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(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) Identify the amendment of the Indian Constitution that gave the power to the Parliament to amend the Constitution.

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| a) 24th Amendment | b) 42nd Amendment |
| c) 44th Amendment | d) 52nd Amendment |

(ii) Identify the amendment of the Indian Constitution that added the right to education as a fundamental right.

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| a) 42nd Amendment | b) 86th Amendment |
| c) 93rd Amendment | d) 97th Amendment |

(iii) Identify the amendment of the Indian Constitution that inserted the provision for Anti-defection law.

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| a) 41st Amendment | b) 52nd Amendment |
| c) 61st Amendment | d) 73rd Amendment |

(iv) Name the amendment of the Indian Constitution that added the provision for reservation of seats for SC/ST in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies.

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| a) 42nd Amendment | b) 44th Amendment |
| c) 52nd Amendment | d) 73rd Amendment |

(v) Choose that which of the following is incorrect regarding a unitary government.

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| a) There is either only one level of government or the sub-units are subordinate to the central government. | b) The central government can pass on orders to the provincial government. |
| c) A state government is conservable to central government. | d) The powers of state governments are guaranteed by the Constitution. |

- (vi) Predict the name of the amendment of the Indian Constitution extended the reservation of seats for SC/ST and Anglo-Indian community in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies.
- a) 81st Amendment
c) 89th Amendment
- b) 84th Amendment
d) 95th Amendment
- (vii) Identify the amendment of the Indian Constitution added the provision for formation of Panchayats and Municipalities as institutions of self-government.
- a) 42nd Amendment
c) 86th Amendment
- b) 73rd Amendment
d) 97th Amendment
- (viii) Choose the two rights of everyone living in the United States.
- a) Freedom to petition the government and freedom to disobey traffic laws.
c) Freedom of speech and freedom to run for president
- b) Freedom of worship and freedom to make treaties with other countries
d) Freedom of speech and freedom of worship (Y)
- (ix) Identify the first amendment to the Constitution of the USA?
- a) The Articles of Confederation.
c) The Declaration of Independence
- b) The inalienable rights.
d) The Bill of Rights
- (x) Choose the the Commander in Chief of the military
- a) The President
c) The Secretary of Defense.
- b) The Vice-President.
d) The Attorney General.
- (xi) Choose the primary characteristic of a federal government system.
- a) Power is centralized with the central government
c) Power is shared between the executive and legislative branches
- b) Power is divided between the central government and local governments
d) Power is concentrated in the hands of a single individual
- (xii) Choose from the followings that determines the supreme law of the land.
- a) The Articles of Confederation.
c) The Emancipation Proclamation
- b) The Constitution
d) The Declaration of Independence.
- (xiii) Choose from the followings that determines the capital of the United States.
- a) St. Louis, MO
c) New York, NY
- b) Olympia, WA
d) Washington, DC
- (xiv) Choose the potential disadvantage of a federal government system? Identify the right answer. Select the right answer:
- a) Local governments may have too much power
c) The system may be too complex to administer
- b) The central government may have too much power
d) The system may not provide enough diversity in policy-making
- (xv) Choose the conceptual meaning of the amendment from the followings.
- a) An addition (to the Constitution).
c) An introduction
- b) The Preamble to the Constitution
d) The beginning of the Declaration of Independence.

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Explain the limitations of the ombudsman's powers in India? (3)
3. Describe the demerits of the Presidential system of Government. (3)
4. Explain the basic conditions of the Federalism. (3)
5. Interpret the concept of Rigid Constitution in the strict federal state. (3)

6. Explain the process for amending the Constitution of the United States. (3)

OR

Explain how does the states initiate an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Describe how does supremacy of the constitution is the essential in the federal state. (5)

8. Describe the role of judiciary in the federal state. (5)

9. Critically Evaluate the characteristics of federalism. (5)

10. Explain the role of the House of Lords in the UK government, and how does it relate to the separation of powers. (5)

11. Critically Analyze how has the separation of powers in India evolved since the country gained independence in 1947. (5)

12. Assess the role how do government agencies play in responding to FOIA requests in the United States, and how can individuals appeal a denial of their request. (5)

OR

Analyze the legislative efficacy of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in the United States, and how does it ensure transparency and accountability in government. (5)
