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Q6. a) Explain the tenets of Good Governance in Islam and relate these with the Western theories of Governance.

- b) How can the education policy in Pakistan be brought in consonance with the tenets of Good Governance in Islam?

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Any lesson(s) from Kerala (India) that could be usefully adopted in your union council



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TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	(PART-I MCQs)	MAXIMUM MARKS: 20
PART-I (MCQs) : MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	(PART-II)	MAXIMUM MARKS: 80
NOTE: (i) First attempt PART-I (MCQs) on separate OMR Answer Sheet which shall be taken back after 30 minutes. (ii) Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit. (iii) There is no negative marking. All MCQs must be attempted.		

PART-I (MCQs) (COMPULSORY)

- Q.1. (i) Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate Box ☐ on the OMR Answer Sheet.(20x1=20)
(ii) Answers given anywhere else, other than OMR Answer Sheet, will not be considered.
- Behaviorism is associated with:
(A) Economics (B) Politics (C) Psychology (D) None of these
 - The concept of "bounded rationality" was given by:
(A) Max Weber (B) Abraham Maslow (C) Frederick Taylor (D) None of these
 - "Legal-rational authority" is a core concept of:
(A) Public Choice Theory (B) Theory of Emergency (C) Theory of Bureaucracy (D) None of these
 - Bureaucracy is a form of:
(A) Political Organization (B) Social Organization (C) Private organization (D) None of these
 - Public choice theory is economic explanation of:
(A) Election organizations (B) Public opinion (C) Political decision making (D) None of these
 - Which of the following is not a feature of good governance?
(A) Accountability (B) Transparency (C) Local Government (D) None of these
 - When did the modern European state begin to emerge?
(A) From the 17th century (B) In Classical Rome (C) In Ancient Greece (D) None of these
 - Pakistan was named as "Islamic Republic of Pakistan" first time ever in:
(A) 1949 (B) 1956 (C) 1973 (D) None of these
 - Revenue distribution between federation and provinces is done by:
(A) Council of Common Interests (B) National Economic Council
(C) Finance Committee of the Parliament (D) None of these
 - One of the Type of public policy by Lowi is:
(A) Redistributive (B) Financial (C) Economic (D) None of these
 - Public policies goals are generally:
(A) Clear and explicit (B) Vague and interpretive (C) Decided by the implementers (D) All of these
 - Public policies are made according to the preference of smaller unrepresentative groups of people instead of the majority of people. This is in the:
(A) Rational Choice theory (B) Public choice theory (C) Bureaucratic theory (D) None of these
 - Which one is not a principle of the New Public Management?
(A) Privatization (B) Competition (C) Empowerment of Citizens (D) None of these
 - All types of societal corruption control is the responsibility of:
(A) National Accountability Bureau (B) Federal Investigation Agency
(C) Department of anti-Corruption (D) None of these
 - Totalitarian regimes typically depend:
(A) On a mixture of power and authority, with more of the former. (B) Entirely on brute force.
(C) Entirely on brainwashing techniques. (D) None of these
 - Typically, Marxist structuralists argue that:
(A) Individuals can shape their own destinies (B) Capitalists are inherently immoral
(C) Even well-intentioned capitalists are forced by the logic of the system to exploit their workers (D) None of these
 - Which of the following is a key function of legislatures?
(A) To provide a check on the power of the executive. (B) To see that the law is properly enforced.
(C) To provide in the power of judiciary (D) None of these
 - In the context of policymaking, what are 'iron triangles'?
(A) Tightly knit groups of officials who devise policies without consulting other groups.
(B) Groups of politicians and officials which work to exclude business interests from policymaking.
(C) Closely guarded areas of national importance. (D) None of these

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19. The administrative reforms under which various services were merged in occupational groups, were introduced in:
(A) 1962 (B) 1975 (C) 1980 (D) None of these
20. Appointment of the Judges of Federal Shariat Court are recommended by the:
(A) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (B) Council of Islamic Ideology
(C) Chief Justice of Federal Shariat Court (D) None of these

PART-II

- NOTE:** (i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.
(ii) Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from PART-II. ALL questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
(iii) All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
(iv) Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q.Paper.
(v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
(vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

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