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BA POLITICAL SCIENCE FOURTH SEMESTER
PS 425: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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TIME: 3 hours. **MAX. MARKS: 80**

This paper contains TWO printed pages and FOUR parts

Instructions:

1. **Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.**
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3. **Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.**

PART-A

Answer ALL questions. Each answer carries ONE mark. **[1x10 =10]**

1. Which of the following best describes the scope of Comparative Politics?
   A. Study of only democratic governments
   B. Study of political systems across countries including non-state actors
   C. Study of international organizations only
   D. Study of constitutions only
2. Which method focuses on formal political institutions like constitutions and legislatures?
   A. Sociological method
   B. Marxian method
   C. Institutional method
   D. Behavioral method
3. The Marxian approach in Comparative Politics emphasizes:
   A. Cultural values
   B. Economic structure and class struggle
   C. Legal systems
   D. Electoral behavior
4. Which is a key feature of the UK Constitution?
   A. Written and rigid
   B. Federal system
   C. Unwritten and flexible
   D. Presidential system
5. In the UK, real executive power is exercised by:
   A. Monarch
   B. House of Commons
   C. Prime Minister and Cabinet
   D. Judiciary
6. The US Constitution is characterized by:
   A. Parliamentary sovereignty
   B. Fusion of powers
   C. Separation of powers
   D. Unwritten conventions
7. Who conducts the trial in the impeachment process of the US President?
   A. House of Representatives
   B. Supreme Court
   C. Senate
   D. Vice President

8. Switzerland is well known for which feature?
   A. Judicial supremacy
   B. Referendum and initiative
   C. Presidential veto
   D. Bicameral dominance

9. China's political system is best described as:
   A. Multi-party democracy
   B. Federal republic
   C. One-party socialist state
   D. Constitutional monarchy

10. The highest legislative body in China is:
   A. State Council
   B. National People's Congress
   C. Politburo
   D. Supreme People's Court

PART-B

Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer carries TWO marks. **[2 x 5= 10]**

11. Define Comparative Politics.
12. Mention two difference between traditional and modern methods of Comparative Politics.
13. Write two institutional features to understand political system?
14. Write two differences of the executive systems of the UK and the USA.
15. What is referendums in Switzerland's political system.
16. Suggest one reform to improve the functioning of the US Congress.
17. Write two roles of the Communist Party in China's political system.

PART-C

Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks. **[5 x 4= 20]**

18. Explain the meaning, nature, and scope of Comparative Politics.
19. Discuss the traditional and modern methods used in the study of Comparative Politics.
20. Analyze the salient features of the UK Constitution.
21. Examine the structure of the US Congress.
22. Evaluate the role of direct democracy in Switzerland's political system.
23. Analyze the structure and role of the Communist Party in China's political system.

PART-D

Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries TEN marks. **[4x10 = 40]**

24. Critically examine the Marxian approach to understand Comparative Politics.
25. Evaluate the modern approaches to the study of Comparative Politics.
26. Analyze the legislative functions of UK and assess the role of conventions in its functioning.
27. Discuss the composition, powers, and functions of the US President and evaluate the system of checks and balances.
28. Examine the features of the Swiss Constitution and evaluate the effectiveness of direct democracy in Switzerland.
29. Analyze the structure, powers, and functions of the Chinese government.

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