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Political Science

PS 534.4 : DECENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE IN INDIA

(2022 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

SECTION – A

Short Essay questions. Answer any **six** questions in about **250** words. Each question carries **5** marks.

1. The 73rd and 74th Amendment Acts fail to free Local Governments from the clutches of State Governments.' Examine.
2. Bring out the linkages between Decentralization and Development.
3. Give an account of the structure and functions of Grama Sabha.
4. Comment on the major stakeholders in Urban Governance in India
5. Explain different forms of Urban local governments in India.
6. Critically examine the institutional support system in the local governance of Kerala.
7. Briefly describe the nature of state local relations in India.
8. What is meant by Social Audit? Explain its significance in decentralized governance.

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9. Critically examine the impact of women's representation in local governance.
10. Analyse the role of rural cooperatives in rural credit and poverty alleviation.

(6 × 5 = 30 Marks)

SECTION – B

Essay questions. Answer any **three** questions in about **450** words. Each question carries **15** marks.

11. What do you mean by Decentralisation? Explain its types and significance in democratic governance.
12. What are the major challenges before Urban local governance institutions in India?
13. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has transformed democracy more participatory at the grass-roots. Comment.
14. Critically examine the impact of RTI and Lokpal in ensuring transparency in local governance.
15. Give an account of the different types of decentralization and analyse the relation between decentralisation and democracy.

(3 × 15 = 45 Marks)

