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Chapter- 19 ‘ The Union Government : The Executive’

A. Multiple Choice Questions:

1. Who is the nominal head of the Union Executive in India?

a) Prime Minister b) President

c) Vice President d) Speaker of Lok Sabha

Answer: b) President

2. The real executive head of the Union Government is:

a) President b) Prime Minister

c) Chief Justice d) Vice President

Answer: b) Prime Minister

3. The President of India is elected for a term of:

a) 4 years b) 5 years

c) 6 years d) 7 years

Answer: b) 5 years

4. Who is the Supreme Commander of the Indian Defence Forces?

a) Prime Minister b) Defence Minister

c) President d) Chief of Army Staff

Answer: c) President

5. The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to:

a) President b) Rajya Sabha

c) Lok Sabha d) Supreme Court

Answer: c) Lok Sabha

6. The Vice President of India is the ex-officio Chairman of:

a) Lok Sabha b) Rajya Sabha

c) Planning Commission d) Finance Commission

Answer: b) Rajya Sabha

7. The President can declare a National Emergency under which Article?

a) Article 352 b) Article 356

c) Article 360 d) Article 370

Answer: a) Article 352

8. Who appoints the Prime Minister of India?

a) Chief Justice of India b) President

c) Lok Sabha d) Rajya Sabha

Answer: b) President

9. The minimum age to become the President of India is:

a) 30 years b) 35 years

c) 25 years d) 40 years

Answer: b) 35 years

10. The Council of Ministers works on the principle of:

a) Individual Responsibility b) Collective Responsibility

c) Dual Responsibility d) None of these

Answer: b) Collective Responsibility

11. Which of the following is NOT a power of the President?

a) Appointing the Prime Minister b) Dissolving the Lok Sabha

c) Making laws independently d) Granting pardon

Answer: c) Making laws independently

12. The President can issue an Ordinance when:

a) Parliament is in session b) Parliament is not in session

c) Both houses have passed the bill d) Supreme Court allows it

Answer: b) Parliament is not in session

13. Who among the following is the head of the Union Government?

a) President b) Prime Minister

c) Vice President d) Cabinet Secretary

Answer: b) Prime Minister

14. The process of removing the President is called:

a) Impeachment b) No-confidence motion

c) Dissolution d) Resignation

Answer: a) Impeachment

15. The President is an integral part of:

a) Lok Sabha b) Rajya Sabha

c) Indian Parliament d) Supreme Court

Answer: c) Indian Parliament

16. The Prime Minister is appointed by the President on the basis of:

a) Seniority b) Majority support in Lok Sabha

c) Recommendation of Rajya Sabha d) Personal choice

Answer: b) Majority support in Lok Sabha

17. Which emergency is imposed due to failure of Constitutional machinery in a state?

a) National Emergency b) President's Rule (Article 356)

c) Financial Emergency d) Internal Disturbance

Answer: b) President's Rule (Article 356)

18. The maximum number of members in the Council of Ministers cannot exceed:

a) 10% of total members of Parliament b) 15% of total members of Lok Sabha

c) 20% of total members of Rajya Sabha d) No limit

Answer: b) 15% of total members of Lok Sabha

19. The Vice President acts as President when:

a) President is on foreign tour b) Office of President falls vacant

c) President is ill d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above (especially in case of vacancy)

20. "The Prime Minister is the pivot around which the entire administration revolves." This statement refers to:

a) Nominal executive b) Real executive

c) Judiciary d) Legislature

Answer: b) Real Executive

B. Very Short type Questions:

Question.1- How is the President of India elected?

Answer: Indirectly by an Electoral College

Question. 2- Who presides over the meetings of the Cabinet?

Answer: The Prime Minister.

Question. 3- What is the collective responsibility of the Council of Ministers?

Answer: They are collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha.

Question.4- What type of government does India have?

Answer: Parliamentary form of government.

Question.5- What is a Coalition Government?

Answer: Government formed by alliance of two or more parties when no single party gets majority.

Question.6- The election of the President of India is held in accordance with the Single Transferable Vote System of Proportional Representation. What is essential for him/her to secure under this system?

Answer: Under this system, it is essential for him to secure the fixed quota of votes to get elected.

Question. 7- Under what circumstances can a President be impeached?

Answer: If a President violates the Constitution, he/she can be impeached.

Question.8- What is Union Executive comprises of ?

Answer- The Union Executive comprises of the President of India and the Union Council of ministers headed by the Prime minister.

Question. 9- What do you mean by 'succession to presidency?

Answer: In case the office of the President falls vacant due to his/her resignation, death or impeachment, the Vice President of India takes over the responsibility to officiate as President till the new President is elected.

Question. 10- Under what circumstances does the Chief Justice of India take over as the officiating President of India?

Answer: If the office of the Vice President also falls vacant, when there is an already existing vacancy at the President's office, then the Chief Justice of India takes over as officiating President of India till new President is elected.

Question. 11- How can you say that the Prime Minister occupies the most important position in a parliamentary form of government?

Answer: As a leader of the party, his/her opinion carries maximum weight in taking all party decisions. His/ Her views on various political and economic issues are valued and respected.

Question. 12- What are the main functions of the executive as an organ of the government?

Answer: The main functions of the executive as an organ of the government are to enforce laws made by the legislature, execute them and run the administration of the country.