**ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), BANGALORE-27**

**M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE- 2nd SEMESTER**

**END-SEMESTER TEST- APRIL 2017**

**PS 8115 - Contemporary Debates in India’s Political System**

*This paper has two pages and three parts*

**Time: 2 ½ hours Max Marks 70**

**PART A**

**Answer the following MANDATORY questions within 25 words (2X10=20 marks)**

1. Why is India regarded as quasi-federal state?
2. Which party was the precursor to Bharatiya Janata Party? Give a reason for its eventual collapse.
3. List two regional parties in Uttar Pradesh and mention their ideological leanings.
4. Under which government was the Mandal Commission formed? Which government finally implemented some of its measures?
5. What are the different types of pressure groups in a democracy like India?
6. What are the two consequences of the politicization of bureaucracy?
7. Name four national political parties in India.
8. Describe the federal structure of India.
9. Write any two recommendations of the Sarkaria commission.
10. What is the significance of 61st Amendment of Indian Constitution?

**PART B**

**Answer any TWO of the following three questions within 250 words (2X10=20 marks)**

1. Explain the rise of coalition politics in India with the example of Janata Party and its affiliates.
2. Highlight the different methods and strategies adopted by pressure groups in India?
3. Analyse the Centre-State relations in context of Article 356 of the Indian constitution.

**PART C**

**Answer any TWO of the following three questions within 450 words (2X15= 30 marks)**

1. Do you think Media is one of the important avenues of forming public opinion? Give suitable examples to bolster your argument.
2. Do you agree with Myron Wiener’s assessment that Indian democracy survived due to Congress party dominance? Supplement your answers with suitable examples.
3. Analyse corruption as a social, economic and political problem. Highlight the initiatives in the three domains to curb this menace.