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CONSTITUTIONAL LAW-I

PAPER CODE: CC08/CC10

Time Allotted: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 100

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Answer Question No. 7 and any four from the rest

1. “Our constitution may be said to be a “borrowed” Constitution..... if it is a patchwork, it is a beautiful patchwork” — Justify the statement by discussing the chief characteristics of the Constitution of India. 20
2. (a) What do you mean by ‘Equality before law’ and ‘Equal protection of the laws’ under Indian Constitution? 10
(b) “Article 14 permits classification but prohibits class legislation” — Discuss. 10
3. “A law establishing procedure for curtailing personal liberty of a citizen must be in consonance with the rule of natural justice, fairness and reasonableness.” Critically examine this view by distinguishing between due process of law and procedure established by law with the help of landmark case laws. Support your answer also by analysing the broader ambit of rights which are impliedly mentioned under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. 20
4. The Directive Principles of the State Policy is enshrined in Part IV and the Fundamental Rights has been guaranteed in Part III of the Constitution of India. Though Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles appear as distinct entities in the Constitution, but with the passage of time, it has been drawn that no distinction takes place between the positive and negative obligations of the states. Critically analyse the relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy. 20
5. The Indian Republic is a secular state in which protection is given for freedom of conscience, freedom of profession, practice and propagation of religion. Comment on the statement and discuss essential religious practice doctrine with relevant case laws. 20
6. How far do you agree with the statement that the term ‘other authorities’ in Article 12 has been given a wide interpretation by the courts? Discuss with relevant case laws. 20
7. Answer any **four** from the following: 5×4 = 20
 - (a) Doctrine of Eclipse
 - (b) Doctrine of severability
 - (c) Elaborate upon the concept of Law as laid down under Article 13
 - (d) Writ of Mandamus
 - (e) Double Jeopardy
 - (f) Reservation in promotion.