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M.A.

4th Semester Examination POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH RURAL ADMINISTRATION PAPER—PLS-403

Full Marks: 50

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

COURSE NO.—PLS/403/A (LGP) [Rural Local Government in India]

Group-A

(20 marks)

1. Answer any one of the following:

1×10

- (a) Discuss the historical development of Panchayat system in India before the 73rd Amendment Act, 1992.
- (b) Examine the Balwant Rai Mehta Committee's recommendation on the three-tier Panchayati Raj System.

2. Answer any two of the following:

- 2×5
- (a) What are the different mechanisms through which the state government controls the Panchayat bodies in West Bengal?
- (b) Write a short note on the Gandhian Constitution for free India drafted by S.N.Agarwal.
- (c) Briefly discuss the items specified under Eleventh Schedule in relation to the functions of Panchayat Raj Institutions

Group-B

(20 marks)

3. Answer any one of the following:

 1×10

2x5

- (a) Attempt an assessment of the Panchayat finance in West Bengal with special reference to the recommendations of the State Finance Commissions.
- (b) Identify the major problems in the relationship between Panchayat bodies and state administration at the block level in West Bengal.
- **4.** Answer any two of the following:
 - (a) Critically examine the performance of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) towards the alleviation of rural poverty.

- (b) Examine how women's participation in the Gram sabhas of West Bengal contributed to women empowerment.
- (c) Write a short note on the emerging pattern of leadership in West Bengal Panchayati Raj System.

[Internal Assessment: 10 marks]

COURSE NO.—PLS/403/B (SPSA) [Social and Political Movements in South Asia]

Group-A

(20 marks)

1. Answer any one of the following:

- 1×10
- (a) Write a critical note on the Maoist movement in Nepal.

 What were its implications for India?
- (b) Give a brief outline of the Constitutional development of Sri Lanka.
- 2. Answer any two of the following:
- 2×5
- (a) Write a short note on the structural dynamics of democracy in Pakistan.

- (b) Discuss, in brief, the role of language in the emergence of 'Bangladeshi Nationalism'.
- (c) Examine the role of San Mugathasan in the Maoist Movement in Sri Lanka.

Group-B

(20 marks)

3. Answer any one of the following:

1×10

- (a) Discuss the changing nature of agrarian movements in India with special emphasis on the rise of farmer's movements in recent times.
- (b) Give a brief outline of the ideology and strategy of the Naxalite Movement in India.
- 4. Answer any two of the following:

 2×5

- (a) What were the Major demands of Railwaymen's strike in 1974?
- (b) What are the key components of Jaya Prakash Narayan's idea of 'Total Revolution'?
- (c) What do you mean by 'Movements for autonomy'?

[Internal Assessment: 10 marks]