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Political Parties & Pressure Groups

1. The political parties got the Constitution recognition for the first time in the year
 - (a) 1975
 - (b) 1977
 - (c) 1985
 - (d) 1995
2. The Kamraj Plan proposed
 - (a) priority to agriculture over industry
 - (b) inducting senior leaders to party work
 - (c) election to all party officers
 - (d) an overhaul of the congress working committee
3. In India partyless democracy was first advocated by
 - (a) Jai Prakash Narayan
 - (b) M.N. Ray
 - (c) Vinoba Bhave
 - (d) Mahatma Gandhi
4. Which party provided two Prime Ministers in two years time?
 - (a) B.J.P.
 - (b) Janata Party
 - (c) Janata Dal
 - (d) Samajwadi Janata Party
5. Who is the founder of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)?
 - (a) Jyotiba Phule
 - (b) Kanshi Ram
 - (c) B.R. Ambedkar
 - (d) Sahu Maharaj
6. Which party has advocated the coming together of all Left parties?
 - (a) CPI

- (b) CPI (M)
- (c) NCP
- (d) INC

7. Consider the following statements :

Assertion (a) : The reservation of thirty-three percent of seats for women in parliament and state legislature does not require constitutional Amendment.

Reason (R) : Political parties contesting elections can allocate thirty-three per cent of seats they contest to women candidates without any Constitutional Amendment

Which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true but R is false.
- (d) A is false but R is true.

8. Which one among the following is the distinguishing factor between a pressure group and a political party?

[2012-I]

- (a) Pressure groups are confined to a few, while political parties involve larger number of people
- (b) Pressure groups do not seek active political power, political parties do
- (c) Pressure groups do not politically motivate people, while political parties do
- (d) Political parties take political stance, while pressure groups do not bother about political issues

9. Which one among the following statements about the functioning of political parties in a democracy is not correct?

[2012-II]

- (a) Political parties give political education to the people
- (b) Political parties serve as a link between the government and the people
- (c) Political parties fight elections and try to get the maximum number of their candidates elected
- (d) None of the above

10. Consider the following statements **[2013-I]**

1. The Anti-Defection Law bans an elected member from voting against the explicit mandate of his/her party.
2. The Anti-Defection provisions do not apply if one-third of the members of a party disobey the mandate of the party and constitute themselves as a separate party.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

11. The Election Commission recognizes a political party as a national party if **[NDA/NA 2016-I]**

1. it secures at least six percent of the total valid votes polled in four or more States in a general election to the Lok Sabha or to the State Legislative Assemblies.
2. it wins at least four seats in a general election to the Lok Sabha from any State or States.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

12. A political party is recognized as a regional party, if

[UP-PCS 2015]

- (a) It gets 4% votes in the State either in Lok Sabha or the Assembly election
- (b) It gets 6% votes in the State either in Lok Sabha or the Assembly election
- (c) It gets 8% votes in the State either in Lok Sabha or the Assembly election
- (d) None of the above

13. When did the Communist Party of India (Marxist) emerge as a separate political party? **[UGC-II 2016]**

- (a) 1960
- (b) 1964

- (c) 1968
- (d) 1973
- 14. Which one of the following has been recognised as National Party in 2016?
[UK-PSC 2016]
 - (a) INLD
 - (b) Akali Dal
 - (c) TMC
 - (d) AIADMK