



Ba/Pol-501

2022

(5th Semester)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Paper No. : Pol-501

(Comparative Government and Politics)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 45)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. (a) What is comparative politics? Discuss the significance of the study of comparative politics. 3+6=9

Or

- (b) Discuss the changing nature and scope of comparative politics. 9

2. (a) Critically explain the systems approach to the study of comparative politics. 9

Or

- (b) Critically examine the concept of behaviouralism. 9
3. (a) "The Crown is an institution which never dies." Discuss the maxim and enumerate the powers, duties and position of the Crown. 9

Or

- (b) The House of Commons is more powerful than the House of Lords. Explain. 9
4. (a) Discuss the theory of separation of powers as incorporated in the American Constitution. 9

Or

- (b) What is judicial review? Explain its working in the USA. 2+7=9
5. (a) Discuss the functioning of political systems in the Third World countries. 9

Or

- (b) What is a Third World country? How can developing countries improve their standard of living? 2+7=9

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

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SECTION—I

(Marks : 10)

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

(a) Which political scientist defined politics as an 'authoritative allocation of values'?

- (i) David Easton ()
- (ii) Plato ()
- (iii) Jean Blondel ()
- (iv) Duverger ()

(b) Comparative politics is mostly methodological which focuses on

- (i) 'how part' of an analysis ()
- (ii) 'what part' of an analysis ()
- (iii) both (i) and (ii) ()
- (iv) Neither (i) nor (ii) ()

(c) The structural-functional approach and the input-output approach have been derived from

- (i) the political stimulation approach ()
- (ii) the quantitative approach ()
- (iii) the general systems theory approach ()
- (iv) the behavioural approach ()

(d) Which two political thinkers represent the institutional approach of comparative politics?

- (i) Almond and Coleman ()
- (ii) Easton and Dahl ()
- (iii) Duverger and Sartori ()
- (iv) Coleman and Duverger ()

(e) Who is the real executive in England?

(i) King ()

(ii) Minister ()

(iii) Privy Council ()

(iv) Lord Chancellor ()

(f) De jure sovereignty in England resides in

(i) the House of Lords ()

(ii) the Queen-in-Parliament ()

(iii) the House of Commons ()

(iv) the House of Representatives ()

(g) What is the minimum age requirement to serve as a Senator in US?

(i) 25 years ()

(ii) 30 years ()

(iii) 35 years ()

(iv) 40 years ()

(h) The spoils system in the USA began during the period of

- (i) Jefferson ()
- (ii) Washington ()
- (iii) Jackson ()
- (iv) Lincoln ()

(i) The People's Republic of China came into being in

- (i) 1946 ()
- (ii) 1949 ()
- (iii) 1951 ()
- (iv) 1978 ()

(j) In China, judges are appointed by

- (i) civil service ()
- (ii) the President ()
- (iii) election ()
- (iv) the Prime Minister ()

SECTION—II

(Marks : 10)

2. Write short notes on the following :

5+5

(a) Filibustering

(b) The Chinese Cultural Revolution

SECTION—III

(Marks : 5)

3. State whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

(a) Comparative politics involves the systematic study and comparison of the world's political systems.

(T / F)

(b) Modern approaches are marked by empirical investigation of relevant data.

(T / F)

(c) The most clear exposition of 'rule of law' is provided by Ivor Jennings.

(T / F)

(d) The first President of the Chinese Republic was Mao Zedong.

(T / F)

(e) The Third World countries are characterised by traditional society.

(T / F)

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