

Model topic for Assignments

Paper I

Parliamentary Democracy

1. Milestones in the Parliamentary History of India.
2. The Growth and Development of Parliamentary Democracy in the world - A Sketch
3. Features of a federal constitution.
4. Salient features of the Indian Constitution.
5. The philosophy of the preamble of the Indian Constitution.
6. History of the Legislative Bodies of Travancore & Cochin.
7. Land Reforms Acts of Kerala and the IX Schedule of the Constitution.
8. Controversies and Constitutional Amendments.
9. Major Social Welfare Legislations made by the Kerala Legislative Assembly.
10. The importance of Second Reading in law making.

Paper II

Legislature, Executive & Judiciary - Constitutional Provisions

1. The process of removal of President from his office.
2. The functions of the Vice-President of India.
3. Special Leave to appeal in Supreme Court
4. The Salary and Service conditions of Judges of High Court.
5. The Qualifications needed for appointment as Governor.
6. Ordinary Bills & Money Bills.
7. Ordinance making power of the Executive.
8. Privileges based on precedents.
9. Universal Adult Franchise.
10. Anti defection laws in India.

Paper III

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

1. Role of Subject Committees in subordinate legislation.
2. Legislative control over Executive in financial matters through Financial Committees.
3. The role played by the Committee on Environment in resolving the environmental problems of the State.
4. Secret sitting of Parliament and Legislature and its relevance.
5. A criticism on the conduct of Members in the House.
6. The relevance of Question hour in Parliamentary proceedings.
7. Notice of resolution for removal of Speaker/Deputy Speaker, including precedents.
8. Power of a Committee of the Legislature to take evidence or call for documents.
9. Preparation and presentation of Reports by Committees.
10. Relationship between Legislature Committees and the Public.

PAPER IV

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE & PROCEDURE IN FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Supreme legislation
2. Subordinate legislation
3. Principles of legislation
4. Seventh Schedule of the Constitution/ Legislative competence/ Doctrine of pith and substance/ colourable legislation etc.
5. Residuary powers
6. Select Committees
7. Committee on Subordinate Legislation
8. Vote on Account
9. Supplementary Demand for Grants
10. President/Governor's role in legislation.
