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**ST JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU -27**

**M.A (POLITICAL SCIENCE) – I SEMESTER**

**SEMESTER EXAMINATION: OCTOBER 2023**

**(Examination conducted in November /December 2023)**

**PS 7123- INDIAN CONSTITUTION: A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE**

**(For current batch students only)**

**Time: 2 Hours Max Marks: 50**

**This paper contains 2 printed page and 2 parts**

**PART-A**

**Answer any FOUR out of the following SIX questions in 60-80 words each (4X5= 20 Marks)**

1. Examine the profound meaning and significance of the Preamble as the soul of the Indian Constitution, and how it continues to inspire the nation's democratic journey.

2. Define and illustrate the concept of constitutional morality and its role in upholding democratic values and principles within the framework of the Indian Constitution.

3. Analyze the key provisions and implications of the Citizens Amendment Bill in the context of citizenship and the evolving discourse on immigration and refugees in India.

4. Discuss the historical significance of the Objective Resolution in guiding the principles and values that underpin the Indian Constitution and its relevance in modern India.

5. In the context of the Indian Constitution, discuss the nuanced interplay between fundamental rights and directive principles of state policy. Additionally, analyze the evolving judicial perspectives on striking a balance between individual rights and the socio-economic objectives envisaged in the directive principles.

6. What constitutes the interrelationship between the nature of political development and constitutional design in India. Substantiate your argument with suitable examples.

**Answer any THREE out of the following FIVE questions in 150-200 words each (3X10= 30 Marks)**

7. How have Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution evolved over time to protect individual liberties and promote social justice, and what landmark cases have shaped their interpretation?

8. How does India's constitutional framework balance the powers between the Union and the States, while also recognizing the unique governance needs, to promote grassroot democracy through Panchayats and Municipalities?

9. Discuss the phenomenon of political business cycles in the context of Indian politics and economics, and analyze its effects on government policies and electoral cycles, with a focus on the Indian scenario.

10. How did the Constituent Assembly navigate the complex web of debates surrounding Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles, Citizenship, and Federalism, and how did these discussions influence the final shape of the Indian Constitution?

11. Discuss the relationship between the shifting trajectory of Electoral Politics and Constitutional Amendments in contemporary India. Substantiate your argument citing suitable examples.

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