

2017
(3rd Semester)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

THIRD PAPER
(Major Political Systems)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

1. Examine the powers and functions of the House of Commons in the UK.

Or

Write a note on the convention in the British Political System.

2. Discuss the composition and powers of the American Senate.

Or

Explain the working of federal system in the USA.

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3. Discuss the composition and powers of the Swiss Federal Council.

Or

Examine various devices of direct democracy in Switzerland.

4. Discuss the ideological basis of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China.

Or

Explain the status, powers and functions of the President of the People's Republic of China.

5. Briefly examine the role of two dominant parties in the US political system.

Or

Briefly discuss the Communist Party of China.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

(Marks : 10)

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. British has

(a) one-party system ()

(b) three-party system ()

(c) four-party system ()

(d) two-party system ()

2. The Presiding Officer of the House of Commons in the British Parliament is called

- (a) the Speaker ()
- (b) the Lord Chancellor ()
- (c) the Queen ()
- (d) the Prime Minister ()

3. Members of the House of Representatives in the USA hold office for

- (a) 2 years ()
- (b) 3 years ()
- (c) 4 years ()
- (d) 5 years ()

4. The number of members in the House of Senate is

- (a) 150 ()
- (b) 100 ()
- (c) 125 ()
- (d) 50 ()

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5. The Swiss Constitution is

- (a) rigid ()
- (b) flexible ()
- (c) partly rigid ()
- (d) partly flexible ()

6. Referendum is practised in

- (a) the USA ()
- (b) Switzerland ()
- (c) China ()
- (d) British ()

7. The highest organ of the State authority in the People's Republic of China is the

- (a) National People's Congress ()
- (b) Standing Committee ()
- (c) Supreme People's Court ()
- (d) None of the above ()

8. People's Republic of China was established on

- (a) June 3, 1948 ()
- (b) October 1, 1949 ()
- (c) August 17, 1950 ()
- (d) September 20, 1954 ()

9. The form of Government in the UK is

- (a) monarchy ()
- (b) presidential ()
- (c) parliamentary ()
- (d) dictatorship ()

10. Donald Trump, the President of the USA, belongs to

- (a) the Democratic Party ()
- (b) the Conservative Party ()
- (c) the Socialist Party ()
- (d) the Republican Party ()

SECTION—B

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following questions in about 6 sentences each :

3×5=15

1. What do you mean by 'initiative' in the Swiss Political System?

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2. Write on checks and balances in the US Constitution.

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3. Write on the position of 'State Council' in the Chinese Political System.

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4. Write a short note on the unwritten Constitution of the British Political System.

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5. Write on the 'Senatorial Courtesy' of the American President.

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