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CONSTITUTIONAL LAW- I

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks – 60

Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper. Attempt five questions selecting one from each unit. All questions carry equal marks.

UNIT - I

1. Explain the idea of constitutionalism. How does the Constitution of India embody the features of constitutionalism? (12 marks)

OR

2. "Indian constitution is primarily federal in nature however; it has strong centralising tendency." Comment. Point out the unitary features of the Indian Constitution. (12 marks)

Unit - II

3. The Government of India entered into an agreement with the Government of Bangladesh to transfer certain areas of land on perpetual lease from India to Bangladesh. Would such a transfer require a Constitutional amendment to take effect? Examine in the light of Articles 1-4 of the Constitution and case laws. (12 marks)

OR

4. The preamble is the 'philosophical key to the Constitution.' Elucidate with help of case laws. (12 marks)

UNIT - III

5. How far do you agree with the statement that the term 'other authorities' in Article 12 has been given a wide interpretation by the courts? Discuss with relevant case laws. (12 marks)

OR

6. Answer *any two* of the following
(a) Doctrine of severability

- (b) Doctrine of Eclipse
- (c) Doctrine of Colourable Legislation

(6+6 marks)

UNIT - IV

7. Discuss *any two* of the following

- a) Doctrine of Essential Religious Practice.
- b) Scope and orbit of Article 21 of the Constitution of India with special reference to *Maneka Gandhi vs Union of India* (AIR 1978 SC 597).
- c) Freedom of Press under Constitution of India.

(12 marks)

OR

8. (a) What do you understand by 'Equality before law' and 'Equal protection of the laws' under Indian Constitution?
- (b) 'Article 14 permits classification but prohibits class legislation' – Discuss with help of case laws.

(6+6 marks)

UNIT - V

9. Examine the importance of Directive Principles of State Policy. What is the relationship between DPSPs and Fundamental Rights?

(12 marks)

OR

10. "Power of the Parliament to amend the constitution is very wide but not unlimited." Comment.

(12 marks)