West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2022

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) Discuss the "idea of Justice" as enshrined in the preamble to the Constitution of India.
(b) State whether preamble is part of the Constitution. Is it amendable? (15+5)

2. In S. R. Bommai vs. Union of India (1994) 3 SCC 1 the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has held that "Secularism is part of the basic structure of the Constitution".
(a) What do you mean by secularism?
(b) Write a critical note on the Right to Freedom of religion under Articles 25 to 28 of the Constitution of India with the help of decided cases. (5+15)

3. (a) What do you understand by the expressions "Equality before the Law" and "Equal protection of Law" as enshrined in Article 14 of the Constitution of India? Discuss the remedies available to the aggrieved person.
(b) Can the Fundamental Rights be waived? (15+5)

4. What is the amplitude of Supreme Court's jurisdiction under Article 32 of the Constitution of India? (20)

Group B

5. (a) What is a Money Bill?
(b) Discuss the special procedure in respect of passing a Money Bill in the Parliament. (10+10)

6. (a) How is the President of India elected?
(b) Write a note on powers including the pardoning powers & functions of the President of India. (10+10)

7. Write short notes on the following: (a) Speaker of the Lok Sabha; (b) Attorney General of India; (c) Free and compulsory education of children; (d) Advocate General for the State (5×4=20)