

## Chapter 19 Election Commission of India

**Instructions:** Each question has four options, choose the correct answer.

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### 1. Which Article of the Constitution provides for the establishment of Election Commission?

- (a) Article 324
- (b) Article 325
- (c) Article 326
- (d) Article 327

**Answer: (a) Article 324**

### 2. The Election Commission of India consists of:

- (a) Chief Election Commissioner only
- (b) Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners
- (c) As determined by President from time to time
- (d) Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners as appointed

**Answer: (d) Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners as appointed**

### 3. Who appoints the Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- (a) President
- (b) Prime Minister
- (c) Chief Justice of India
- (d) Parliament

**Answer: (a) President**

### 4. The Chief Election Commissioner can be removed from office in the same manner as:

- (a) President of India
- (b) Supreme Court Judge
- (c) Comptroller and Auditor General
- (d) Attorney General

**Answer: (b) Supreme Court Judge**

### 5. Who appoints the Election Commissioners?

- (a) President
- (b) Chief Election Commissioner
- (c) Prime Minister
- (d) Council of Ministers

**Answer: (a) President**

### 6. The Election Commissioners can be removed from office by:

- (a) President on recommendation of Chief Election Commissioner
- (b) President on recommendation of Chief Justice
- (c) President on recommendation of Prime Minister
- (d) President on recommendation of Council of Ministers

**Answer: (a) President on recommendation of Chief Election Commissioner**

### 7. The tenure of Election Commissioners is:

- (a) 5 years or until 65 years of age, whichever is earlier
- (b) 6 years or until 65 years of age, whichever is earlier
- (c) At the pleasure of the President
- (d) Fixed term of 6 years

**Answer: (b) 6 years or until 65 years of age, whichever is earlier**

### 8. The salary and conditions of service of Election Commissioners are determined by:

- (a) President
- (b) Parliament
- (c) Chief Election Commissioner
- (d) Ministry of Law and Justice

**Answer: (b) Parliament**

### 9. The salary of Chief Election Commissioner is equal to that of:

- (a) Chief Justice of India
- (b) Judge of Supreme Court
- (c) Cabinet Secretary

(d) Attorney General

**Answer: (b) Judge of Supreme Court**

**10. The Election Commission was established on:**

(a) 26th January 1950

(b) 25th January 1950

(c) 15th August 1947

(d) 26th November 1949

**Answer: (b) 25th January 1950**

**11. National Voters' Day is celebrated on:**

(a) 25th January

(b) 26th January

(c) 15th August

(d) 2nd October

**Answer: (a) 25th January**

**12. The Model Code of Conduct comes into force:**

(a) When election schedule is announced

(b) Six months before elections

(c) After filing of nominations

(d) Only during polling

**Answer: (a) When election schedule is announced**

**13. Which of the following elections does the Election Commission NOT conduct?**

(a) President of India

(b) Vice President of India

(c) Speaker of Lok Sabha

(d) Rajya Sabha

**Answer: (c) Speaker of Lok Sabha**

**14. The right to vote is governed by:**

(a) Article 324

(b) Article 325

(c) Article 326

(d) Article 327

**Answer: (c) Article 326**

**15. The Election Commission prepares electoral rolls for elections to:**

(a) Parliament only

(b) State Legislatures only

(c) Parliament and State Legislatures

(d) All elections in India

**Answer: (c) Parliament and State Legislatures**

**16. The Delimitation Commission is appointed by:**

(a) Election Commission

(b) President

(c) Parliament

(d) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer: (b) President**

**17. Who was the first Chief Election Commissioner of India?**

(a) K.V.K. Sundaram

(b) S.P. Sen Verma

(c) Sukumar Sen

(d) T.N. Seshan

**Answer: (c) Sukumar Sen**

**18. The Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were first used in India in:**

(a) 1982 in Kerala

(b) 1998 in Delhi

(c) 2004 General Elections

(d) 2014 General Elections

**Answer: (a) 1982 in Kerala**

**19. The Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) was introduced in India in:**

- (a) 2011
- (b) 2013
- (c) 2015
- (d) 2017

**Answer: (b) 2013**

**20. The 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option was introduced in India in:**

- (a) 2011
- (b) 2013
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2015

**Answer: (b) 2013**

**21. The Election Commission recognizes political parties as:**

- (a) National parties only
- (b) State parties only
- (c) National and State parties
- (d) National, State and Registered parties

**Answer: (d) National, State and Registered parties**

**22. A political party is recognized as a National Party if it:**

- (a) Secures 6% of valid votes in four or more states
- (b) Wins 2% seats in Lok Sabha from three states
- (c) Is recognized as state party in four states
- (d) All of the above

**Answer: (d) All of the above**

**23. The Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order was issued in:**

- (a) 1950
- (b) 1968
- (c) 1971
- (d) 1985

**Answer: (b) 1968**

**24. Which constitutional amendment reduced the voting age from 21 to 18 years?**

- (a) 61st Amendment
- (b) 42nd Amendment
- (c) 44th Amendment
- (d) 73rd Amendment

**Answer: (a) 61st Amendment**

**25. The Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners have equal:**

- (a) Salary
- (b) Powers
- (c) Voting rights in Commission
- (d) All of the above

**Answer: (b) Powers**

**26. The expenses of Election Commission are charged on:**

- (a) Consolidated Fund of India
- (b) Contingency Fund of India
- (c) Public Account of India
- (d) Ministry of Law and Justice budget

**Answer: (a) Consolidated Fund of India**

**27. Which of the following is NOT a function of Election Commission?**

- (a) Conduct elections to Parliament
- (b) Conduct elections to State Legislatures
- (c) Conduct elections to Municipal Corporations
- (d) Conduct elections to President and Vice President

**Answer: (c) Conduct elections to Municipal Corporations**

**28. The Election Commission advises the President on matters relating to:**

- (a) Disqualification of MPs

- (b) Disqualification of MLAs
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) Neither (a) nor (b)

**Answer: (c) Both (a) and (b)**

**29. The Election Commission is assisted by:**

- (a) Chief Electoral Officers in states
- (b) District Election Officers
- (c) Returning Officers
- (d) All of the above

**Answer: (d) All of the above**

**30. The Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) was introduced in:**

- (a) 1993
- (b) 2000
- (c) 2004
- (d) 2009

**Answer: (a) 1993**

**31. The maximum limit of election expenses for Lok Sabha constituency is determined by:**

- (a) Election Commission
- (b) Parliament
- (c) Supreme Court
- (d) Ministry of Finance

**Answer: (a) Election Commission**

**32. Which committee recommended that Election Commissioners should be given equal status with CEC?**

- (a) Tarkunde Committee
- (b) Dinesh Goswami Committee
- (c) Indrajit Gupta Committee
- (d) Santhanam Committee

**Answer: (b) Dinesh Goswami Committee**

**33. The Election Commission submits its annual report to:**

- (a) President
- (b) Parliament
- (c) Prime Minister
- (d) Ministry of Law

**Answer: (a) President**

**34. The Election Commission was made a multi-member body in:**

- (a) 1989
- (b) 1993
- (c) 1995
- (d) 2000

**Answer: (b) 1993**

**35. Who decides on disputes regarding disqualification of MPs under anti-defection law?**

- (a) Election Commission
- (b) Speaker/Chairman
- (c) President
- (d) Supreme Court

**Answer: (b) Speaker/Chairman**

**36. The 'Electoral Bond' scheme was introduced in:**

- (a) 2016
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2018
- (d) 2019

**Answer: (c) 2018**

**37. The Election Commission's power to conduct elections is derived from:**

- (a) Constitution only
- (b) Representation of People Act, 1951
- (c) Both Constitution and RPA

(d) Parliament resolutions

**Answer: (c) Both Constitution and RPA**

**38. The Chief Electoral Officer of a state is appointed by:**

(a) Election Commission

(b) Chief Election Commissioner

(c) President

(d) Governor

**Answer: (a) Election Commission**

**39. Which Article prohibits discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex in electoral rolls?**

(a) Article 325

(b) Article 326

(c) Article 327

(d) Article 328

**Answer: (a) Article 325**

**40. The Election Commission can cancel polls in case of:**

(a) Booth capturing

(b) Violence

(c) Rigging

(d) All of the above

**Answer: (d) All of the above**

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