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Fourth Semester LL.M. Degree Examination, April 2024

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. (a) "What started as "cooperative federalism" in the U.S., characterised by state-based and locally rooted party system, has eventually become "coercive federalism" where the Federal Government had little constraint in imposing its policies on the States and local governments. In the case of Canada, after 125 years of comparative stability and progress, the issues of Quebee nationalism, indigenous people, and multicultural immigration forced it to recognise the fact of its diversity". Make a comparative analysis of different models of federal governments in the USA, Australia and Canada.

OR

- (b) "The Indian model of federalism may be one of the most interesting typologies in the world, characterised as it is by a paradox, to begin with: that of being a "centralised federalism". Elaborate on the merits and demerits of the Indian federalism.
2. (a) Elaborate on the constitutional mandate relating to distribution of legislative powers in India.

OR

- (b) "There is a complete breakdown of trust and trustworthiness between the states and the Union government. The GST fiasco has ruptured not just India's fiscal federalism but also constitutional, political, institutional and administrative federalism". Critically examine the statement in light of the financial federalism and provisions relating to the same in the Indian Constitution.

3. (a) Examine in detail the impact of emergency-provisions of the Constitution on Centre-State relations.

OR

- (b) How effectively should the Centre and the States co-ordinate and co-operate for a quasi federal system to run smoothly in India?
4. (a) "The working of the Finance Commission is characterised by extensive and intensive consultations with all levels of governments, thus strengthening the principle of cooperative federalism. Its recommendations are also geared towards improving the quality of public spending and promoting fiscal stability". Elaborate.

OR

- (b) Examine the constitutional provisions dealing with interstate trade and commerce touching upon the central government's role in regulating and controlling the same.
5. (a) Elaborate on the impact of liberalization on Centre-State relations especially in light of overwhelming economic power enjoyed by the Centre.

OR

- (b) How effectively did the Sarkaria Commission contribute in reforming the Centre-State relationship? Elaborate.

(5 × 12 = 60 Marks)
