

MA POLITICAL SCIENCE
THIRD SEMESTER (SPECIAL REPEAT)
DECENTRALIZATION & LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN INDIA
MPS-302

(Use separate answer scripts for Objective & Descriptive)

Duration : 3 hrs.

Full Marks : 70

[PART-A: Objective]

Time : 20 min.

Marks : 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

- When delegation is expanded on an organizational level, then it is known as _____
 - Deconcentration
 - Decentralization
 - Centralization
 - None of the above
- What is the meaning of the term 'equity' in the process of decentralization?
 - Impartiality
 - Fairness
 - Both of them
 - None of them
- Political Decentralization aims to give citizens or their elected representatives' more _____ in public decision- making process.
 - Assistance
 - Advice
 - Power
 - None of the above
- In the process of decentralization, the term 'Vigilance' denotes
 - Awareness
 - Fairness
 - Just
 - All of them
- Which of the following is/ are the essential conditions of Decentralization?
 - Responsibility
 - Participation
 - Transparency
 - All of them
- Who is regarded as the father of Local Self Government in India?
 - J. Nehru
 - Lord Rippon
 - M. Desai
 - Lord Mayo
- Which of the following is/ are the disadvantages of decentralization process?
 - Facilitates diversification
 - Efficient Communication
 - Ease of Expansion
 - None of the above
- In the context of grass root democracy peoples' participation signifies citizens--
 - Contesting elections to local self- governments institutions
 - Attending meetings of political parties
 - Aggregating and articulating public demands through public discussions
 - Taking part in making decisions in local bodiesWhich of the statements given above are correct?
 - (i) & (ii)
 - (i), (ii) & (iii)
 - (ii), (iii) & (iv)
 - (i), (ii), (iii) & (iv)

9. Which of the following is/are the external factors that give pressure in the decentralization process?
- Political Parties
 - Pressure Groups
 - Business Organizations
 - All of them
10. "Community Development Scheme" was launched on
- 2nd October, 1952
 - 22nd October, 1952
 - 2nd October, 1960
 - None of the above
11. Who have advocated the idea of 'Gram Swaraj'?
- Lord Rippon
 - Lord Mayo
 - Mahatma Gandhi
 - All of them
12. Following are the Compulsory Provisions of 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992—
- Establishment of Panchayats at the Village, Intermediate and District level.
 - 21 years to be the minimum age for contesting elections to Panchayats.
 - Reservation of seats for SCs and STs.
 - Providing reservation of seats for backward classes.
- Choose the correct codes:
- (i), (ii) & (iii)
 - Both (ii) & (iii)
 - Only (i)
 - All of the above
13. Which Article of the Indian Constitution deals with the 'Composition of Panchayats'?
- Article 243 A
 - Article 243 B
 - Article 243 C
 - Article 243 D
14. In which Part and Schedule of the Indian Constitution, the Panchayati Raj System was added?
- Choose the correct Pair:
- Part X & Schedule 11
 - Part IX & Schedule 10
 - Part XII & Schedule 12
 - None of the above
15. Which Committee has given the recommendation of 'Three-tier System' in Panchayati Raj Institutions?
- Ashok Mehta Committee
 - Balwantray Mehta Committee
 - L. M. Singhvi Committee
 - V. P. Singh Committee
16. Municipal Corporations are set up in big cities which are described as 'larger urban area' in as
- 72nd Amendment
 - 73rd Amendment
 - 74th Amendment
 - None of the above
17. State Finance Commission is for
- 73rd Amendment Act
 - 74th Amendment Act
 - Both
 - None of them
18. The first Municipal Corporation was established in
- Madras
 - Bombay
 - Rajasthan
 - Kerala

19. Urbanization means
- a. Migration of people from rural to urban areas
 - b. Establishment of industries
 - c. Improvement of standard of life in urban areas
 - d. None of them
20. The financial source of local government are
- a. Taxation
 - b. Grant-in-aid
 - c. Both
 - d. None of them

(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. a. Write the concept and meaning of Urbanization. 3+7=10
b. Explain its impact on any country's developmental aspect.
2. a. What is Community Development? 2+8=10
b. Explain the distinctive types of Local Government in India.
3. a. State the meaning of Local Government. 3+7=10
b. What are its important characteristics?
4. Elucidate the significance of the process of decentralization in any organization. 10
5. a. What do you understand by the term 'Decentralization'? 3+7=10
b. Discuss the advantages of the process of decentralization.
6. Explicate the role of Panchayats for sustainable Rural Development. 10
7. a. Define 11th Schedule. 2+8=10
b. State two positive facts and the functions of State Finance Commission of India.
8. Discuss briefly the historical perspective of Urban Local Government in India. 10

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