

M.A. 4th SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 2021 (2019-2021 Session) (CBCS)

Subject: Political Science

Paper: MAPOL-404 (Major)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

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Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer Question No. 5 and any two from the rest.

1. Examine the structure and functions of the Panchayat Raj Institution in West Bengal. 10
2. Trace the evolution of urban local government in West Bengal. 10
3. How does social background of Panchayat leaders influence the working of Panchayati Raj institution in West Bengal? Discuss. 10
4. Explore the sources of finance of urban local bodies in West Bengal. 10
5. Answer *any four* of the following questions: 4 x 5 = 20
 - a) Identify the provisions of reservation for women in the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act.
 - b) Regarding the creation of the municipal bodies in Bengal, how was the Act of 1850 different from the Act of 1842?
 - c) What is a Gram Sansad and what are its functions?
 - d) Identify the major recommendations of the Ashok Mehta Committee.
 - e) Point out the major challenges of empowerment of SCs and STs through the local government in West Bengal.
 - f) Write a short note on the composition of the *Sthayee Samitis* of Panchayat Samiti in West Bengal.
 - g) Write a brief note on the composition and functions of the Mayor-in-Council of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
 - h) Identify the composition and functions of the Ward Committee of Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

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1. Write a critical note on the Postmarxist stand on new social movements.
2. Explain the different phases of the Jharkhand movement.
3. Point out the main features of the Dalit Panther Movement and its shortcomings.
4. Write a critical note on the causes and consequences of the Railway strike of 1974.

5. Answer *any four* of the following questions: 4 x 5 = 20
 - a. Write a short on the Naxalbari uprising in West Bengal.
 - b. Explain why the rich farmers engage in protest movements in India.
 - c. Point out two areas of impact of India's neo-liberal reforms on the working class movements.
 - d. Write a short note on the JMM.
 - e. What, according to Tilly, are the WUNC features of the new social movements?
 - f. Briefly state three major recommendations of the Towards Equality Report (1974).
 - g. Identify two main features of women's movement in India since globalization.
 - h. Write a short note on the demands of the Dalit movement in the Ambedkarite era.