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Q3

"The Indian party system is passing through a phase of transition which looks to be full of contradictions and paradoxes." Discuss.

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Tenth Schedule

Anti-defection provisions inserted by the Constitution (52nd Amendment) Act, 1985, disqualifying members who defy the party whip or voluntarily give up membership.

Constitution (91st Amendment) Act, 2003

Capped the Council of Ministers at 15 per cent of the House (12 per cent in smaller States) and tightened defection exceptions for splits.

Representation of the People Act, 1951

Governs party registration, election conduct, and corrupt practices that structure competition among parties.

Election Symbols Order, 1968

Election Commission order that recognises national and state parties and allots reserved symbols.

Section 29A, RP Act, 1951

Provides for registration of political parties with the **Election Commission**, a legal door that does not by itself ensure inner-party democracy.

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