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Class-1: Polity

MAKING OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 395 repealed GoI Act 1935 & IIA 1947

Original Constitution had: Preamble, 395 articles in 22 parts, 08 schedules Now: Preamble, 470 articles in 25 parts, 12 schedules

- 26-11-1949: Constitution adopted & enacted; few articles came into force
- **❖ 26-01-1950:** Commencement of Constitution (as given in article 394)
- X Constitution came into force/effect on 26 November 1949
- ✓ Constitution came into force/effect on 26 January 1950

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Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Constitution of India has 20 parts
- 2. There are 390 articles in the Constitution of India in all
- 3. Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth schedules were added to the Constitution of India by the Constitution (Amendments) Acts

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 only

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Important facts about CA:

- ☐ Elephant: seal (symbol)
- ☐ Gandhi: not its member
- BN Rau: Advisor
- ☐ HVR <u>lyengar</u>: Secretary

Constituent Assembly

- ☐ Total membership was to be 389
 - Provinces 292, Chief Comm. Provinces 4, Princely states 93 (but did not nominate)
- ☐ It was a multi-party indirectly elected body, not based on adult franchise
 - Members were elected by provincial assemblies by proportional representation.
 - Elections to 296 seats done in July-August 1946; INC 208, ML 73
- It was constituted in November 1946
 - under scheme formulated by Wavell plan Cabinet Mission Plan
- ☐ Fully <u>sovereign</u> body:
 - could frame any Constitution, could alter any law made by British Parliament for India
- ☐ It acted as the first Parliament of independent India (enacted ordinary laws)
 - Dr. Rajendra Prasad chaired sittings of the House when it met as Constituent Assembly
 - GV Mavalankar presided over as Speaker when the House met as Legislature

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Which of the following statements regarding the Constituent Assembly are true?

- 1. It was not based on adult franchise
- 2. It resulted from direct elections
- 3. It was a multi-party body
- 4. It worked through several committees

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

(a) 1, 2 (b) 2, 3

(c) 1, 3, 4

(d) 1, 2, 3, 4

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Members of Constituent Assembly were

- a) nominated by the British Parliament
- b) nominated by the Governor General
- c) elected by the Legislative Assemblies of various provinces
- d) elected by the Indian National **Congress and Muslim League**

CA also performed following functions:

- ☐ 1947 July 22: adopted national flag (before independence)
- **1949 May:** ratified membership to ✓ Commonwealth **X** UN
- **□** 1950 January 24:
 - → adopted the national anthem
 - → adopted the national song
 - → elected Dr. Rajendra Prasad as first President of India

Changes to CA by Indian *Independence Act 1947*

(an Act of British Parliament)

- 1) Became fully sovereign body
- 2) Strength reduced to 299
- 3) CA also became Legislative body (Parliament)

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8 major Committees	Chairman
Drafting Committee	B R Ambedkar
States Committee (to negotiate with states)	J L Nehru
Union Powers Committee	J L Nehru
Union Constitution Committee	J L Nehru
Provincial Constitution Committee	Sardar Patel
Advisory Committee on FRs, Minorities, Tribal, Excluded areas	Sardar Patel
Rules of Procedure Committee	Rajendra Prasad
Steering Committee	Rajendra Prasad

Drafting committee of Constituent Assembly:

- 1) B.R. Ambedkar (Chairman)
- 2) Alladi Krishnaswamy Ayyar
- 3) T.T. Krishnamachari (He replaced DP Khaitan)
- 4) N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar
- 5) N. Madhava Rau (He replaced BL Mitter)
- 6) K.M. Munshi
- 7) Syed Mohammad Saadullah

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B.R. Ambedkar was elected to CA from:

- a) West Bengal (initially)
- b) Bombay Presidency (later)
- c) then Madhya Bharat
- d) Punjab

https://rajyasabha.nic.in/rsnew/constituent_asse mbly/constituent_assembly_mem.asp

Objectives Resolution:

- ✓ Moved by Nehru on 13-12-1946; adopted by Assembly on 22-01-1947 (before independence)
- ✓ Its modified version forms the Preamble

Some features:

- ✓ People as source of power; Republic, Justice, Liberty, Equality
- ✓ Union of States; Residuary power to states; Safeguards for tribals, minorities, backward classes
- ✓ Promote world peace and welfare of mankind

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE CONSTITUTION

Lengthiest Written Constitution because:

- √ 1935 act was bulky
- ✓ India's vast size and diversity
- ✓ Single Constitution for Centre and States
- ✓ Dominance of legal luminaries in CA
- ✓ Administrative details also included, which in other countries are left to legislature

Secularism:

- ✓ Western (negative) concept: complete separation between religion and State.
- Indian (positive) concept: equal respect to all religions or protect all religions equally.

India is a secular country:

- ✓ India does not have any official religion
- ✓ Officially, India is "Republic of India", Pakistan is "Islamic Republic of Pakistan"

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Constitution does not recognise the caste system because

- a) India is secular
- b) It leads to inequality which is against the Constitution
- c) It leads to untouchability
- d) All of the above

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What does secularism mean?

- a) State patronising all religions
- b) State having its own religion
- c) State having no official religion and citizens are free to follow any religion or faith
- d) State having one official religion and showing respect to all other religions

Universal Adult Franchise:

- ✓ Article 326: adult suffrage for elections to LS and SLA, age 21
- √ 61st amendment 1988: age reduced to 18

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Right to vote and to be elected in India is a:

- (a) Fundamental right (b) Natural right
- (c) Constitutional right (d) Legal right

Source: Article 326, UPSC answer key, NCERT class-9,11

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Source	Features Borrowed	
	Federal Scheme, Governor,	
Gol Act	Judiciary, Public Service Commissions,	
1935	Emergency provisions	
	Administrative details	
	Parliamentary system, Bicameralism,	
Britain	Legislative procedure, Rule of Law,	
Diltaili	Parliamentary privileges, Cabinet system	
	Single citizenship, Writs	
	Fundamental Rights	
	Judicial review, Independence of judiciary	
USA	Removal of SC and HC judges	
	Impeachment of President	
	Post of vice President	
Ireland	DPSP, Nomination to Rajya Sabha	
irelaliu	Method of election of President	
	Strong Centre,	
Canada	Residuary powers with Centre	USSR
Carrada	Appointment of Governors by Centre	
	Advisory jurisdiction of SC	
Australia	Concurrent List, Joint sitting	
710.0010.110	Freedom of trade & commerce	France
Weimar	Suspension of FRs during Emergency	
Constitution of Germany		
USSR	FDs, Ideals of justice in Preamble	
France		
	Republic, Liberty Equality Fraternity Procedure for amending Constitution	
South Africa	Election to Rajya Sabha	
lanan	Procedure established by Law	
Japan	riocedure established by Luw	

Important:

FR → USA FD → USSR

DPSP → Ireland

Nomination to RS → Ireland Emergency → 1935, Germany Federation → 1935, Canada Parliamentary system → UK Single citizenship → UK Concurrent list → Australia

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a '[SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC] and to secure to all its citizens:

→ France

USSR JUSTICE, social, economic and political;

LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity and to promote among them all;

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the ²[unity and integrity of the Nation];

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949 do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

Schedule	Subject matter			
1 st	Name and territory of States and UTs			
2 nd	Emoluments/allowances/privileges of: (think of three organs and CAG) President, Governors Speaker, Dy. Speaker, Chairman, Dy. Chairman of LS/RS/SLA/SLC Judges of SC and HCs CAG			
3 rd	Oath for: (think of three organs and CAG) Union/State Ministers MP/MLA/MLC; Candidates for election to LS/RS/SLA/SLC Judges of SC and HCs CAG			\$
4 th	Allocation of Rajya Sabha seats to States/UTs			
5 th	Administration and control of <u>Scheduled Areas</u> and <u>Schedules Tribes</u>			
6 th	Administration of <u>Tribal areas</u> in Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram (ATM-Machine)			
7 th	<u>Union</u> List 100 (97), State List 61 (66), Concurrent List 52 (47)			
8 th	Languages recognized by Constitution 22 (14)			
9 th	9 th Added by 1 st Amendment 1951 to protect laws from <u>judicial review</u>			
10 th	Added by 52 nd Amendment 1985, Anti- <u>defection</u> law			
11 th	11 th Added by 73 rd Amendment 1992, <u>Panchayat's</u> power & responsibility			
12 th Added by 74 th Amendment 1992, Municipality's power & responsibility				
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If a <u>new State</u> of the Indian Union is to be created, which one of the following Schedules of the Constitution must be amended?

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) Fifth

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Which one of the following statements correctly describes Fourth Schedule of the Constitution?

- a) It contains scheme of distribution of powers between Union and States
- b) It contains languages listed in the Constitution
- It contains provisions regarding administration of tribal areas
- d) It allocates seats in Council of States

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The provisions in the <u>Fifth Schedule and Sixth</u> **Schedule** in Constitution are made in order to

- a) protect the interests of Scheduled Tribes
- b) determine the boundaries between states
- determine the powers, authorities, and responsibilities of Panchayats
- d) protect the interests of all border States

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Under which schedule of the Constitution of India can the transfer of tribal land to private parties for mining be declared null and void?

- a) Third Schedule
- b) Fifth Schedule
- c) Ninth Schedule
- d) Twelfth Schedule

Prelims 2019

Ninth Schedule was introduced in the Constitution of India during the prime membership of

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- c) Indira Gandhi
- d) Morarji Desai

Prelims 2014

Which one of the following Schedules of the Constitution of India contains provisions regarding anti-defection?

- a) Second Schedule
- b) Fifth Schedule
- c) Eighth Schedule
- d) Tenth Schedule

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a 'ISOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

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- ✓ Introduction/preface to constitution
- ✓ Soul of Constitution; Jewel set in the Constitution; Identity card of the Constitution
- ✓ Based on 'Objectives Resolution' moved by Nehru on 13-12-1946 and adopted by CA on 22-01-1947
- ✓ US Constitution was the first to begin with a preamble

Preamble reveals

- **■** Source of authority of Constitution:
 - > people of India
- Nature of Indian State:
 - > sovereign socialist secular democratic republic
- **☐** Objective of Constitution:
 - > justice, liberty, equality, fraternity
- ☐ Date of adoption & enaction of Constitution:
 - **>** 26-11-1949

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What was the exact constitutional status of India on 26th January, 1950?

- a) A democratic Republic
- b) A Sovereign Democratic Republic
- c) A Sovereign Secular Democratic Republic
- d) A Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic

Prelims 2013

'Economic Justice' as one of the objectives of the Indian Constitution has been provided in

- a) the Preamble and the Fundamental Rights
- b) the Preamble and the Directive Principles of State Policy
- c) the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy
- d) None of the above

Prelims 2017

Which of the following <u>objectives</u> is not embodied in Preamble to the Constitution of India?

- a) Liberty of thought
- b) Economic liberty
- c) Liberty of expression
- d) Liberty of belief

Prelims 2017

The mind of the makers of the Constitution of India is reflected in which of the following?

- a) The Preamble
- b) The Fundamental Rights
- c) The Directive Principles of State Policy
- d) The Fundamental Duties
- ✓ Preamble was enacted after rest of the Constitution (so that its in conformity with Constitution)
- Motion to make Preamble part of Constitution was passed by Constituent Assembly
- ✓ Preamble is non-justiciable, i.e. its provisions are not enforceable in courts of law.
- ✓ Preamble is neither a <u>source of power</u> to legislature nor a <u>prohibition upon powers</u> of legislature.
- ✓ Preamble can be amended (ruled by SC in Kesavanand Bharti case 1973)
- √ 42nd amendment 1976 added the words Socialist, Secular, and integrity

	Part of Constitution?	Use to interpret Constitution?	
1960 Berubari Union case	No	Yes, in case of ambiguity	
1973 Kesavanand Bharti case	Yes Yes		
	Same in all following cases		

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The Preamble to the Constitution of India is

- a) a part of the Constitution but has no legal effect
- b) not a part of the Constitution and has no legal effect either
- c) a part of the Constitution and has the same legal effect as any other part
- d) a part of the Constitution but has no legal effect independently of other parts

UNION AND ITS TERRITORY

Article 1: India, that is Bharat, shall be a <u>Union of States</u>

Territory of India = State + UT + any future acquisitions

- ☐ Article 2: Parliament can add new states
- ☐ Article 3: Parliament can change boundary/name of existing states
- Article 4: Laws made under articles 2&3 (to amend Schedules 1&4) are not constitutional amendments under article 368

Note:

- 'Union of States' instead of 'Federation of States' because:
 - ✓ India is not result of an agreement among the states (e.g. USA)
 - ✓ States have no right to secede from the federation
 - ✓ India is divided into states only for administrative convenience
- Article 2 is for adding new territory e.g. Goa, Sikkim, Puducherry, D&D, D&N Haveli
- ☐ Article 3 is for existing territory e.g. Telangana, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh

Bill under article 3:

- ✓ President must refer the Bill to State legislature (no need if UT)
- ✓ Irrespective of response, Prez recommends Bill to be introduced in Parliament

Bill under article 3 needs:

- ✓ Simple majority in both LS & RS
- X Special majority in both LS & RS
- **X** Special majority in both LS & RS and ratification by half of the States

To settle border dispute:

- **✓ Executive action is sufficient**
- ✓ Constitutional amendment not needed

To cede Indian territory:

- ✓ Executive action is insufficient
- ✓ Amendment u/a 368 is necessary

Destructible States:

- ✓ India is described as 'an indestructible union of destructible states' (-Ambedkar)
- ✓ USA is described as 'an indestructible union of indestructible states'

Reason: Indian Parliament can redraw political map of India without States consent.

<u>Remember:</u> Territorial integrity or continued existence of any state is <u>not</u> guaranteed by Indian Constitution.

'Territory of India' is a wider expression than 'Union of India'

- Union of India includes only states
- Territory of India includes states, Union Territories and future acquisitions

State reorganization

1951	1961	1971 Himachal	1981	1991	2001	2011
1952	1962	1972 Mani, Megha, Tripura	1982	1992	2002	2012
1953 Andhra	1963 Nagaland	1973	1983	1993	2003	2013
1954	1964	1974	1984	1994	2004	2014 Telangana
1955	1965	1975 Sikkim	1985	1995	2005	2015
1956	1966 Haryana	1976	1986	1996	2006	2016
1957	1967	1977	1987 Arunachal, Goa, Mizo	1997	2007	2017
1958	1968	1978	1988	1998	2008	2018
1959	1969	1979	1989	1999	2009	2019
1960 Gujarat, Maharashtra	1970	1980	1990	2000 Uttara, Chhat, Jhark	2010	2020

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Which of the following is correct chronological order of formation as full States of Indian Union? (a) Sikkim-Arunachal Haryana

- (b) Nagaland-Haryana-Sikkim-Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Sikkim-Haryana-Nagaland-Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Nagaland-Arunachal Haryana

29 Indian states on 26th January 1950:

- Part-A (09): Governor's provinces
- Part-B (09): Princely states with legislatures
- Part-C (10): Chief Commissioners Provinces and some princely states
- Part-D (01): Andaman & Nicobar islands

1948	Dhar Commission by Govt; JVP committee by Congress (Linguistic Provinces Commission)	X Linguistic basis; Administrative convenience
1953	First linguistic state Andhra created States Reorganisation (Fazal Ali) Commission	Report in 1955; Accepted linguistic basis
1956	States Reorganisation Act 1956 7 th Constitution Amendment Act 1956	14 states and 6 UTs created
1960	Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960	Bombay divided into Maharashtra and Gujarat
1966	Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 Shah Commission	Punjab divided to create Haryana and Chandigarh

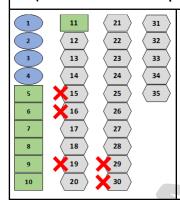
CITIZENSHIP

Part-II Articles 5 to 11 deals with citizenship:

- Article 5 : Citizens at commencement of Constitution
- Article 11: Parliament to regulate right of citizenship (Hence came Citizenship Act, 1955)

Constitution:

- ✓ It identifies citizens as on 26-01-1950
- ✓ It does not deal with acquisition or loss of citizenship subsequent to commencement



Constitution denies following Fundamental Rights to aliens:

- Article 15 Right against discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.
- ☐ Article 16 Right to equality of opportunity in the matter of public employment.
- ☐ <u>Article 19</u> Right to freedom of <u>speech</u> and expression, assembly, association, movement, residence and profession.
- Articles 29 & 30 Cultural and educational rights.

Do aliens enjoy Right to Privacy? Yes, as its part of Article 21

Do aliens enjoy Right to assemble peacefully? No, its part of Article 19

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A good citizen is one who is

- a) Conscious of social obligations
- b) Not bothered about anything
- c) Educated
- d) Rich in cultural heritage

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British citizen staying in India cannot claim Right to

- a) Freedom of trade and profession
- b) Equality before the Law
- Protection of life and personal liberty c)
- d) Freedom of religion

Acquisition of citizenship:

- 1) by birth
- 2) by descent
- 3) by registration (take oath)
- 4) by naturalization (take oath)
- 5) by incorporation of territory Note: illegal migrant can not

Loss of citizenship:

- 1) by Renunciation: giving up Indian citizenship. Minor children also lose citizenship, but can resume it on becoming major.
- 2) by Termination: on acquiring citizenship of another country, Indian citizenship automatically terminates
- by Deprivation: Central govt. terminating citizenship. e.g. disloyalty to Constitution; out of India for 7 years continuously; unlawfully communicated with enemy during war

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Citizenship by birth:

- X A child born in India automatically becomes Indian citizen
- X Children of foreign diplomats posted in India can get Indian citizenship by birth
- A child born today will get citizenship by birth if at least one parent is Indian, and another not an illegal migrant.



Citizenship by registration:

- ✓ Person of Indian origin resided for 7 years in India
- √ Spouse/child of Indian citizen

And many more.... Conditions apply

Citizenship by naturalisation:

- ✓ Resided in India in last 12 months, and before that in 11 out of 14 years
- ✓ Knows one of the languages of 8th schedule

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Consider the following statements:

- 1. Article 371A to 371I were inserted in the Constitution of India to meet regional demands of Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Goa.
- 2. Constitution of India and USA can envisage dual polity (Union and States) but single citizenship.
- A naturalized citizen of India can never be deprived of his citizenship.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 3 (c) 3 only (d) 1 only

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With reference to India, consider the following statements:

- 1. There is only one citizenship and one domicile.
- A citizen by birth only can become the Head of State.
- A foreigner once granted citizenship cannot be deprived of it under any circumstances.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 2 and 3

Overseas Citizen of India > Since 2005, by amending Citizenship Act, 1955

Eligibility:

Was Indian citizen on 26th January 1950; or his/her (great/grand) children; and their spouse

Should not be citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh

NRIs: They are Indians, so they don't need visa **OCIs:** They are NOT Indians, so they need visa Govt. has given them <u>lifelong VISA</u>.

Rights of OCIs:

- Not citizen, so can't vote, get govt job, etc. They have same FRs are other aliens.
- Same rights as NRIs in education, pursuing profession, adoption, fees at ASI monuments, etc.
- They are not at par to NRIs in case of acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties.
- Some restrictions like no Missionary, Tabligh, Journalism, Mountaineering.