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Branch II – Constitutional Law

Paper VIII : CENTRE STATE RELATIONS

(2021 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Answer all questions. All question carry equal marks.

1. Analyse the distinction between federalism and confederation with reference to Constitutional design. Critically evaluate whether India's federal structure, despite being "quasi-federal," exhibits characteristics of a confederation in practice.

OR

2. Make a comparative analysis of the federal governments of the United States, Australia and Canada relating to its nature and practice.
3. Examine the principle of territorial nexus in determining legislative competence. Critically analyse its application in cases involving extra-territorial legislation.

OR

4. Discuss the overriding powers of Parliament under Articles 246A, 254, and 312. How have / these provisions enabled centralization of legislative authority, particularly in areas like taxation (GST) and All India Services?
5. Critically assess the impact of national emergencies on fundamental rights, focusing on the suspension of enforcement of rights under Part III of the Constitution during emergencies. Evaluate judicial responses to such suspensions.

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6. Analyse the Constitutional obligations of States and the Centre under Article 256 to 263. How have conflicts over implementation of central laws exposed weaknesses in intergovernmental cooperation? Illustratively examine.
7. Evaluate the role of the Finance Commission in promoting fiscal equity between the Union and States.

OR

8. "NITI Ayog is the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India, and the nodal agency tasked with catalysing economic development, and fostering cooperative federalism and moving away from bargaining federalism through the involvement of State Governments of India in the economic policy-making process using a bottom-up approach' Discuss.
9. Critically analyse the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) on Centre-State relations. How do these differ from the Sarkaria Commission's approach?

OR

10. Elaborate on the impact of liberalisation on the Centre-State relation especially in light of the overwhelming economic resources and powers that the Centre holds.

**(5 × 12 = 60 Marks)**