

**M.A. 4th Semester Examination, 2010**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH RURAL  
ADMINISTRATION**

*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*

**COURSE NO. — PLS-2403/A (LGP)**

**(*Rural Local Government in India*)**

**GROUP—A**

**[Marks : 20]**

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

*( Turn Over )*

(a) Analyse the major provisions of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992, and assess its impact on the process of democratic decentralisation in rural India.

(b) Write a note on the changing nature of Panchayati Raj experiments in West Bengal with special emphasis on recent developments.

2. Answer any *two* of the following :

5 × 2

(a) Identify the major milestones towards the development of rural self-government during the British rule in India.

(b) What are the different mechanisms through which the State Government controls the Panchayat bodies in West Bengal?

(c) How would you justify the utility of *Gram Unnayan Samity* as an instrument of democratic decentralisation in West Bengal?

GROUP—B

[ Marks : 20 ]

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

(a) Identify the major sources of revenue of the *Gram Panchayats* and *Panchayat Samities* in West Bengal.

(b) Examine the issues of dependency versus autonomy in identifying the Panchayats as 'institutions of self-government' in India.

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

(a) What are the main functions of the Chief Executive Officer of the *Zilla Parishad* in West Bengal?

(b) Point out the Left Front's perception of the politico-administrative realities in rural Bengal following the Panchayat elections in 1978.

(c) Discuss, in brief, the major problems of women's participation in Panchayats in West Bengal.

[ *Internal Assessment*— 10 Marks ]

COURSE NO.—PLS-2403/B (SPM)

*(Social and Political Movements in  
Post-independence India)*

GROUP—A

[Marks: 20]

1. Answer any *one* of the following : 10×1
- (a) Analyse the socio-political background of the emergence of 'new' social movements in contemporary India.
  - (b) Write a note on the changing nature of 'political trade-unionism in post-independence India with reference to recent developments.
2. Answer any *two* of the following : 5×2
- (a) What are the distinctive features of a 'new' social movement?
  - (b) How would you identify the different phases of social movements in post-independence India?
  - (c) Indicate the basic issues involved in the farmers' movements in contemporary India.

GROUP—B

[Marks: 20]

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

(a) Examine the nature of the Dalit Panther movement in the 1970s.

(b) Attempt an analysis of the Narmada Bachao Andolan.

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

(a) What, according to Jayaprakash Narayan, is the meaning of 'partyless democracy'?

(b) What is *Satyagraha*?

(c) Comment on the nature of Naxalite movement in the 1970s.

[Internal Assessment— 10 Marks]

COURSE NO.—PLS-2403/C (CPRM)

*( Basic Issues in Research Methodology )*

GROUP—A

[ Marks : 20 ]

1. Answer any *one* of the following : 10 × 1
  - (a) Write an essay on the differences between scientific research and normative research.
  - (b) Discuss the scope and limitations of positivism.
  
2. Answer any *two* of the following : 5 × 2
  - (a) What is the value of scientific research in social sciences ?
  - (b) What are the aims of normative research ?
  - (c) What is the essence of the challenge of enlightenment to the traditional approach to understanding of society ?

GROUP—B

[ Marks : 20 ]

3. Answer any *one* of the following : 10 × 1
- (a) What is meant by research design ? Mention the basic elements of formulating a research design.
  - (b) What is theory ? Indicate the major role of theory in scientific research.
4. Answer any *two* of the following : 5 × 2
- (a) What is inductivism ?
  - (b) Explain stratified random sampling.
  - (c) Define research.

[ *Internal Assessment* — 10 Marks ]