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# PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

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## Even Semester Mid Term, March 2026

**Date: 13/03/2026**

**Time: 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Course Code: LAW4003**

**Course Name: IndianFederalism**

**Semester: Eight Semester**

**Max. Marks: 50**

**Weightage: 50%**

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2	CO3
Marks	26	42	22

### PART-A: Answer Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
1	What was Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's view on the nature of Indian Federalism?	2	CO1	BT2
2	State the grounds on which a State Emergency (President's Rule) can be proclaimed in India.	2	CO1	BT2
3	Explain any two features that demonstrate the dominance of the Union over the States in the Indian Constitution.	2	CO1	BT2
4	What is the significance of Article 253 of the Constitution of India?	2	CO2	BT2
5	Briefly state the historical development of GST in India.	2	CO3	BT2

### PART-B: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
6	Critically evaluate the constitutional validity of President's Rule under Article 356 in light of the Supreme Court's decision in S.R. Bommai v. Union of India.	10	CO1	BT9
7	Critically evaluate the constitutional significance of Article 246 in the distribution of legislative powers.	10	CO1	BT9

### PART-C: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
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8	Critically evaluate the constitutional necessity of Article 262 in resolving inter-State water disputes.	10	CO2	BT9
9	Evaluate whether the Inter-State Council strengthens cooperative federalism in India.	10	CO2	BT9

**PART-D: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M**

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
10	<p>The State Legislature of Karnataka passes a law regulating “betting and gambling,” which falls under the State List (Entry 34, List II). However, one provision of the law incidentally regulates online communication platforms, which fall under the Union List (Entry 31, List I). The Union Government challenges the validity of the State law, arguing that the State has encroached upon the Union’s legislative domain.</p> <p>In this context, critically evaluate the importance of the Doctrine of Pith and Substance in maintaining federal balance in India. Decide whether the State law is constitutionally valid.</p>	10	CO2	BT12
11	Critically evaluate the importance of the Doctrine of Repugnancy in resolving conflicts between Union and State laws.	10	CO2	BT10

**PART-E: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M**

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
12	Critically analyze the constitutional framework and functions of the GST Council in India	10	CO3	BT9
13	Critically examine the role of Parliament in regulating the financial distribution between the Union and the States under the Indian Constitution, and analyse how parliamentary powers influence fiscal federalism in India.	10	CO3	BT9