



Certificate Course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

Question Paper for Examination April 2016

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. Who was the first Prime Minister of Travancore ?
2. Who piloted the Kerala Education Bill 1958 ?
3. What does the word 'demos' means ?
4. Who was the Chairman of the drafting committee of the Constitution of India ?
5. Which Act introduced 'Diarchy' in India ?
6. Which city state is known as the cradle of Democracy ?
7. Which House of the Indian Parliament is the Upper House ?
8. On which date was the Constitution of India adopted by the Constituent Assembly ?
9. In which year, the "Magna Carta" was signed by King John of England ?
10. Who defined democracy as 'the government of the people , by the people and for the people' ?

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 Cabinet Mission of 1946.
12. Describe briefly the bicameral Legislative Body formed in Travancore in 1933.
13. Write a note on the salient features of the First Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala .
14. What is 'Constitutional Monarchy'; How does it differ from Parliamentary Republic ?
15. Briefly describe the origin of the Legislative Body of Cochin .
16. What are the features of Athenian form of Democracy ?
17. Explain the term ' Westminster form of Government' .
18. Explain how the concept of Prime Ministerial Government originated in Britain .
19. Briefly explain the salient features of the 'Government of India Act 1935' .
20. Write a short note on the Kerala Land Reforms Act 1963 .
21. Write a short note on the first meeting of the Travancore Legislative Council and its composition .
22. Write a note on the preamble of the Constitution of India .
23. How grass root democracy was established and maintained in Ancient India?
24. What were the nature and powers of democratic institutions in Ancient Rome ?
25. 'Democracy is synonymous with freedom'; Briefly explain .

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 features of parliamentary form of Government ?
27. Explain the evolution of Legislative Body of Kerala during the pre independence period ?
28. Write an essay on the social welfare legislations made so far by the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

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Paper 2

Legislature, Executive & Judiciary-Constitutional Provisions

Total Marks :80.

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PART - A

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

1. What is the maximum period that a non member of a Legislature can act as a Minister ?
2. What type of freedom is guaranteed under Article 105(1) of the Constitution of India ?
3. Which is the Permanent House of the Indian Parliament ?
4. What is the minimum age limit prescribed for a person to be eligible for appointment as Governor of a State in India ?
5. Who is bound to give legal advice to the government of a State ?
6. What portion of the members of the Legislative Council will retire after every two years ?
7. What is the minimum age fixed for membership in the Legislative Assembly ?
8. Who appoints the Judges of the Supreme Court of India ?
9. How many Members constitute the Election Commission of India at present ?
10. What is the normal period within which an election petition has to be filed ?

PART - B

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

11. What are the main sources of Parliamentary Privileges in India ?
12. What are the qualifications prescribed for membership in the Parliament of India ?
13. Explain how a question of privilege is raised in the Assembly.
14. What do you mean by the Doctrine of separation of powers ?
15. Briefly explain about the Legislative powers of Governor.
16. Write a note on the Appellate Jurisdiction of Supreme Court .
17. Comment on the process of scrutiny of nomination papers .
18. Write a note on 'Habeas Corpus'.
19. What is the object of Parliamentary Privileges ?
20. Explain briefly about disqualification for membership of State Legislature.
21. Explain the term 'ordinarily resident'.
22. Explain the Difference between Rajyasabha and Loksabha ?
23. Define Bi-Cameral and Uni-Cameral Legislature .
24. Comment on the creation and abolition of Second Chambers in States .
25. Give a brief account about the counting of votes and declaration of result.

PART - C

Answer any two of the following question each in not less than 360 words .
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26. Explain the powers of President of India.
27. 'In India, Judiciary is independent' • comment.
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. Who Summon the House of the Legislature of a State ?
2. Name the present Speaker of Lok Sabha ?
3. How many Subject Committees are there in the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
4. Who prepares the 'List of Business' of a Legislative Assembly ?
5. To whom shall a Member who desires to resign his seat in the Assembly, address his resignation ?
6. Who is the present Chairman of the Committee on Estimates of the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
7. Name the Committee which recommends the time that should be allocated for discussion of Government Business for a session ?
8. What is the maximum period for which leave of absence can be applied for by a Member of Legislative Assembly at a time ?

9. In which year the system of Subject Committees was introduced in the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
10. Who accepts the resignation of a Member from a Committee of a Legislative Assembly ?

PART - B

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

11. Explain the term 'Speaker protem' and specify his functions.
12. Briefly explain the term 'Leader of Opposition'.
13. Write a note on 'Panel of Chairmen' .
14. Briefly explain procedure for 'election of Speaker ' of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.
15. Write a note on discussion on Governor's Address.
16. Explain 'Calling Attention'.
17. Write a short note on Financial Committees of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.
18. What is the procedure for witness examination as regards the Committee of the Kerala Legislative Assembly ?
19. Explain 'Prorogation of the House'.
20. What is the difference between a 'Select Committee' and 'Standing Committee' ?
21. Explain the main functions of the Committee on the Welfare of Women, Children and Physically handicapped of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.
22. Write a note on 'No Confidence Motion'.

23. Distinguish between 'Government Resolution' and 'Private Members' Resolution'.
24. What are the different types of Assembly Questions ?
25. Write a short note on 'Half an Hour Discussion'.

PART - C

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

26. "Within the walls of the House, his authority is Supreme" Elaborate with reference to the powers of the Speaker.
27. Describe the procedure in moving an Adjournment Motion and the importance thereon.
28. Describe the various functions of Legislature Committees of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

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Paper 4

Legislative Procedure & Procedure in Financial Matters

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PART - A

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

1. From which language is the words 'legis latio' derived ?
2. Which is the shortest list under the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution ?
3. What is the name of the Committee of the Kerala Legislative Assembly which stands corresponding to the Departmentally Related Standing Committee of the Parliament ?
4. "Bye -Law" is a form of..... Legislation.
5. Who authenticates a Bill as a Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly ?
6. A..... Bill is not referred to Subject Committee for consideration after introduction in the Assembly.
7. To whom may the Governor reserve a Bill , if required, for consideration ?
8. Name the account which is the non votable part of the Budget ?
9. Which part of a Bill functions as a preface to it and sets out its purposes ?
10. Who can promulgate an Ordinance under Article 123 of the Constitution ?

PART - B

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

11. Briefly explain the long title and short title of a Bill .
12. Write a note on 'cut motion' .
13. What is the procedure for passing an Appropriation Bill ?
14. What is the difference between a Government Bill and a Private Member Bill ?
15. What are the factors responsible for the growth of subordinate legislation ?
16. Explain briefly three lists under the Schedule VII of the Constitution.
17. What is the difference between 'Rule' and 'Act' ?
18. What is an Ordinance Replacing Bill ?
19. What is the importance of Vote on account ?
20. Write a note on the role of Subject Committees in the legislative process .
21. Explain the importance of Finance Bill .
22. Briefly explain the procedure for withdrawal of Bill .
23. Write a short note about Supplementary Demands for Grants .
24. Briefly explain the process of second reading of Bill .
25. Write a note about the laying of Subordinate Legislation.

PART - C

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

26. Give an account of the process of transformation of a Bill in to an Act.
27. Explain about the role of Legislative Assembly in transacting the Financial Business of the Government .
28. Discuss briefly the Judicial and Legislative Control over delegated legislation.

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