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Q1. § Overview / Introduction

[1]

Which of the following statements are correct related to the role of political parties in India ?

- I. Play a decisive role in making laws for the country.
 - II. Making different interest groups in the country.
 - III. Play a role for shaping public opinion in the country.
 - IV. Pulling forward different policies and programmes before voters.
- (A) Only I, II and III are correct.
(B) Only I, III and IV are correct.
(C) Only II, III and IV are correct.
(D) Only I, II and IV are correct.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/5/1 Q14

♦ Political Parties

Functions and Role of Political Parties

Q2. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties?

[1]

Two statements are given below. They are Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read both the statements and choose the correct option.

Assertion (A) : Modern democracy cannot function without political parties.

Reason (R) : Elected representatives will be accountable only to their constituencies, not towards the country.

- (A) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
(B) (A) is false, but (R) is true.
(C) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
(D) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

Previously asked in: 2024 32/4/1 Q11

♦ Political Parties

Need and Importance of Political Parties in Democracy

Q3. § Overview / Introduction

[5]

Explain the importance of political parties in Indian democracy.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/5/1 Q27(a)

♦ Political Parties

Role and Importance of Political Parties in Democracy

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Q4. § Overview / Introduction § Popular participation in political parties § State parties [5]

Explain the challenges faced by the political parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/5/1 Q27(b)

♦ Political Parties Challenges faced by Political Parties in India

Q5. § Overview / Introduction § State parties [3]

Explain three major challenges before Political Parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/5/1 Q29

♦ Political Parties Challenges faced by Political Parties in India

Q6. § Overview / Introduction [3]

Analyze the need of Political Parties in the Democracy.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/4/1 Q28

♦ Political Parties Need and Importance of Political Parties in Democracy

Q7. § Overview / Introduction § State parties [5]

Examine any five major challenges faced by the political parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/4/1 Q9(a)

♦ Political Parties Challenges faced by Political Parties in India

Q8. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties? [5]

"Political parties play an important role in democratic countries." Justify the statement.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/4/1 Q9(b)

♦ Political Parties Role and Functions of Political Parties in a Democracy

Q9. § Overview / Introduction [3]

Explain the importance of political parties in democracy.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/1/1 Q28(a)

♦ Political Parties Importance/Functions of Political Parties in Democracy

Q10. § Overview / Introduction § State parties [3]

Why did India adopt the multiparty system ? Explain with suitable arguments.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/1/1 Q28(b)

♦ Political Parties Multi-party system in India – reasons for adoption

Q11. § Overview / Introduction [3]

Explain any three responsibilities carried out by the political parties in a democracy.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/2/1 Q27

♦ Political Parties Functions and Responsibilities of Political Parties in a Democracy

Q12. § Overview / Introduction § State parties [5]

Describe the main challenges before political parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/3/1 Q26(b)

♦ Political Parties Challenges faced by Political Parties in India

Q13. § Overview / Introduction § Popular participation in political parties § State parties [3]

Analyse any three challenges faced by political parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/5/1 Q27

♦ Political Parties Challenges faced by Political Parties in India

Q14. § Overview / Introduction § State parties [5]

Explain any five challenges faced by political parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/5/1 Q32(a)

♦ Political Parties Challenges faced by Political Parties in India

Q15. § Overview / Introduction [5]

Examine the role of political parties in a democracy.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/4/1 Q27(a)

♦ Political Parties Functions/Role of political parties in a democracy

Q16. § Overview / Introduction § National parties § State parties [2]

Why has India adopted a multi-party system? Explain.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/1/1 Q3

♦ Political Parties Multi-party system in India – reasons for adoption

Q17. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties? [3]

Explain, how the rise of political parties are directly linked to the emergence of representative democracies.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/2/1 Q8

♦ Political Parties Rise of Political Parties and Representative Democracy

Q18. § Overview / Introduction § Popular participation in political parties § State parties [3]

Describe three major challenges faced by the political parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/2/1 Q28(b)

♦ Political Parties Challenges faced by Political Parties in India

Q19. § Overview / Introduction [3]

Analyse the role of political parties in a democracy.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/1/1 Q27

♦ Political Parties Role of Political Parties in a Democracy

Q20. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties? § Challenges to political parties [5]

Political parties have become omnipresent in democratic setups across the world. Explain the statement with examples.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/3/1 Q9 (a)

♦ Political Parties Need and Functions of Political Parties in Democracy

Q21. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties? § Challenges to political parties [3]

Analyse the role of political parties in shaping public opinion.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/4/1 Q27

♦ Political Parties Role of Political Parties in Shaping Public Opinion

Q22. § Overview / Introduction**[1]**

Two statements are given in the question below as Assertion (A) and reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option.

Assertion (A) : Political Parties are important in the functioning of democracy.

Reason (R) : The media plays an important role in the making of Political Parties.

- (A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (C) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (D) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/6/1 Q16

♦ Political Parties

Assertion-Reason: Role of Media in Formation/Making of Political Parties

Role and Importance of Political Parties in Democracy

Q23. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties? § Challenges to political parties**[2]**

Explain the role of political parties in shaping public opinion.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/3/1 Q23

♦ Political Parties

Role of Political Parties in Shaping Public Opinion

Q24. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties?**[5]**

Examine the need of the political parties in a democratic government.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/4/1 Q27(b)

♦ Political Parties

Need for political parties

Q25. § How many parties should we have?**[1]**

Which one of the following countries has a two-party system ?

- (A) China
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) United States of America
- (D) France

Previously asked in: 2024 32/4/1 Q12

♦ Political Parties

Two-party system

Q26. § How many parties should we have? § National parties**[1]**

Which one of the following countries has two party system ?

- (a) China
- (b) Russia
- (c) America
- (d) India

Previously asked in: 2024 32/1/1 Q12; 2023 32/4/1 Q19 — 2×

♦ Political Parties

Two-party system

Q27. § How many parties should we have?**[1]**

Which one of the following countries has 'one-party system' ?

- (A) United States of America
- (B) United Kingdom
- (C) India
- (D) China

Previously asked in: 2024 32/2/1 Q11

♦ Political Parties

Types of Party Systems – One-Party System

Q28. § National parties**[2]**

Differentiate between ruling and opposition parties.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/2/1 Q3

♦ Political Parties

Ruling Party vs Opposition Party

Q29. § How many parties should we have?**[1]**

Which one of the following countries adopted multi-party system ?

- (a) USA
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) United Kingdom

Previously asked in: 2023 32/2/1 Q13

♦ Political Parties

Multi-party system

Q30. § How many parties should we have? § National parties**[2]**

How is one-party system different from two-party system ? Explain with examples.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/4/1 Q4

♦ Political Parties

Types of Party Systems: One-Party vs Two-Party System

Q31. § How many parties should we have? § National parties § State parties**[3]**

Describe any three features of Multiparty System.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/4/1 Q28

♦ Political Parties

Multiparty System

Q32. § Overview / Introduction § How many parties should we have? § Challenges to political parties**[3]**

"Political parties perform a series of functions in the democracy." Explain the statement with examples.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/1/1 Q26

♦ Political Parties

Functions of political parties

Q33. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties?**[4]**

The rise of political parties is directly linked to the emergence of representative democracies. As we have seen, large societies need representative democracy. As societies became large and complex, they also needed some agency to gather different views on various issues and to present these to the government. They needed some ways, to bring various representatives together so that a responsible government could be formed. They needed a mechanism to support or restrain the government, make policies, justify or oppose them. Political parties fulfil these needs that every representative government has. We can say that parties are a necessary condition for a democracy.

Read the given source and answer the questions that follow :

(36.1) Explain the meaning of a 'political party'. [1]

(36.2) The rise of political parties is directly linked to the emergence of representative democracy. Justify this statement. [1]

(36.3) Why are political parties a necessary condition for a democracy ? Explain. [2]

Previously asked in: 2023 32/2/1 Q36

♦ Political Parties

Meaning and definition of a political party

Political parties as a necessary condition for democracy

Rise of political parties and emergence of representative democracy

Q34. § National parties § State parties**[1]**

Two statements are given below. They are Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read both the statements and choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): Every party in India has to register with the Election Commission.

Reason (R): The Government provides election symbols to all political parties in India.

A Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

B Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

C (A) is true, but (R) is false.

D (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/3/1 Q7

♦ Political Parties

Election Symbols and Recognition of Political Parties

Registration of Political Parties with the Election Commission

Q35. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties?**[1]**

Read the following statements about the functions of political parties and choose the correct option :

I. Political parties build public opinion.

II. Political parties play the role of the opposition.

III. Political parties present their programmes to the public.

IV. Political parties make foreign policy.

A Only I, II and III are correct.

B Only II, III and IV are correct.

C Only I, III and IV are correct.

D Only I, II and IV are correct.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/2/1 Q19

♦ Political Parties

Functions of political parties

Q36. § Overview / Introduction § National parties § Challenges to political parties**[3]**

Explain any three functions of Political Party.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/1/1 Q28

♦ Political Parties

Functions of political parties

Q37. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties? § How many parties should we have?

[1]

Which of the following are the main components of a political party ? Choose the correct option :

I. Leaders

II. Active members

III. Followers

IV. Pressure groups

- (A) Only I, II and III are correct.
- (B) Only II, III and IV are correct.
- (C) Only I, III and IV are correct.
- (D) Only I, II and IV are correct.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/1/1 Q14

♦ Political Parties

Components of a Political Party

Q38. § Overview / Introduction § How can parties be reformed?

[1]

Which one of the following steps has been taken by the Election Commission of India to reform political parties ?

- (A) Amended the Constitution to prevent defection.
- (B) Candidates will have to give the details of criminal cases on affidavit.
- (C) Candidates will have to give details of their property on affidavit.
- (D) It has been made mandatory for all parties to conduct organizational elections and file income tax returns.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/5/1 Q11

♦ Political Parties

Electoral and Political Party Reforms by Election Commission of India

Q39. § How many parties should we have?

[1]

Which one of the following countries have One Party System ?

- (A) China
- (B) India
- (C) Pakistan
- (D) America

Previously asked in: 2023 32/6/1 Q18

♦ Political Parties

Types of Party Systems - One Party System

Q40. § Overview / Introduction § National parties

[5]

Describe the main functions of political parties.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/3/1 Q26(a)

♦ Political Parties

Functions of political parties

Q41. § National parties

[2]

Explain the role of Election Commission regarding recognition of Political Parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/6/1 Q23

♦ Political Parties

Role of Election Commission in Recognition of Political Parties

Q42. § Overview / Introduction § National parties

[5]

Explain any five major functions of the political parties.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/5/1 Q32(b)

♦ Political Parties

Functions of political parties

Q43. § National parties**[3]**

Explain the role of Election Commission in the registration and recognition of political parties in India.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/1/1 Q8

♦ Political Parties

Role of Election Commission in Registration and Recognition of Political Parties

Q44. § Overview / Introduction § National parties § Challenges to political parties**[3]**

Describe three main functions of political parties.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/2/1 Q28(a)

♦ Political Parties

Functions of political parties

Q45. § Overview / Introduction § National parties § State parties**[3]**

Describe any three functions of the Political Parties.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/3/1 Q27

♦ Political Parties

Functions of political parties

Q46. § Overview / Introduction § Popular participation in political parties § State parties**[1]**

Find the odd one out regarding the Political Parties of India :

- (A) Indian National Congress and Communist Party of India (M)
- (B) Rashtriya Janta Dal and Lok Jan Shakti Party
- (C) Indian National Lok Dal and Jan Nayak Janta Party
- (D) Rashtriya Lok Dal and Jan Satta Dal

Previously asked in: 2026 32/1/1 Q22; 2026 32/5/1 Q22 — 2×

♦ Political Parties

National and State (Regional) Political Parties of India

Q47. § How many parties should we have?**[4]**

How many political parties ?

In some countries, only one party is allowed to control and run the government. These are called one-party systems. In some countries, power usually changes between two main parties. Several other parties may exist, contest elections and win a few seats in the national legislatures. Such a party system is called two-party system. If several parties compete for power, and more than two parties have a reasonable chance of coming to power either on their own strength or in alliance with others, we call it a multiparty system.

Read the given source carefully and answer the questions that follow :

- (27.1) Explain the main feature of 'multi-party system'. [1]
- (27.2) Why is a 'one-party system' not compatible with democracy ? [1]
- (27.3) Explain the main characteristics of a coalition government. [2]

Previously asked in: 2026 32/2/1 Q27

♦ Political Parties

Coalition government

Multi-party system

One-party system and incompatibility with democracy

Q48. § Overview / Introduction § State parties**[1]**

Two statements are given below. They are Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read both the statements and choose the correct option.

Assertion (A) : Multi-party system has been adopted in India.

Reason (R) : It is capable of accommodating all the social and geographical differences in India.

- (A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (C) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (D) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/5/1 Q12

♦ Political Parties

Multi-party system in India

Types of party systems (one-party, two-party, multi-party)

Q49. § Overview / Introduction § State parties**[1]**

Choose the correct option related to the regional political parties of India :

- A Rashtriya Lok Dal — Mashal — Uttar Pradesh
- B Telugu Desam — Cycle — Andhra Pradesh
- C Telangana Rashtra Samiti — Kite — Telangana
- D Shiromani Akali Dal — Chashma — Punjab

Previously asked in: 2025 32/6/1 Q12

♦ Political Parties

Regional Political Parties in India

Q50. § State parties**[1]**

There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read both the statements and choose the correct option as your answer :

Assertion (A) : India has a multiparty system.

Reason (R) : It is because of the social and geographical diversities in India.

- (a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).
- (b) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).
- (c) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.
- (d) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/5/1 Q11

♦ Political Parties

Multiparty System in India

Social and Geographical Diversity as a basis for Political Parties

Q51. § How many parties should we have? § State parties**[1]**

Find the odd one out from the following :

- (A) Communist Party of India (M) & Bharatiya Janata Party
- (B) Rashtriya Janata Dal & Janata Dal
- (C) Nationalist Congress Party & Shiv Sena
- (D) United Democratic Party & National People's Party

Previously asked in: 2026 32/4/1 Q22

♦ Political Parties

National and State (Regional) Political Parties of India

Q52. § State parties**[1]**

Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched ? List-I (Regional Parties) / List-II (Regions)

- (a) Rashtriya Janta Dal – Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Janta Dal (Secular) – Bihar
- (c) Rashtriya Lok Dal – Assam
- (d) Biju Janta Dal – Odisha

Previously asked in: 2025 32/4/1 Q11

♦ Political Parties

Regional Political Parties and their regions

Q53. § How many parties should we have? § National parties § State parties**[1]**

Choose the correctly matched pair from the following (Political Party – State) :

- A Janata Dal (Secular) – Bihar
- B Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party – Goa
- C Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam – Andhra Pradesh
- D All India Forward Bloc – Punjab

Previously asked in: 2025 32/2/1 Q14

♦ Political Parties

State/Regional Political Parties and their States

Q54. § State parties**[1]**

Which of the following States is ruled by a regional party ?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Rajasthan

Previously asked in: 2023 32/2/1 Q12

♦ Political Parties

Regional Political Parties

Q55. § Overview / Introduction § Why do we need political parties?**[4]****The Need for Political Parties**

As we have seen, large societies need representative democracy. As societies became large and complex, they also needed some agency to gather different views on various issues and to present these to the government. They needed some ways, to bring various representatives together so that a responsible government could be formed. They needed a mechanism to support or restrain the government, make policies, justify or oppose them. Political parties fulfil these needs that every representative government has. We can say that parties are a necessary condition for a democracy.

Read the following source and answer the questions that follow :

- (36.1)** Explain the meaning of 'representative democracy'. [1]
- (36.2)** How do political parties shape public opinion ? [1]
- (36.3)** Why are political parties considered a necessary condition for a democracy ? Explain. [2]

Previously asked in: 2025 32/6/1 Q36

♦ Political Parties

Meaning of Representative Democracy

Political parties as a necessary condition for democracy

Role of Political Parties in Shaping Public Opinion

Q56. § Overview / Introduction § Challenges to political parties § How can parties be reformed?

[1]

How do Political Parties ensure accountability to the public ? Choose the most suitable option from the following.

- (A) Through Press Conferences
- (B) Through Social Media Campaigns
- (C) Through encouraging Partisanship
- (D) Through Elections and Voter Support

Previously asked in: 2024 32/3/1 Q12

♦ Political Parties

Functions of Political Parties – Ensuring Accountability to the Public

Q57. § How can parties be reformed?

[1]

To reform the party system, which of the following tasks have been made compulsory for the political parties? Choose the most appropriate option.

- I. It is now compulsory for all the political parties to file income tax returns.
- II. It is now compulsory for all parties to have one-third women candidates.
- III. It is now compulsory for all the political parties to hold their organisational election.
- IV. It is now compulsory for all candidates to disclose information about pending criminal cases against them through affidavit.

- A Only I, II and III are correct.
- B Only I, II and IV are correct.
- C Only I, III and IV are correct.
- D Only II, III and IV are correct.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/3/1 Q5

♦ Political Parties

Reforms in Political Parties

Q58. § Overview / Introduction § State parties § How can parties be reformed?

[2]

Suggest any two reforms to strengthen 'party system' in India.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/2/1 Q23

♦ Political Parties

Reforms to Strengthen Political Parties

Q59. § Overview / Introduction § Popular participation in political parties § State parties

[5]

Several reforms have been made to strengthen political parties in India so that they could perform their functions well. Explain the statement with examples.

Previously asked in: 2022 32/3/1 Q9 (b)

♦ Political Parties

Anti-Defection Law

Election Commission Rules on Party Finances and Candidate Declarations

Reforms to Strengthen Political Parties in India

Q60. § How do we assess democracy's outcomes? § Economic outcomes of democracy

[1]

Two statements are given below as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the Statements and choose the correct option :

Assertion (A) : Elections are the spirit of democracy. Reason (R) : Elections expand Political participation.

- A Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- B Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is the not correct explanation of (A).
- C (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- D (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/1/1 Q16

♦ Outcomes of Democracy

Arguments in Favour of Democracy

Elections and Democratic Participation

Q61. § Introduction § PRODUCTION ACROSS COUNTRIES § Small producers: Compete or perish

[1]

△ Globalisation and the Indian Economy › PRODUCTION ACROSS COUNTRIES — Internal project only — not in the Board exam (per CBSE 2026-27 curriculum) Only 'What is Globalisation?' and 'Factors that have enabled Globalisation' are in the Board exam; the remaining sub-topics are the internally-assessed interdisciplinary project. [\[source: Course Structure — Economics, Chapter 4 \(Subtopics evaluated in Board\)\]](#)

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Identify the odd one out.

- A Hindustan Computers Limited
- B Bharti Airtel Limited
- C Hindustan Unilever Limited
- D Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Previously asked in: 2025 32/3/1 Q12

◆ Globalisation and the Indian Economy

Examples of MNCs operating in India

Find the odd one out

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