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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026**

**Third Semester**

**B.A. Political Science**

**B23PS03DC – Comparative Politics**

**(2024 July Admissions)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. Who developed the Systems Analysis approach?
2. How many major political parties dominate US politics?
3. What is the upper house in the UK called?
4. Which revolution influenced the development of political science?
5. Which approach treats political systems like living organisms?
6. How many members are in the Swiss Federal Council?
7. Name one disadvantage of a multi-party system.
8. What is vote of no confidence?
9. Name any one modern approach to Comparative Politics.
10. Name any one output of the political system.
11. What is dual federalism?
12. Who is the commander-in-chief in the US?
13. Who has veto power in the US system?
14. In which system is fusion of powers seen?
15. What is the supreme judicial body in the UK?

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.**

16. What are the Input functions?
17. What is the major advantage claimed for a one-party system?
18. What is meant by "devolution" in the UK?
19. How does the role of the Governor General reflect Canada's quasi-federal structure?
20. Discuss how the concept of "collective responsibility" operates in the British Cabinet.
21. How is the President of the United States elected?

22. Discuss the shift from traditional to modern approaches in Comparative Politics.
23. How has globalization influenced Comparative Politics?
24. What is meant by environmental influences in a political system?
25. How can amendments be made to the U.S. Constitution?
26. What is the role of conventions in the British constitution?
27. How does Switzerland combine federalism with direct democracy?
28. Explain the two-party system in the USA and its impact on elections.
29. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a multi-party system in France.
30. What is the role of referendums and initiatives in Swiss constitutionalism?

**(2X10=20)**

### **Section C**

**Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.**

31. Explain the role of Supreme Court in USA.
32. Discuss the evolution and growth of Party System in USA.
33. Explain the parliamentary system in the UK and the role of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
34. Compare the parliamentary system in the UK with the presidential system in the USA in terms of executive-legislative relations.
35. Describe the nature and scope of Comparative Politics, highlighting its relevance for understanding political systems across different countries.
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37. Explain why Canada is often described as a federation with strong unitary tendencies.
38. Explain the role of identity politics, democratization, and technological change in shaping modern comparative political analysis. Discuss with relevant examples.
39. Examine the major factors that contributed to the growth of Comparative Politics as a distinct sub-discipline after World War II.
40. How does parliamentary sovereignty shape UK constitutionalism?

**(4X5=20)**

### **Section D**

**Answer any two of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

41. Describe the role and powers of President of USA.
42. Describe the major features of the Canadian federal system that make it “quasi-federal”.
43. Explain the nature and characteristics of One- Party System in China.
44. Examine Gabriel Almond’s structural–functional approach and explain how it contributes to comparative political analysis.

**(10X2=20)**