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Fourth Semester LL.M. Degree Examination, February 2025

Branch II — Constitutional Law

Paper VIII : CENTRE STATE RELATIONS

(2021 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Instructions : Answer **all** questions. **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

1. (a) The Indian Supreme Court recently held that the decisions taken by the GST Council are merely recommendations with persuasive value and are not binding. Critically examine the impact of this ruling on the concept of Indian federalism.

OR

- (b) Critically examine the instances where Parliament gets the power to legislate on State List. Do you think such a power has been misused in India?

2. (a) Discuss the effects of emergency in Centre-state relations. Do you think that Articles 355 and 356 have been misused so as to adversely affect Centre-state relations? Justify.

OR

- (b) In the light of recent instances in India. Critically assess whether the role of the Governor has been a threat to a cordial Centre-state relations.

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3. (a) Analyse whether centrally sponsored schemes have bypassed the state governments and whether they have resulted in intrusion by the Centre into the functions of Panchayats and Municipalities.

OR

- (b) Assess whether all the Sarkaria Commission recommendations have found a place in the Indian Centre-state relations and also make a note of the recommendations that should be immediately implemented with reasons for such implementation.
4. (a) Evaluate the recommendations made by the Administrative Reforms Commission to improve Centre-state relations.

OR

- (b) Critically examine whether the constitution of NITI Aayog has resulted in the realization of cooperative federalism in the country.
5. (a) Compare various models of federal government and highlight the advantages and disadvantages of each. Also analyse whether there are certain features that could be borrowed into the Indian context to make the Centre-state relations better.

OR

- (b) "The new Constitution of India establishes indeed, a system of Government which is at the most quasi-federal. Almost devolutionary in character: a unitary state with subsidiary federal features rather than a federal state with subsidiary unitary features". Comment.

(5 × 12 = 60 Marks)