



PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

End - Term Examinations – MAY/ JUNE 2025

Date: 02-06-2025

Time: 01:00 pm – 04:00 pm

School: SOL	Program: BA,LLB	
Course Code : BAL2013	Course Name : Indian Government and Politics	
Semester: IV	Max Marks: 100	Weightage: 50%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4
Marks	16	30	19	35

Instructions:

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
(ii) Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.
10Q x 2M=20M

1	Define procedural democracy.	2 Marks	L1	CO3
2	What changes the 42nd Amendment (1976) brought into the preamble?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
3	What is cultural nationalism?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
4	Define the "significance of objective resolution passed by Nehru in the constitutional assembly.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
5	What is the significance of the Kesavananda Bharati case (1973)?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
6	Define "Structural Violence" in Gandhi's critique of modernity.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
7	Define territorial nationalism.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
8	What right was removed by the 44 th amendment from the Part III of the Indian Constitution?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
9	Name two socio-cultural changes in India that have been influenced by globalization.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
10	Can you name any judgement by the supreme court that contributed to the strengthening of secularism?	2 Marks	L1	CO3

Part B

Answer the Questions

Total 80 Marks

11.	Discuss Secularism in India and its unique features. How does the Indian model differ from the French concept of laïcité?	7+3=10 Marks	L2	CO2
Or				
12.	Discuss, how did nationalist historians counter colonial narratives of "stagnation"?	4+6=10 Marks	L2	CO2
13.	Analyze how rising economic inequality could undermine the functioning of democratic institutions in India.	10 Marks	L2	CO2
Or				
14.	Analyze Gandhi-Ambedkar approaches to caste reform. Why did Ambedkar reject Gandhi's "Harijan" framework?	5+5= 10 Marks	L2	CO2
15.	Critically evaluate whether the Indian model of secularism effectively balances religious freedom and state neutrality.	10 Marks	L3	CO2
Or				
16.	Analyze the potential challenges in implementing a truly secular state in a religiously diverse society.	10 Marks	L3	CO2
17.	Analyze, how can the right to freedom of speech and expression be used by an individual in India and what role legal fraternity can play?	15 Marks	L3	CO3
Or				
18.	If an individual believes their fundamental right to equality has been violated, what legal recourse do they have under the Indian Constitution?	15 Marks	L3	CO3
19.	Propose an amendment to the Indian Constitution that you believe would further strengthen the protection of individual rights. Explain your reasoning.	15 Marks	L4	CO4
Or				
20.	Identify and explain the five key pillars of democracy as recognized by major global democracy indices.	15 Marks	L4	CO4
21.	Explain, how have landmark Supreme Court judgments in India shaped the understanding and scope of individual rights?	20 Marks	L4	CO4
Or				
22.	Critically evaluate the concept of democratic backsliding in the 21st century. To what extent do you agree that India exemplifies a global trend of democratic backsliding, characterized by a decline in civil liberties without the occurrence of unfair elections or military interference?	(10+10) 20 Marks	L4	CO4