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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, AUGUST 2025
Second Semester
M.A. Political Science
M23PS07DC – 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 among the ancient political thinkers is considered one of the first to use the comparative method?
2. Which approach to the study of politics is considered the oldest?
3. Who introduced the concept of consociational democracy?
4. According to Harold Lasswell, what is the study of politics?
5. Which approach is the study of the formal structures of political organizations?
6. Name the types of democracy
7. Name 2 countries that follow the federal system.
8. What is a radical political party?
9. What kind of party system exists in India?
10. In Canada, what is the name of the key document that guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms?
11. What is the "comprador class" in a post-colonial state?
12. Which form of democracy is characterized by elected officials governing on behalf of the people?
13. What is the meaning of 'division of powers'?
14. What is the term for the idea that promotes a political system ruled by laws and rules rather than individual authority?
15. What is meant by decolonization?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. What is the main distinction between comparative politics and comparative government?
17. What is a 'dollar democracy'?

18. Differentiate between authoritarian and totalitarian regimes.
19. Explain the dependency perspective on post- colonial states.
20. What is the spoils system?
21. Name the upper and lower houses of the US legislature.
22. Define political culture.
23. Which party system exists in the US? Name the important political parties in the USA
24. What is the meaning of the 'first-past- the -post' system?
25. How has globalization changed sovereignty?

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. What are the main characteristics of comparative politics in its modern phase?
27. Explain the concept of political economy and its different perspectives.
28. Briefly explain different theoretical approaches of New Institutionalism.
29. Briefly explain authoritarianism; its features & types.
30. Compare the post-colonial states of India and Pakistan.
31. Explain the emergency provisions in the Indian Constitution.
32. Briefly explain the Swiss Confederation.
33. What are the reasons for the Indian constitution being the lengthiest in the world?

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Explain the traditional approaches in comparative politics.
35. Explain the conditions required for a successful democracy.
36. Analyze the impact of colonization and decolonization in Asia & Africa.
37. What are the salient features of the constitution of the USA?
38. Compare and analyse the constitutions of France & Switzerland.
39. Write an essay on the national parties of India.

(10X3=30)