PUNJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH Semester - III

B.A. (General) Second Year Examination 2015-16 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Time: 3 Hours Theory: 90 Marks
Max. Marks: 100 Internal Assessment: 10 Marks

Objectives

This paper provides students with a basic knowledge of the fundamental elements and institutors of government, politics and processes in India at both the Centre and State levels.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTERS AND CANDIDATES:

1. The syllabus has been divided into four units:

There shall be 9 questions in all. The first question is compulsory and shall be short answer containing 15 short questions spread over the whole syllabus to be answered in about 25 to 30 we each. The candidates are required to attempt any 9 short answer type questions carrying 18 mans 2 marks of each. Rest of the paper shall contain 4 units. Each unit shall have two essay type questions and the candidate shall be given internal choice of attempting one question from each unit—4 in a Each question will carry 18 marks.

II. For private candidates, who have not been assessed earlier for internal assessment, the secured by them in theory paper will proportionately be increased to maximum marks of the paper lieu of internal assessment.

The paper setter must put note (ii) in the question paper.

Unit-

- Basic Features of Indian Constitution.
- 2. Preamble and its Perceptions.
- 3. Indian Federalism-Meaning and its Features.
- 4. Centre State Relations (Legislative, Administrative and Financial)

Unit-II

- 1. Fundamental Rights (Art 14-Art 32), Meaning, Explanation, Criticism and Importance.
- 2. Fundamental Duties-Meaning, Explanation, Evaluation (Criticism and Importance)
- 3. Directive Principles of State Policy (Art 36-Art 51) Liberal, Socialist, International Gandhian-Meaning, Explanation, Sanctions, Criticism and Importance.

UNIT-III

- 1. President: Election, Power, Position and Changing Role.
- 2. Parliament: Composition, Powers and Role.
- 3. Cabinet:-(a) Parliamentary Features.
 - (b) Prime Minister: Election, Powers, Position and Changing Role.
- Supreme Court: Composition, Powers and Judicial Review.

UNIT-IV

- 1. Governor: Appointment, Powers and Role.
- 2. State Legislature: Composition, Powers and Role of Legislative Assembly/Vidhan Sabha.
- 3. Council of Ministers and Chief Minister: Election, Powers, Position and Role.
- 4. High Court: Composition, powers and its role.