ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2016

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

[ Field of Study Code : POLM (220) ]

Time Allowed : 3 hours  Maximum Marks : 100

All questions carry equal marks

Answer any three questions

1. What do you understand by a coalition government? Do you think the coalition government is more representative and therefore democratic? What could be the disadvantages of coalition government?

2. Explain the distinction between elite and mass nationalisms as two forms of anti-colonial nationalism in India. What were the salient features of Indian nationalism during the freedom struggle?

3. Is imperialism still a useful concept to understand international relations today?

4. Discuss at least three different arguments that J. S. Mill uses to defend the freedom of speech and expression. How would you advocate of free speech respond to the problem of ‘hateful’ or ‘harmful’ speech?

5. Judicial activism has become a significant attribute of the Indian Supreme Court’s functioning, making it one of the world’s most powerful judicial bodies. Critically discuss this statement with reference to Supreme Court’s role as an activist court since the 1980s.

6. Examine the relationship between legitimacy and authority. What are the different views on these two concepts in political theory?

7. Critically analyze the role of interest groups in democracy.