

Higher Secondary Examination, 2008
Political Science(New Syllabus)
(English version)
Group-A

1. Answer the following questions in one word as far as possible. Full sentences are not required. (Alternatives are to be noted): 1x10=10

- a) The total number of members of the Security Council is (10/15/18).
- b) Who discharges the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President?

OR, Who discharges the responsibility of the Chairman of the Council of States?

- c) What is the highest number of members of the House of the people?

OR, The Prime Minister of India is appointed by the (Supreme Court/President/ House of the People).

- d) It is (possible/not possible) to remove the Supreme Court Judges from their posts.

- e) Name the second chamber of a bicameral State Legislature.

OR, The Governors of the constituent states of India are (real/constitutional heads)

- f) Name the chief executive post of a district of the District Administration.

OR, The tenure of the members of the State Public Service Commissions is ---
----- years.

- g) Now the chief executive (DM or DC) of the districts in West Bengal (has/ has no) judicial powers.

- h) A minister (can/cannot) become member of the Panchayat Institutions.

- i) The highest office holder in a Village panchayat is (Adhyaksha/Pradhan/ Secretary).

- j) Who is the Chief Office-holder of a Zilla parishad?

Group - B

2. Give very brief answers to-the following questions (Alternatives are to be noted):
2x10=20

- a) name any two permanent member states of Security Council of the United Nations.

OR, Who constitute the General Assembly of the United nations?

- b) What is the principle of the Collective Security of the United nations?

OR, What is the meaning of the resolution on 'Uniting for Peace'?

- c) What do you understand by the collective responsibility of the Council of Ministers under the Constitution of India?

OR, What is the Constituting principle of the Council of States?

- d) Mention two standards of qualification for appointment of the Supreme Court Judges.

OR, Name any two writs for enforcing the fundamental rights.

- e) Mention two main areas of jurisdiction of the High Courts.

- f) What are the two main functions of the Chief Secretary of a State?

OR, mention any two functions of a State Secretariat.

- g) What are the two main functions of a Sub-divisional Officer?

- h) Mention two main functions of the Village Panchayat.

- i) Mention any two sources of income of the Municipalities of West Bengal.

- j) Name any two permanent Committees of the Zilla Parishad.

Group - C

3. Answer, in brief, the following questions (Alternatives are to be noted):
5x6=30

- a) Discuss the main functions of the International Court of Justice.

OR, Discuss the main functions of the Economic and Social Council of the United nations Organization.

- b) Discuss the powers of the Speaker of the House of the People.

OR, Discuss the procedure of passing money bill in the Indian Parliament.

- c) Discuss the relation between the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers in India,
- d) At which administrative stage is the BDO the head? What are his main functions?

OR, Explain the discretionary powers of the Governor.

- e) Explain the concept of Lok Adalat.

OR, What do you understand by the advisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?

- f) Explain the composition of the Municipalities in West Bengal.

OR, Explain the composition of the Panchayat Samities in West Bengal.

Group - D

4. Answer the following questions (Alternatives are to be noted): 10x4=40

- a) Discuss the main elements of national Power.

OR, Analyze the concept of the national interest.

- b) Explain the basic principles of Liberalism.

OR, Analyse the nature of Fascism.

- c) Argue for and against bicameral legislatures.

OR, Analyse the arguments for and against the principle of Separation of Powers.

- d) Discuss the powers of the President of India.

OR, Discuss the composition and functions of the Union Public Service Commission in India.