

2008

[1st Semester]

**POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH RURAL  
ADMINISTRATION**

*(Politics in India)*

COURSE NO.—PLS-1104

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 hours*

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their  
own words as far as practicable*

GROUP—A

[Marks : 20]

1. Answer any *one* of the following: 10

(a) How far is it correct to hold that the issue of communalisms in modern India is basically a petty-bourgeois one? Give reasons for your answer.

(b) Evaluate the role of the Indian state in negotiating linguistic diversity to determine official language/languages for India.

2. Answer any *two* of the following: 5 × 2

(a) How would you define secularism in the Indian context?

(b) What did Ambedkar and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar mean by 'democratic re-incarnation of caste'?

(c) What is meant by 'creamy layer' in regard to the identification of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in India?

GROUP - B

[Marks : 20]

3. Answer any *one* of the following: 10

(a) Explain the concept of regionalism. Attempt a classificatory scheme of regionalism.

(b) Write a brief note on the nature of coalition experiments in West Bengal and identify their distinctive trends.

4. Answer any *two* of the following: 5×2

(a) In what sense is Jharkhand movement regarded as unique among regional movements in India ?

(b) What, according to Iqbal Narain, is the 'three-dimensional framework' for understanding state politics in India ?

(c) How would you distinguish 'new' from 'old' social movements in India ?

[ *Internal Assessment* : 10 Marks ]