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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Core)

Paper : C-8

**(Political Processes and Institutions in
Comparative Perspective)**

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions : 1×8=8

- (a) Name one country that follows the First Past the Post (FPTP) electoral system.
- (b) Which major work by Gabriel Almond introduced the concept of political culture?
- (c) Name one country that follows a mixed electoral system.
- (d) Write one major disadvantage of the proportional representation system.
- (e) What is the key difference between a Nation and a State?

(2)

- (f) Which major treaty is often linked to the formation of modern Nation-States?
- (g) Give an example of a country with a confederal system.
- (h) What does the term 'asymmetrical federalism' mean?
2. Write short notes on the following : $4 \times 4 = 16$
- (a) Future of Nation-States in a globalized world
- (b) Contemporary challenges to democratization in post-colonial societies
- (c) Features of Confederation
- (d) Party system and democracy in changing context

Answer the following questions **within 500 words** each :

3. Examine the significance and limitations of political culture as an approach to studying comparative politics. $8+4=12$

Or

What is New Institutionalism? Discuss its nature and significance in understanding comparative politics. $3+(4+5)=12$

4. Examine the historical evolution of party systems in different political contexts. 11

(3)

Or

Discuss the major strengths and weaknesses of the mixed representation electoral system. 11

5. Define the concept of a Nation-State and analyze its historical evolution. $4+7=11$

Or

What are the key debates surrounding the distinction between a 'Nation' and a 'State'? 11

6. Examine the process of democratization in post-colonial societies with suitable examples. 11

Or

What are the challenges to democratization in post-Communist countries? Discuss. 11

7. What are the major debates surrounding the territorial division of power in federal systems? Substantiate. 11

Or

Discuss the contemporary debates surrounding federalism and regional autonomy. 11
