

**M.A. 4th Semester Examination, 2024**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**PAPER — PLS-403(Old)**

*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*

**GROUP — A**

**1. Answer any two questions : 2 × 2**

**(a) How local government is related to local politics ?**

(b) Mention two advantages of centralisation.

(c) Point out two major approaches to decentralisation.

(d) What do you mean by 'Participation' ?

2. Answer any *two* questions : 4 × 2

(a) Mention the merits of decentralisation.

(b) What do you mean by the political approach of decentralisation ?

(c) Explain the 'dual role' approach to the study of local government.

(d) What do you mean by 'elite capture' ?

3. Answer any *one* question : 8 × 1

(a) Discuss the various conditions necessary for the success of decentralisation.

- (b) Critically examine the various types of participation.

GROUP – B

4. Answer any *two* questions : 2 × 2

(a) Mention the name of two theorists on local government.

(b) Who has written the book : *Democracy in America* ?

(c) Mention the normative foundations of Gandhi's ideas on local government.

(d) What do you mean by local consumption ?

5. Answer any *two* questions : 4 × 2

(a) Explain J.S. Mill's contribution on the understanding of local government.

(b) What do you mean by localism ?

(c) Explain Gandhi's ideas in *Gram Swaraj*.

(d) Write a note on rural local government in Bangladesh.

6. Answer any *one* question :

8 × 1

(a) Comment on Bryce's contributions towards understanding on local government.

(b) Evaluate the fundamental claims of dual state thesis.

**[ Internal Assessment – 10 Marks ]**

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