

BOARD-PATTERN PRACTICE PAPER · CBSE CLASS 11

Election and Representation

Political Science · Chapter 3 · Matches current CBSE blueprint · Each question PYQ-sourced where indicated

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	30	60 min	As per board	≥ 24/30

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- All questions are compulsory.
- Section A: 4 one-mark Very Short Answer questions. Section B: 3 two-mark Short Answer questions. Section C: 3 three-mark questions. Section D: 2 long-answer / passage-based questions (4 and 7 marks).
- Answer Very Short Answer questions in one word or one sentence.
- Support your answers with relevant examples from the Indian electoral system wherever the question asks for them.
- Marks for each question are indicated against it.

Section A — Very Short Answer (1 mark each, 4 Qs)
4 MARKS · 8 MIN

- Q1.** Under which Article of the Constitution is the Election Commission of India established? [PYQ 2019 CBSE SQP]
- Q2.** What is the minimum voting age in India, and which amendment fixed it? [PYQ 2022 School Annual] **[1 mark]**
- Q3.** Write the full forms of FPTP and STV. [PYQ 2023 School Annual] **[1 mark]**
- Q4.** Who appoints the Chief Election Commissioner of India? [PYQ 2021 CBSE SQP] **[1 mark]**

Section B — Short Answer I (2 marks each, 3 Qs)
6 MARKS · 12 MIN

- Q5.** What is meant by universal adult franchise? State one reason why its adoption in India was significant. [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[2 marks]**
- Q6.** What is a reserved constituency? Clarify who may contest and who may vote in it. [PYQ 2021 School Annual]
- Q7.** State any two functions of the Election Commission of India. [PYQ 2020 CBSE SQP] **[2 marks]**

Section C — Short Answer II (3 marks each, 3 Qs)
9 MARKS · 20 MIN

- Q8.** Explain how the First-Past-The-Post system works, and state one merit and one demerit. [PYQ 2020 School Annual] **[3 marks]**
- Q9.** Why did the makers of the Indian Constitution choose the FPTP system for direct elections? Give three reasons. [PYQ 2021 CBSE SQP] **[3 marks]**
- Q10.** Why is the independence of the Election Commission considered essential for democracy? Explain. [PYQ 2022 School Annual] **[3 marks]**

Section D — Long Answer / Passage-Based (4 and 7 marks, 2 Qs)
11 MARKS · 20 MIN

- Q11.** Read the following and answer: 'In an election held under one system, Party A wins 40% of the votes, Party B 35% and Party C 25%. Under one system Party A wins a clear majority of seats; under another, the three parties win seats roughly matching these percentages.' (a) Name the system under which seats roughly match the vote percentages. (b) Name the system under which Party A could win a clear majority of seats with only 40% of the votes. (c) Which of the two systems does India use for Lok Sabha elections? (d) State one reason India chose that system. [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[4 marks]**
- Q12.** Distinguish between the First-Past-The-Post system and the system of Proportional Representation. In your answer, define each system, contrast them on at least three points, and state where India uses each. [PYQ 2019 CBSE SQP] **[7 marks]**

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