

**M. A. (Final) Examination, 2001**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**Paper — VIII (II) (3)**  
**State Politics in India**

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Attempt any **five** questions.  
All questions carry equal marks.

1. What do you understand by “Princely States”? Describe the political process involved in the accession of major Princely States into the dominion of India established by the India Independence Act, 1947.
2. Write a short essay on the emerging patterns of Centre. State Relations in India after 1991.

**OR**

Do you agree with the *view* that the initiation of economic reforms by P. V. Narsimha Rao Government has increased the autonomy of the State Governments substantially? Give reasons in support of your answer.

3. Describe the powers and functions of the Chief Minister with special reference to Shri Jyoti Basu of West Bengal or Shri Chandra Babu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh.
4. Elucidate the methods adopted by MLAs to maintain contacts with the constituency from which they are elected.
5. Discuss the quantum and quality of women’s participation in Vidhan Sabha elections in Rajasthan.
6. Elucidate the causes for emergence of regional parties and explain why, on an average, not more than, in fact, in most states only one regional political party exists prosperously.
7. Analyse the social base of the Akali Party with special reference to its role outside Punjab.
8. Do you agree with the view that formation of more smaller states would boost the importance of the states as political units? Give reasons in support of your answer,
9. Analyse the political role of ‘caste’ in state politics.

10. Write short notes on any **two** of the following

- (i) Causes and Consequences of State Reorganisation in 1956
- (ii) Party politics in State Legislature
- (iii) Cinema Stars and State Politics
- (iv) Marwaris an State Politics in India
- (v) 1998 Vidhan Sabha Elections in Rajasthan