

ICSE Board Class 12 2026 Political Science Question Paper

Time Allowed :3 Hours	Maximum Marks :70	Total Questions :36
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General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. The paper is divided into Section A and Section B.
2. Section A includes objective-type questions.
3. All questions in Section A are compulsory.
4. Section B includes short answer, and long answer type questions.
5. Answers must be written legibly within the word limit.
6. Use of unfair means or electronic devices is prohibited.
7. Follow the correct format and instructions for each section.

Section - A

1(i). Which of the following is a distinctive feature of a Federal State?

- (A) Concentration of powers in the central government
- (B) Devolution of powers to other levels of government
- (C) Delegation of powers to other levels of government
- (D) Constitutional division of powers between federal and state governments

(ii). The Constitution of India is a long and comprehensive document drawn from many sources. It responds to rapid changes in society. In terms of constitutional design, the Constitution of India can BEST be described as:

- (A) Written and Rigid
- (B) Partly Rigid and Partly Flexible
- (C) Unwritten and Flexible
- (D) Enacted and Rigid

(iii). Given below are two statements marked Assertion and Reason. Read the statements carefully and choose the correct option.

Assertion: If the President of the United States vetoes legislation, it is extremely difficult for Congress to override the veto without the support of both the parties.

Reason: A veto can only be overridden by a two-thirds majority of both the houses.

- (A) Both Assertion and Reason are true and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.
 - (B) Both Assertion and Reason are true but Reason is not the correct explanation for Assertion.
 - (C) Assertion is true and Reason is false.
 - (D) Both Assertion and Reason are false.
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(iv). Given below are two statements marked Assertion and Reason. Read them carefully and choose the correct option.

Assertion: In a country with a bi-party system, political power tends to alternate between two political parties.

Reason: Only two political parties exist in such countries.

- (A) Both Assertion and Reason are true and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.
 - (B) Both Assertion and Reason are true but Reason is not the correct explanation for Assertion.
 - (C) Assertion is true and Reason is false.
 - (D) Both Assertion and Reason are false.
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(v) Observe the relation between the first two words/phrases and complete the analogy.

Declaration of War in India : President :: Declaration of War in the United States : ?

(vi) A constitution that can be amended through a process that is identical or similar to the process of enacting laws is?

(vii) Under Article 356 of the Constitution of India, if there is a breakdown of constitutional machinery in a state, President's Rule can be imposed.

(viii). State whether the following are True or False:

- (A) Local self-government is enshrined in the Constitution of India.
- (B) All provisions given in the Constitution of India can be amended by the same procedure.

(C) The Constitution of the United States gives equal representation to all fifty states in the Senate.

(D) The Right to Education (Article 21A) is an example of a Directive Principle that was given the justiciable status of a Fundamental Right through an amendment to the Constitution of India.

(ix) Answer the following questions in one word/phrase.

Section - B

2. Explain two differences between Parliamentary and Presidential forms of government.

3. Explain two key features of a Totalitarian State.

4(i). Compare the mode of election or appointment of the Prime Minister of India and the President of the United States.

4(ii). What is meant by a multi-party system? Explain one merit of a multi-party system in a large and diverse country like India.
