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Subject : Sociology

Paper : MSO-03

Political Sociology

Time : 3 Hrs. *Full Marks : 80*

1. Answer any five from the following questions. 2×5 = 10 (each within 50 words)
   (a) Who are bureaucrats?
   (b) Define aristocracy.
   (c) What do you understand by sectional groups?
   (d) Define Marxist theory.
   (e) What is 'lobby'?
   (f) Name two types of party system in democracies?

2. Answer any three from the following questions. 4×3 = 12 (each within 150 words)
   (a) What are the four categories of pressure groups according to Almond and Powell?
   (b) What is the significance of Easton's concept of 'feedback loop'?
   (c) Write down the characteristics of political parties as an institution.
   (d) Distinguish between power, authority and legitimacy.

3. Answer any three from the following questions. 6×3 = 18 (each within 250 words)
   (a) Write briefly family, school and peer groups as agents of political socialization.
   (b) What are the relationship between political system and family system.

(c) Differentiate between office-seeking parties and vote-seeking parties.

(d) Elaborate the main features of Mills ideology on power.

4. Answer any four from the following questions. 10×4 = 40 (each within 500 words)

(a) What is political sociology? Discuss the major problems of political sociology. 2+8

(b) Discuss the changes taken place in the caste system due to economic and political factors in post-independence India.

(c) 'The political parties are essential to democracy'. Discuss.

(d) Who are the 'elites'? Discuss the views of early elite-theorists.

(e) 'The idea of power has assumed particular significance in the realm of political sociology'. Explain.

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