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**Sixth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, April 2019**  
**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**Core Course – XIII**  
**PS 1643 : Decentralization and Participatory Democracy**  
**(2013 Admn. Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Answer **all** questions. **Each** answer shall **not** exceed **one** or **two** sentences.  
**Each** answer carries **one** mark.

1. The Union List.
2. Unitary state.
3. Dyarchy.
4. Expand UNDP.
5. ADCs.
6. ASHA.
7. Expand NABARD.
8. Expand the abbreviation IRDP.
9. Name the first state which has ensured 50% reservation for women in the Panchayat Institutions in the country.
10. Expand the abbreviation SHG. **(10×1=10 Marks)**

Answer **any eight** questions. **Each** answer shall **not** exceed **one** paragraph.  
**Each** answer carries **two** marks.

11. Explain the concept of 'Swaraj'.
12. What is meant by the Human Development Index ?

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13. Explain the role of 'initiative' in articulating public opinion.
  14. Write a short note on the institution of 'nyaya panchyat'.
  15. Write a note on Block Panchayat.
  16. Write the significance of performance audit in the decentralization of power.
  17. Examine importance of universal adult franchise in the decentralization of power.
  18. What do you mean by devolution of power ?
  19. Single member constituencies are the bases of representative system in India. Do you agree and why ?
  20. What are the significance of grama sabha ?
  21. Explain the significance of Panchayat Secretary.
  22. How can we analysis the concurrent list in the process of division of power in Indian Constitution ?  
(8×2=16 Marks)
- Answer **any six** questions and the answer shall **not** exceed **120** words. Each answer is given **four** marks.
23. Explain the role of 'Akshaya' in empowering village communities.
  24. Examine the role of Govt. of India Act, 1935 to create an all India federation.
  25. The state election commission has a unique role in the decentralization process; why ?
  26. Detail the powers and functions of Grama Sabha as the base level organization of decentralization.
  27. What do you mean by social audit and explain its importance ?



28. Examine the role of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in facilitating intervention of civic consciousness in the realm of governance.
29. Explain the relevance of citizen character in empowering people.
30. Write a brief essay on Gandhian perspective of decentralization.
31. Explain the importance of grievances redressal mechanism in Government Departments. **(6×4=24 Marks)**

**Essay – Answer any two questions. Each correct answer is given 15 marks.**

32. What is the meaning of the concept decentralization and what are the dimensions of decentralization ?
33. Explain the changes incurred in the local self government system by the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act with special emphasis on Kerala experiments.
34. Explain the role of neighborhood groups in empowering women in the villages with special reference to the Kudumbasree/ayalkoottam.
35. Decentralization and participatory democracy are the hallmark of Indian democracy. Substantiate the argument with examples. **(15×2=30 Marks)**