# The constitutional principle of the 'Basic Structure'

## **MODEL QUESTIONS**

- 1. By which one of the following Acts was the Federal Court in India created?
  - 1) Indian Council Act, 1861
  - 2) Government of India Act, 1919
  - 3) Government of India Act, 1909
  - 4) None of the above
- 2. The demand for the Constituent Assembly was put forward by the Indian National Congress in 1936 at its session held at:
  - 1) Bombay
  - 2) Kanpur 3) Lucknow
  - 4) Lahore
- 3. The members of the Constituent Assembly were:
  - 1) elected by Provincial Assemblies
  - 2) elected directly by people
  - 3) nominated by the Government
  - 4) only representatives of the princely states
- 4. The first attempt at introducing a representative and popular element in administration was made
  - 1) Indian Councils Act, 1909
  - 2) Indian Councils Act, 1900
  - 3) Government of India Act, 1935
  - 4) Indian Councils Act, 1919
- 5. Which of the following was not one of the features of the Government of India Act, 1935?
  - 1) Dyarchy of centre
  - 2) Provincial autonomy
  - 3) Bicameral Legislature
  - 4) All India Federation
- 6. Who was the first Foreign Minister of free India?
  - 1) Jawaharlal Nehr
  - 2) Gulzari Lal Nanda
  - 3) Lal Bahadur Shastri
  - 4) John Mathai
- 7. Which of the following was adopted from the Maurya dynasty in the emblem of Government of India?
  - 1) Four Lions
  - 2) Chariot wheel
  - 3) Horse
  - 4) Words 'Satyameva Jayate'
- 8. Who among the following was the Chairman of the Provincial Constitution Committee of the Constituent Assembly?
  - 1) B.R. Ambedkar
  - 2) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - 3) J.B. Kripalani

state

- 4) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- 9. What is popular sovereignty?
- 1) sovereignty of the head of
  - 2) sovereignty of people's representative
  - 3) sovereignty of the people
- 4) sovereignty of the legal head
- 10. Which of the following would be called a "Secular" State?

- 1) The state which does not discriminate between religions
- 2) The state which accepts all religions as religions of state
- 3) The state which follows a particular religion
- 4) The state which is anti-religion
- 11. The constitutional principle of the 'Basic Structure' was invented by the:
  - 1) Executive
  - 2) Judiciary
  - 3) Legislature
  - 4) Civil Society
- 12. Which Constitution has inspired the Indian concepts of rule of law, Parliamentary system and law-making procedure?
  - 1) US constitution
  - 2) British Constitution
  - 3) Canadian Constitution
  - 4) All of the above
- 13. The Constitution of India borrowed the concept of 'Advisory Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court' from the Constitution of:
  - 1) Ireland 2) Canada
  - 3) USA 4) UK
- 14. The Indian Constitution closely follows the constitutional system of:
  - 1) USA
  - 2) Switzerland
  - 3) Russia
- 15. The Constitution of India is designed to work as a unitary government:
  - 1) in normal times
  - 2) when the Parliament so desires

4) UK

- 3) in times of emergency
- 4) at the will of the President
- 16. Which of the following features of the Constitution of India does not resemble the American Constitution?
  - 1) Federal form of Government
  - 2) Fundamental Rights
  - 3) Parliamental form of Government
  - 4) Written Constitution
- 17. Which of the following determines that the Indian Constitution is federal?
  - 1) An independent judiciary
  - 2) A written and rigid Constitution
  - 3) Distribution of powers between the Centre and States
  - 4) Vesting of residuary powers with the Centre
- 18. 'To uphold and protect the Sovereignty, Unity and Integrity of India' is a provision made in the:
  - 1) Directive Principles of State Policy
  - 2) Fundamental Rights
  - 3) Fundamental Duties
  - 4) Preamble of the Constitution
- 19. The phrase "equality before law" used in Article-14 of Indian Constitution has been borrowed



#### from:

- 1) U.S.A
- 2) Britain 3) Germany
- 4) Greece
- 20. According to the Constitution of India, which of the following are fundamental for the governance of the country?
  - 1) Fundamental Duties
  - 2) Fundamental Rights
  - 3) Directive Principles of State **Policies**
  - 4) Fundamental rights and **Fundamental Duties**
- 21. Provisions of citizenship in indian constitution became applicable in:
  - 1) 1950
  - 2) 1949 3) 1951 4) 1952
- 22. Who is competent to prescribe conditions as for acquiring Indian citizenship?
  - 1) Parliament
  - 2) State Legislatures
  - 3) President
  - 4) Attorney General
- 23. A person can become a citizen of India even if born outside India if his/her:
  - 1) father is a citizen of India
  - 2) mother is a citizen of India
  - 3) father is a citizen of India at the time of person's birth
  - 4) father or mother is a citizen of India at the time of the person's birth
- 24. The total number of Fundamental Duties mentioned in the Constitution is:
  - 1) 10
  - 2) 9 3) 11 4) 13
- 25. Which one of the following amendments accorded precedence to Directive principle over Fundamental Rights?
  - 1) 24th amendment
  - 2) 42nd amendment
  - 3) 44th amendment
  - 4) 39th amendment
- 26. Which of the following is correct about the Fundamental Duties?
  - 1) These are not enforceable
  - 2) They are primarily moral duties 3) They are not related to any
  - 4) All of the above

legal rights

27. Which Article of the Constitution of India provides that it shall be the endeavour of every State to

- provide adequate facility for instruction in the mother-tongue at the primary stage of Education?
- 1) Article 349
- 2) Article 350
- 3) Article 351
- 4) Article 350A
- 28. Part V of the Constitution deals with:
  - 1) Union Executive
  - 2) Parliament
  - 3) Comptroller and Auditor General
  - 4) All of the above
- 29. Match the following:

### List -1

- A) Inter State Council
- B) Abolition of titles
- C) Administrative Tribunals
- D) Union Public Service Commission

### List -2

- 1) Article 315
- 2) Article 18
- 3) Article 263
- 4) Article 323(A) 1) A-2, B-4, C-3, D-1
- 2) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4
- 3) A-1, B-2, C-4, D-3
- 4) A-3, B-2, C-4, D-1 30. Under which Article of the Constitution is the President's rule promulgated on any State in
  - India? 1) 356
- 2) 352
- 3) 360 4) 370 31. The rule of passing resolution by 2/3rd majority of total number of members of the House of Parliament is applicable in the
  - case of: 1) amendment of the Constitution
  - 2) approval of proclamation of emergency
  - 3) impeachment of President
  - 4) disapproval of proclamation of emergency
- 32. While a proclamation of emergency is in operation in the country, the State Government:
  - 1) cannot legislate
  - 2) is suspended
  - 3) can legislate only on subjects in the Concurrent List
- 4) can legislate on the subject in the State List 33. The President's rule is imposed
  - for the period of:
  - 1) 3 months 2) 6 months
  - 3) till the next election is held 4) it depends upon the Presid-
- ent's wish 34. On the basis of financial crisis,

Emergency has been declared by

1) in 1962 2) in 1991

the President of India:

4) not even once

3) in 1971

35. Who was the only second Vice-President of India to get a second

- consecutive term after S.Radhakrishnan?
- 1) Mohammad Hamid Ansari
- 2) K.R. Narayanan
- 3) B.S. Shekhawat
- 4) Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma
- 36. Parliamentary or Presidential Government can be distinguished mainly by:
  - 1) its federal nature
  - 2) the rigidity of the Constitution
  - 3) the employer-employee relations
  - 4) the legislative-executive relations
- 37. Which one of the following is an essential ingredient of Parlia
  - mentary government?
  - 1) A written Constitution
  - 2) Political Parties 3) A rigid Constitution
- 4) An independent judiciary 38. Who can initiate impeachment proceedings against the President
  - of India?
  - 1) Rajya Sabha 2) Only Lok Sabha
  - 4) Either House of Parlaiment

39. The President has the power to

3) Any Vidhan Sabha

remove all the following except: 1) Attorney-General of India

2) Governor of a State

- 3) Council of Ministers 4) Chairman of a State Public 40. Which of the following Chief
  - Justices of India has acted as
  - President of India? 1) P.N. Bhagwati
  - 2) Mohammad Hidayatullah 3) P.B. Gajendra Ghadkar
- 41. The executive authority of the Union is vested by the Consti
  - tution in the:
  - 1) Cabinet 2) President

4) All of the above

- 3) Prime Minister 4) Union Legislature 42. Who among the following are appointed by the President of
  - India? 1) Chairman, Finance Commi-
  - ssion
  - 2) Chief Election Commissioner 3) Chief Minister of a Union
  - **Territory** 4) Both 1) and 2)

1) 4 2) 3

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