# Bihar Judicial Service (Mains) 2000

## Constitutional and Administrative Law · optional paper

### Section A

1. Discuss the following: (a) Secular character of Indian Constitution; (b) Public Interest Litigation.

2. Discuss the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India.

3. Explain what is meant by the expression "failure of constitutional machinery in a state" under Article 356 of the Constitution of India. Which situation will fall and which will not fall within the expression?

4. The power of Parliament to amend the Constitution is limited. Examine this statement critically in view of 24th and 42nd Amendment and Supreme Court decisions in that regard.

5. Write notes on: (a) Preamble to the Constitution of India; (b) Uniform Civil Code.

### Section B

Questions 6 and 8 to 10 are no longer in the syllabus.

7. Write short notes on: (a) Parliamentary privileges; (b) Rule of Law.