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Constitutional Law of India-II**Paper - 502**

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer Q. No. 1 and any five from the rest.**

1. Answer any **ten** questions: 2×10=20
- a) Under which circumstances can the President exercise a pocket veto?
 - b) Write two significance of Article 123 of the Constitution of India.
 - c) What is meant by “compensatory tax” in the context of Article 301?
 - d) What is the purpose of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution?
 - e) What is the role of the Governor in Centre-State relations?
 - f) What is meant by President’s Rule under Article 356?

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- g) Which Fundamental Right cannot be suspended during an Emergency?
- h) Can courts interfere in electoral matters before completion of elections?
- i) When is State ratification required for a constitutional amendment?
- j) Is the Doctrine of Pleasure absolute in India?
- k) What is meant by curative petition?
- l) What is meant by the High Court's power of superintendence?

2. 'During a proclaimed National Emergency, the government suspends enforcement of Article 21 by executive order.' Discuss the following in the light of above:

- i) Scope of rights suspension.
- ii) Constitutional safeguards post-44th Amendment.

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3. Following the implementation of GST, a State imposes additional surcharges on inter-State movement of certain commodities citing local revenue needs. In the light of above explain :

- i) Impact of GST on Part XIII.
- ii) Federal economic unity.

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4. Compare the Doctrine of Pleasure in India with its operation under English constitutional law. 12
5. Critically examine recent judicial trends concerning the appointment and independence of Election Commissioners. 12
6. Examine the transformation of judicial review of Article 356 from *State of Rajasthan v. Union of India* to *S.R. Bommai v. Union of India*. 12
7. 'Indian federalism is asymmetric and centrally tilted.'

Evaluate this assertion with reference to administrative and financial relations. 12

8. Distinguish between regulatory measures and restrictions under Article 301. How has the Supreme Court interpreted this distinction? 12
9. Analyse the constitutional validity of a President's refusal to assent to a non-money bill passed repeatedly by Parliament. What remedies, if any, are available? 12