SYLLABUS

DPRIT2: PAPER II – STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS (PRIS)

Objective:

This paper aims to familiarize students with the structure, composition, and functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions at the village, block, and district levels. It focuses on the roles and responsibilities of Gram Panchayat, Gram Sabha, Panchayat Samiti, Zila Parishad, and Panchayat Secretary in local governance. The course also examines administrative coordination, electoral processes, reservation policies, accountability, and transparency mechanisms in Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Course Outcomes (COs):

CO1: Understand the composition and roles of different Panchayati bodies.

CO2: Explain the functioning of Gram Sabha and Panchayat leadership.

CO3: Analyze administrative coordination in PRIs.

CO4: Evaluate transparency, elections, and accountability mechanisms.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

DPRIT2	**Paper II – Structure and Functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)** **Section A** 1. Composition and responsibilities of Gram Panchayat 2. Role of Gram Sabha; powers and responsibilities of Sarpanch and members 3. Structure and functions of Panchayat Samiti 4. Role and duties of Zila Parishad **Section B** 5. Administrative structure at different levels; coordination with government bodies 6. Elections and reservation policies in PRIs; accountability and transparency 7. Role of Panchayat Secretary in governance	M.M-100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass-40%

Suggested Readings

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- UNDP (United Nations Development Programme). Reports on Decentralization and Local Governance in India.