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Max Marks : 100

Weightage : 50%

Instructions:

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
(ii) Question paper consists of 3 parts.
(iii) Scientific and non-programmable calculator are permitted.

PART A

ANSWER ALL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

15 X 2 = 30M

1. How many Fundamental Rights have been provided by the Constitution of India?
a) 5 (CO1) [Knowledge]
b) 7
c) 4
d) 6
2. Fundamental rights are _____% in nature.
a) Justifiable (CO1) [Knowledge]
b) Rigid
c) Non - Justifiable
d) Flexible
3. Equal pay for equal work has been ensured in Indian OCnstitution as one of the
a) Fundamental Right (CO1) [Knowledge]
b) Fundamental Duty
c) DPSP
d) Economic Right

4. Which one of the following is an indicator of the deepening of democracy? (CO2) [Knowledge]
- Installation of democratic government
 - Keeping the military away from controlling government
 - Strengthening the practices of democracy
 - Inclusion of women in party politics
5. Which of the following statements are true about challenges of expansion with respect to established democracies? (CO2) [Knowledge]
- Ensuring greater power to local governments, and extension of the federal principle to all the units of the federation.
 - Inclusion of women and minority groups, etc., fall under this challenge.
 - Most countries, including India and other democracies like the USA face this challenge.
 - All the above-given statements are true
6. The best laws are those which empower people to carry out _____ reforms. (CO2) [Knowledge]
- Democratic
 - Economical
 - Social
 - Legislative
7. The word 'Socialist' in the Preamble, aims to..... (CO3) [Knowledge]
- Eliminate inequality in economic and political status
 - Eliminate inequality in political and religious affairs
 - Eliminate inequality in income and status and standards of life
 - Eliminate class-based society.
8. is a system of government in which the power is divided between a central authority and various constituent units of the country? (CO3) [Knowledge]
- Dictatorship
 - Unitary system
 - Monarchy
 - Federalism
9. The Constitution's Preamble is (CO3) [Knowledge]
- is not applicable in courts.
 - is significant and useful.
 - explains what government is all about.
 - assists in giving our Constitution a judicial interpretation.
- 1 & 2
 - 1 & 3
 - 2 & 3
 - 1, 2, 3 & 4
10. Which of the below is not the Indian Constitution's Philosophy? (CO4) [Knowledge]
- State of Welfare
 - State of Socialism
 - Political Equality
 - Communist State

11. The goal of the 'Welfare State is to
- a) Ensure the well-being of the greatest number of people possible. (CO4) [Knowledge]
 - b) The Welfare of the weaker parts is managed.
 - c) Make healthcare facilities available.
 - d) None of the preceding
12. Which form of government structure does India's Constitution provide?
- a) Democratic (CO4) [Knowledge]
 - b) Semi-democratic
 - c) Parliamentary
 - d) Presidential
13. Media literacy means the ability to.....
- a) Read and Write (CO5) [Knowledge]
 - b) Create professional media
 - c) Understand and use media
 - d) Prepare for a career in media
14. _____ is known to be the fourth pillar of democracy.
- a) Media (CO5) [Knowledge]
 - b) Press
 - c) TV
 - d) Judiciary
15. Which of the following statements regarding Freedom of the Press is/are found to be correct?
- I. This freedom cannot be claimed by a newspaper or other publication run by a non-citizen.
 - II. The freedom of the Press, under our Constitution, is not higher than the freedom of an ordinary citizen and is subject to the same limitations as are imposed by Article 19(2) of the Indian Constitution and to those limitations only.
- a) Both are Correct (CO5) [Knowledge]
 - b) Both are incorrect
 - c) Only I
 - d) Only II

PART B

ANSWER ALL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

8 X 5 = 40M

16. Describe the main provisions of the Right to freedom of religion in India. (CO1) [Comprehension]
17. According to you, what is the main objective of making the right against exploitation, 'a fundamental right? Explain. (CO1) [Comprehension]
18. Elaborate on how democracy is based on consultations and discussions. (CO2) [Comprehension]

19. Explain the concept of 'Prime Ministerial Government' and accounts for its decline in recent times in India.
(CO3) [Comprehension]
20. Write in brief the shortcomings of electoral system in India. Suggest reforms for improving the system.
(CO4) [Comprehension]
21. Discuss the role of electronic media in shaping public opinion in India.
(CO5) [Comprehension]
22. Do you think that news channels control how people think and view the world? If Yes, Explain.
(CO5) [Comprehension]
23. Identify and elaborate the major electoral reforms done by election commission to improve election process in India?
(CO3) [Comprehension]

PART C

ANSWER ALL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

2 X 15 = 30M

24. Discuss the merits and demerits of the parliamentary system of government? Enumerate the reasons for adopting the parliamentary system in India.
(CO3) [Application]
25. Elaborate the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? Discuss its role as a guardian of the Constitution.
(CO4) [Application]
