

M.Phil. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2007.

Political Science

Paper I — RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Define 'Theory'. Discuss the importance of 'theory building' in social science research.
 2. What are the basic elements of scientific method?
 3. What is hypothesis? Examine the procedures for testing hypothesis.
 4. Discuss the importance of case study method.
 5. Write an essay on survey methods.
 6. Discuss how data can be processed.
 7. Discuss the different kinds of primary sources used for data collection.
 8. Discuss the importance of research design.
 9. Explain the utility of different types of questionnaire.
 10. Write an essay on observation method.
-

Paper II — POLITICAL PROCESS - I

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the various theoretical considerations of 'Political development'.
2. Set forth the problems of 'political development'.
3. Evaluate the role of bureaucracy in political development.
4. Examine Almond and Verber's types of political culture.
5. Today in India, political culture is the link between historical experiences of politics and the need for new political forms. Discuss.
6. Explain how caste and religious divisions amongst the people have hindered national integration.
7. Critically analyse the process of policy formulation.
8. Analyse the structure functional theory with suitable examples.
9. Do you agree that in post liberalisation, the Indian economy is flourishing? State your agreements.
10. Do you favour the formation of coalition governments at the center in India? Give reasons for your answer.

Paper III — POLITICAL PROCESS — II

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. What was the impact of the emergence of T.D.P. on the union-state relations?
2. How are subjects divided between the union and states?
3. What do you understand by 'regionalism'? Analyse its role in the working of Indian politics.
4. "The growth of regional parties has become a helping factor for participatory democracy in India". Critically analyse the statement.
5. Examine the role of caste in Indian politics.
6. What is the importance given to 'charisma' in choosing a leader in Indian politics?
7. Critically analyse the role of the citizen in the decision making process.
8. Write an essay comparing class and caste in India.
9. Critically analyse the importance of local level elections in the functioning of a viable democracy.
10. What visible trends were noticed in the voting pattern of the 2004 state elections?