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Second Semester B.A. Degree Examination, August 2024

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Political Science

Complementary Course VI for English

PS 1231.4 : DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

(2022 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer **all** questions. Each answer shall not exceed **one** or **two** sentences. Each answer carries **1** mark.

1. Financial Decentralisation.
2. Delegation.
3. Participatory democracy.
4. Ashok Mehta committee.
5. Self-Help Groups.
6. Municipal Corporation.
7. People's Planning.

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8. Grama Swaraj.
9. Women Empowerment.
10. Social Audit.

PART – B

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer any **eight** questions. Each answer shall not exceed **one** paragraph. Each answer carries **2** marks.

11. What is meant by functional decentralisation?
12. Write a short note on Participatory planning.
13. Short note on devolution of power.
14. What is the role played by Finance commission in local administration?
15. Write short note on Belwant Rai Mehta Committee.
16. Discuss the objectives of social audit.
17. Discuss the role played by 'ayalkootam's in grass root level development.
18. Discuss the important of Grama Sabha in local governance.
19. Elucidate the significance of people's planning in Kerala.
20. Point out the advantages of decentralized planning.
21. Explain, how decentralisation brings accountability and transparency in local administration?
22. Discuss the organizational structure of Kudumbasree units.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

PART – C

Answer any **six** questions. Each answer shall not exceed **120** words. Each answer carries **4** marks.

23. Examine the various dimensions of decentralisation in detail.
24. Critically examine the main features of 74th Constitutional Amendment Act.
25. Evaluate the merits and demerits of delegation of power.
26. Discuss in detail the significance of participatory democracy.
27. Suggest the ways to enhance people's participation in democratic process.
28. Analyse the organizational structure and functions of Panchayati Raj bodies.
29. Explain the role of Ayalkootam in the process of women empowerment.
30. Discuss the features of Rural Administration in India.
31. What are the challenges faced by local governing bodies in India?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

PART– D

(Essay)

Answer any **two** questions. **Each** answer carries **15** marks.

32. Explain why empowerment is considered as a major component of democratic decentralisation in India.
33. Evaluate the strength and weakness of the idea and practice of 'participatory planning'.
34. Discuss the organization, structure and functions of Municipalities and Corporations in India.
35. Examine the objectives of people's planning programme in Kerala.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)