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End - Term Examinations – MAY 2025

Date: 29-05-2025

Time: 01:00 pm – 04:00 pm

School: SOMS	Program: BA Journalism & Mass Communication	
Course Code: BAJ2022	Course Name: Indian Political System	
Semester: II	Max Marks: 100	Weightage: 50%

CO - Levels	C01	C02	C03	C04	C05
Marks	26	24	24	26	NA

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 2 marks.

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2M=20M

1.	Recall any two key features of the Indian Constitution.	2 Marks	L1	C01
2.	Name any two Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution.	2 Marks	L1	C01
3.	Define any one Directive Principle aimed at promoting social welfare.	2 Marks	L1	C01
4.	List out one important function of the Council of Ministers.	2 Marks	L1	C02
5.	Define Public Interest Litigation (PIL) with an example.	2 Marks	L1	C02
6.	Identify one significant electoral reform introduced to promote transparency in elections.	2 Marks	L2	C03
7.	Name one national party and one state party currently active in Indian politics.	2 Marks	L1	C03
8.	Explain one way in which press freedom contributes to good governance.	2 Marks	L2	C04
9.	List out one ethical responsibility that journalists must follow while reporting.	2 Marks	L1	C04
10.	Explain one challenge faced by media in promoting democracy in non-democratic regimes	2 Marks	L2	C04

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 80M

11.	a.	Critically analyze the Preamble of the Indian Constitution as a reflection of the ideals and objectives of the Indian Republic.	10 Marks	L4	CO 1
	b.	List out the reasonable restrictions imposed on the Right to Freedom under Article 19? Give relevant examples.	5 Marks	L1	CO 1
	c.	Discuss the federal features of the Indian Constitution. Why is India called a “quasi-federal” state?	5 Marks	L6	CO 1
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12.	a.	Evaluate the role of Directive Principles of State Policy in the governance of the country. Are they merely moral obligations or do they hold practical significance?	10 Marks	L5	CO 1
	b.	Determine the reforms or safeguards nowadays which are necessary to preserve media freedom in the country?	5 Marks	L5	CO 1
	c.	Analyze the role of the Governor in Centre-State relations with reference to Article 356.	5 Marks	L4	CO 1
13.	a.	Explain the powers and functions of the President of India. How is the President both a ceremonial head and a key component of the Union Executive?	10 Marks	L2	CO 2
	b.	Discuss the key challenges to the independence of the judiciary in India	5 Marks	L6	CO 2
	c.	Interpret the structure and functions of the Supreme Court and High Courts in India.	5 Marks	L5	CO 2
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14.	a.	Examine the composition and responsibilities of the Council of Ministers. How does it collectively uphold the principle of 'collective responsibility' to the Lok Sabha?	10 Marks	L4	CO 2
	b.	Define judicial activism with suitable examples.	5 Marks	L1	CO 2
	c.	Examine the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in strengthening grassroots democracy in India.	5 Marks	L4	CO 2
15.	a.	Examine the role of media during election campaigns in India. How does media framing influence public opinion and voting behavior?	10 Marks	L4	CO 3
	b.	Discuss the characteristics of coalition politics with reference to any one Indian general election.	5 Marks	L6	CO 3
	c.	Critically evaluate the effectiveness of recent electoral reforms in ensuring free and fair elections in India.	5 Marks	L5	CO 3
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16.	a.	Election campaigns in India are increasingly driven by optics and media narratives rather than policy substance.” Critically evaluate this statement with reference to recent general or state elections.	10 Marks	L5	CO 3

	b.	Illustrate how e-media can be used effectively to monitor governance and election campaigns.	5 Marks	L2	CO 3
	c.	Analyze the impact of identity politics (based on caste and religion) on electoral outcomes in recent Indian general elections	5 Marks	L4	CO 3

17.	a.	Examine the dual role of the media in promoting freedom and inadvertently spreading propaganda. How can journalists and media houses navigate this fine line?	10 Marks	L4	CO 4
	b.	Classify between responsible journalism and propaganda in contexts where media operates under partial or full government control.	5 Marks	L2	CO 4
	c.	Explain how media functions as a promoter of democracy in non-democratic regimes, with global or historical examples.	5 Marks	L2	CO 4
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18.	a.	With freedom comes responsibility." Critically analyze this statement in the context of freedom of expression and the responsibilities of journalists in democratic societies.	10 Marks	L4	CO 4
	b.	Assess the ethical boundaries of freedom of expression for journalists while reporting on sensitive, political or religious issues.	5 Marks	L5	CO 4
	c.	List any five key issues or concerns regarding the future of the news media in the digital era.	5 Marks	L4	CO 4