M.A. 1st Semester Examination, 2019 POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Politics in India (Concept and Process))

PAPER - PLS-103

Full Marks: 50

Time: 2 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

Write the answers to questions of each Group in separate books wherever necessary

GROUP-A

1. Answer any two of the following:

 2×2

(a) What do you understand by 'political modernization'?

- (b) Mention two proponents of the 'subaltern approach' to the study of the Indian State.
- (c) Who characterised India as a 'weak-strong' state?
- (d) Identify two major characteristics of the modern democratic Indian state.
- 2. Answer any two of the following: 4×2
 - (a) Discuss, in brief, the emergence of constitutionalism in India.
 - (b) How did Gunnar Myrdal explain the nature of public power in India?
 - (c) What does Atul Kohle mean by 'crisis' in the context of Indian democracy?
 - (d) Identify some of the major changes in the working of the Indian federal polity since the late 1990s.
- 3. Answer any *one* of the following: 8×1
 - (a) Examine the marxist approach to the study of the Indian state.

(b) Analyse the factors behind the 'Crisis of governability' in India.

GROUP-B

- 4. Answer any two of the following: 2×2
 - (a) Who was the Prime Minister of the 1989 coalition government in India.
 - (b) Why, is 1991 an important year in Indias political economy?
 - (c) What do you mean by LPG?
 - (d) Who is the theorist of 'India's Newspaper Revolution'?
- 5. Answer any two of the following: 4×2
 - (a) Explain the significance of the year 1967 in Indian politics.
 - (b) Discuss the major shortcomings of the Planning Commission of India.

- (c) Explain the impact of media on Indian Politics.
- (d) Write a brief note on Narmada Bachao Andolan.
- 6. Answer any one of the following: 8×1
 - (a) Does the 'Congress System' offer any new explanation of the study of party system?
 - (b) Write an essay on the context, objectives and challenges before the NITI Aayog?

[Internal Assessment - 10 Marks]