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TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2022

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Honours)

(4th Semester)

Course No.: PLSHCC-401T

(Political Process and Institutions in Contemporary Perspective)

Full Marks: 70
Pass Marks: 28

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

Answer any ten of the following questions: $2\times10=20$

- 1. Define new institutionalism.
- 2. What is meant by political culture?
- 3. Mention the three types of political culture identified by Almond and Verba.

- Define electoral system.
- 5. What is meant by mixed representation system?
- Mention two differences between first-pastthe-post system and proportional representation system.
- 7. What is meant by political party?
- Point out two advantages of two-party system over multi-party system.
- 9. Mention any two types of party system citing the names of the countries where they exist.
- 10. Define Nation-State.
- Mention two challenges faced by modern Nation-States.
- 12. What is meant by post-colonialism discourse?
- 13. Mention any two features of federation.
- 14. What is the difference between federation and confederation?
- 15. What is meant by cooperative federation?

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Answer any five of the following questions: 10×5=50

- 16. How is new institutionalism different from old institutionalism? Discuss the different streams of new institutionalism. 4+6=10
- 17. "Political culture is an important approach in comparative politics but with it has certain limitations." Comment.
- 18. Why did India adopt the first-past-the-post (FPTP) system? Mention the problems of the FPTP system as evident in India. 7+3=10
- 19. Discuss the major types of electoral system found in practice in contemporary world.
- **20.** Discuss the three major theories regarding the history of party system.
- 21. "Political parties are indispensable for democracy." Discuss.
- 22. Discuss the evolution of Nation-State in Western Europe.

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- 23. Make an analysis of the challenges faced by post-colonial States in nation building.
- 24. Briefly discuss the evolution of federalism.
- 25. Is federalism a panacea for conflict-prone societies? Discuss.
