

Chapter 19 Election Commission of India

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

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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