



Certificate Course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

Question Paper for Examination April 2015

Paper 1

(Parliamentary Democracy)

Total Marks :80.

Duration of Examination : 2 ½ hours.

PART - A

Answer all the following questions each in a word or sentence (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

1. From which language is the word "democracy" derived from ?
2. Who was the first Minister in charge of Law in the first Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
3. Name the Maharaja who established the Travancore Legislative Council in 1888.
4. Who was the Deputy Speaker of the first Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
5. Who was the first non sitting Member to become the Chief Minister of Kerala ?
6. Which Parliament is called the 'Mother of Parliaments' ?
7. Which king of England was forced to sign the "Magna Carta" ?
8. Which House of the Indian Parliament is called the 'Council of States' ?
9. Name the famous dalit leader and social reformer who was nominated to the *Sri Mulam Praja Sabha* .
10. Who defined politics as 'the art of the possible' ?

PART - B

Answer any 10 of the following questions each in not less than 60 words .
(10 x 4 = 40 marks).

11. What was the form of democracy in India during the Vedic Period ?
12. Write a note on the Travancore Legislative Regulation of 1932 ?
13. What were the salient features of the Minto - Morley Reforms of 1909 ?
14. Briefly narrate the salient features of the Kerala Education Act of 1958 ?
15. What were the main recommendations of the Cabinet Mission of 1946 ?
16. What were the main sources in drafting the Constitution of India ?
17. What were the powers and nature of democratic institutions in ancient Rome ?
18. What is the significance of the "Bill of Rights" enacted by the Parliament of England in 1689 ?
19. Write a note on the 'Westminster System of Government'?
20. Write a brief note on the Agrarian Relations Bill 1957 of the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
21. Write a short note on the Constituent Assembly of India ?
22. How are the Members of the two Houses of the Indian Parliament elected ?
23. What were the main provisions of the Montague Chelmsford Reforms ?
24. Write a short note on the Travancore - Cochin Integration ?
25. What is the importance of "Magna Carta" in the attainment of rights and liberties ?

PART - C

Answer any two of the following question each in not less than 360 words .
(2 x 15 = 30 marks).

26. What are the salient features of the Indian Constitution ?
27. Write a note on the Kerala Legislative Assembly as a role model of progressive legislations .
28. ' In a democracy , people are their own masters ' . Discuss the salient features of democracy and the glory of democratic institutions.



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Paper 2

(Legislature, Executive & Judiciary-Constitutional Provisions)

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Duration of Examination : 2 ½ hours.

PART - A

Answer all the following questions each in a word or sentence (10 x 1= 10 marks)

1. What is the main source of parliamentary privilege in India ?
2. What is the term of office of the Vice-President of India?
3. Who is the present Chairman of the Committee of Privileges and Ethics of the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
4. In which House of the Indian Parliament can a Money Bill be introduced ?
5. What is the maximum number of seats that a Legislative Assembly of a State can have as per the Constitution of India ?
6. How long can the life of State Legislative Assembly be extended at a time by an Act of Parliament during the proclamation of emergency ?
7. What is the minimum age limit fixed for membership in the Legislative Council ?
8. Who conducts the scrutiny of nomination papers in an election process ?
9. Who is the judicial officer of the lowest civil courts in India ?
10. Name the authority who conducts the election of the Vice-President of India.

PART – B

Answer any 10 of the following questions each in not less than 60 words .
(10 x 4 = 40 marks).

11. Write a note on the Committee of Privileges and ethics of the Kerala Legislative Assembly .
12. Write a short note on the privileges based on precedents .
13. Comment on the power of the Houses in the expulsion of Members on the ground of breach of privilege.
14. What is the procedure laid down in the Constitution of India , for the impeachment of the President ?
15. Write a note on 'Council of Ministers' .
16. Comment on the Legislative powers of Governor .
17. Write a short note on 'election petition' .
18. Explain briefly disqualification on the ground of 'office of profit' .
19. On which circumstances is adjournment of poll ordered in an election .
process ?
20. What is 'habeas corpus' ?
21. What are the qualifications for membership of the State Legislature ?
22. Comment on the original jurisdiction of Supreme Court of India .
23. Comment on 'electoral offenses' .
24. What are the Financial powers of Governor ?
25. Comment on the term 'Pleasure of President' in holding the office of Governor ?

PART - C

**Answer any two of the following question each in not less than 360 words .
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26. Describe the Constitutional position and powers of the President of India .
27. How is independence of judiciary maintained under the Constitution of India ?
28. What are the functions of the Election Commission of India ?



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Paper 3

(Laws and Rules Regulating Practice and Procedure of Parliament and State Legislature)

Total Marks :80.

Duration of Examination : 2 ½ hours.

PART A

Answer all the following questions each in a word or sentence (10 x 1= 10 marks)

1. Before whom does the pro tem Speaker of a Legislative Assembly of a state take the oath or affirmation?
2. Name the first Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
3. What is the amount of fine per day for taking part in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly without taking the oath or affirmation ?
4. Who prepares the 'List of Business' of a Legislative Assembly ?
5. Who recognizes a person as 'Leader of Opposition' of the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
6. What is the maximum permissible time gap between two sessions of a Legislative Assembly as per the Constitution of India ?

7. Who is the Ex Officio Chairman of the Business Advisory Committee of the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
8. In which day is Private Members Business transacted in the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
9. A Member who desires to resign his seat in the Assembly address his resignation to
10. Name the Legislature Committee which examines the consolidated report of the accounts audited by the Director of Local Fund Audit ?

PART B

**Answer any 10 of the following questions each in not less than 60 words .
(10 x 4 = 40 marks).**

11. What is meant by 'Summons to Members' ?
12. Explain the term 'precincts of the Assembly' as regards the Kerala Legislative Assembly .
13. Briefly explain 'Panel of Chairmen' .
14. Write a short note on 'List of Business' .
15. Explain "Calling Attention" .
16. What is the importance of 'Adjournment Motion' in parliamentary proceedings ?
17. Write a short note on the constitution of Legislature Committees .
18. Distinguish between Select Committee and Standing Committee .
19. Explain the term 'Closure Motion' ?
20. What are the main functions of the Committee on Environment of the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?

21. Distinguish between 'Confidence Motion' and 'No Confidence Motion' .
22. Define the term 'Leader of the House' and briefly describe his responsibilities.
23. What is meant by 'Quorum' to constitute a meeting of the Legislature Committee ?
24. What are the main functions of the Subject Committees of the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
25. What is meant by 'Statutory Resolution' ?

PART C

**Answer any two of the following question each in not less than 360 words .
(2 x 15 = 30 marks) .**

26. What are the powers and functions of the Speaker of a State Assembly ?
27. Legislature Committees are often called 'Miniature Legislatures' ; Discuss .
28. "Question is an effective tool to ensure Executive Accountability to the House" Explain .



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Paper 4

(Legislative Procedure & Procedure in Financial Matters)

Total Marks :80.

Duration of Examination : 2 ½ hours.

PART A

Answer all the following questions each in a word or sentence (10 x 1= 10 marks)

1. Who certifies a Bill as a Money Bill ?
2. Who is authorised to promulgate an Ordinance under Article 213 of the Constitution ?
3. What is the meaning of the words "legis latio" ?
4. If an Ordinance promulgated is not replaced by a Bill of the House, the Ordinance will lapse on completion days from the date of reassembly of the House .
5. Who is the authority to order publication of a Bill in the Gazette in the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
6. where is the commencement clause usually enumerated in a Bill ?
7. What is the common name of the Bill presented and piloted in the House by a member other than a Minister ?

8. In which Schedule of the Constitution was the Kerala Land Reforms Act, 1963 included ?
9. The expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State relating to the emoluments and allowance of Governor is categorized asAccount.
10. Bye-Law is a form of Legislation .

PART B

**Answer any 10 of the following questions each in not less than 60 words .
(10 x 4 = 40 marks).**

11. Define the term "Vote on Account" .
12. What is the importance of Financial Memorandum in a Bill ?
13. Explain briefly the 'Third Reading of a Bill' .
14. What is an Appropriation Bill ?
15. Describe briefly the three lists under the 7th Schedule of the Indian Constitution of India .
16. Explain the term "token grant" .
17. What are residuary powers ?
18. What is meant by Excess Demands for Grants ?
19. What is the relevance of Schedules in a Bill ?
20. What is meant by Supplementary Demands for Grants ?
21. What is the importance of 'Statement of objects and reasons' in a Bill ?
22. Briefly explain the process of reconsideration of a Bill returned by the Governor with a message .
23. Write a note on the laying of documents on the Table of the House ?
24. What is meant by Finance Bill ?
25. Describe briefly the procedures for withdrawal of a Bill .

PART C

**Answer any two of the following question each in not less than 360 words .
(2 x 15 = 30 marks).**

26. Write an essay on the different types of Bills and their peculiarities .
27. Explain briefly the role of Legislative Assembly in transacting the Financial Business of the Government .
28. What are the main differences between Original Legislation and Subordinate Legislation; critically examine its limitations ?
