West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2021

The Indian Constitution and Constitutional Law · optional paper

Time: 3 hours · Full marks: 100 · Answer any five questions choosing at least two from each group

Group A

1. (a) Describe salient features of the Indian Constitution.
(b) Is the constitution of India federal? (15+5=20)

2. (a) "The preamble is the key to open the mind of the makers." — Discuss with reference to relevant case laws.
(b) Can preamble be amended under Art. 368 of the Constitution of India? (15+5=20)

3. (a) How is freedom of speech and expression guaranteed by the Constitution of India?
(b) Is it subject to any restriction? Discuss with reference to relevant case laws. (15+5=20)

Group B

4. Discuss the powers and functions of the Governor of a State. (20)

5. Describe the fundamental duties of a citizen of India as enshrined in the Constitution of India. (20)

6. (a) Describe the directive principles of state policy as enshrined in Part-IV of the Constitution of India.
(b) Discuss the difference between fundamental rights and directive principles of state policy with reference to recent case laws. (15+5=20)

7. Write short notes on the following: (a) Equal justice and free legal aid; (b) Alternative Dispute Resolution System; (c) Writ of Habeas Corpus; (d) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (5×4=20)