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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

Date: 09-10-2025

Time: 11.45am to 01.15pm

School: SOL	Program: BALLB/BBALLB/BCOMLLB (Hons.)	
Course Code: LAW4005	Course Name: Comparative Constitution	
Semester: IX	Max Marks:50	Weightage:25%

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

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.

5Q x 2M=10M

1	Define parliamentary sovereignty	2 Marks	L1	C02
2	State characteristic of the parliamentary form of government.	2 Marks	L1	C02
3	Write a note on rigid constitution with an example.	2 Marks	L1	C02
4	What do you understand by Constitutional Supremacy?	2 Marks	L1	C01
5	Explain the term “living constitution”?	2 Marks	L1	C01

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 40M

6.	A citizen in the UK challenges a government decision in an ordinary court, arguing that no person, including public officials, is above the law. In this context, examine concept of the Rule of Law, focusing on equality before ordinary law and the absence of special privileges for state officials.	10 Marks	L4	C01
Or				

7.	Examine the doctrine of Separation of Powers in India. How has the judiciary interpreted and applied this doctrine through landmark case law? Critically analyse whether India follows a strict separation of powers or a fusion of powers.	10 Marks	L4	CO 1
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8.	Analyse the judicial review powers of the Supreme Court of India, the Supreme Court of the USA, and the courts in the UK. How does each system ensure accountability without judicial overreach?	10 Marks	L4	CO 2
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Or

9.	Parliament in Country X passes a law that restricts citizens from criticizing government policies, arguing that such criticism threatens national stability. Citizens challenge the law, claiming it violates their fundamental rights. The government defends it by saying that the legislature is supreme and courts cannot interfere. In this context, discuss why judicial review is considered the cornerstone of Constitutionalism.	10 Marks	L2	CO 1
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10.	Critically evaluate the merits and demerits of rigid constitutions and flexible constitutions. Which type better adapts to changing social and political needs?	10 Marks	L4	CO 2
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11.	Critically examine the evolution of the Basic Structure Doctrine in India. How has the judiciary balanced the sovereignty of Parliament to amend the Constitution with the need to preserve constitutional supremacy and fundamental rights of the citizens?	5 Marks 5 Marks	L4	CO 2
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12.	Discuss the features of the Presidential form of system of government with special reference to USA. How is differs from Parliamentary form of government.	10 Marks	L2	CO 2
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13.	Evaluate the effectiveness of bicameralism in federal constitutions like the USA and India, compared to the UK's parliamentary system. Does bicameralism strengthen democracy? Comment.	10 Marks	L4	CO 2
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