms of government with their strengths and weaknesses. (5)

8. Illustrate the main characteristics of Parliamentary form of government. (5)
9. Interpret the meaning and significance of 'Seperation of powers' and illustrate its application in the Indian context. (5)
10. Examine the functions of political parties and their relevance in modern democracy. (5)
11. Identify the functions of Judiciary with reference to India. (5)
12. Examine the scope of Judicial Review in India with reference to constitutional provisions and case laws. (5)

OR

Explain the meaning of checks and balance with examples from USA. (5)

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