**B.A. (HONS) POLITICAL SCIENCE, SEMESTER IV**

**POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

1. What is the difference between electoral system and election process? Which one amongst the first past the post, proportional representation and mixed system is the most appropriate electoral system to promote substantive democracy, inclusive representation and higher voters turn-out? Give at least five reasons to support your analysis.
2. Discuss the significant changes that have taken place in Comparative Politics with the emergence of New Intuitionalism.
3. Discuss the changing nature and scope of Comparative Politics. What are the major challenges in Comparative Political analysis?
4. What do you understand by structural institutionalism? How does it help us in understanding the power relation in society?
5. “Elections are the essential conditions of democratisation.” Examine with suitable examples.
6. “Political system and political cultural approaches in comparative politics have major limitations.” Discuss.
7. Do you think that economic prosperity is a necessary condition for the growth of democracy in any society? Give reasons.
8. “Party is a class and party is doctrine” (Duverger). In the light of this statement, discuss the evolution and growth of party systems.
9. What do you understand by federal systems? Examine the significance of federalism in the context of territorial division of power?
10. What do you understand by political culture? State the relevance of cultural institutionalism in contemporary times.
11. What do you understand by democratization? Analyse the problems and prospects of democratic transition in the post-colonial countries.
12. How has the changing nature of party system influenced the democratic process in different countries?
13. What is democratization? Discuss various processes of democratic transaction with their outcomes in post-colonial and post-communist countries.
14. “Survival of federalism becomes a concern in the presence of strong local and international forces.” In the light of this statement, explain the major challenges federal systems are facing in our times.
15. What is nation-state? Critically analyse the impact of globalisation on the nature and scope of modern nation-state.