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Q3

'Simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies will limit the amount of time and money spent in electioneering but it will reduce the government's accountability to the people' Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS II · 10 marks · Parliament and State Legislatures

Parliament and State legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers and privileges and issues arising out of these.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Articles 83 and 172

Five-year terms of the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies, unless dissolved sooner.

Article 356

President's Rule in a State; a simultaneous-election design must not use it only to align poll dates.

NITI Aayog discussion paper (2017)

Revived the case for simultaneous elections on cost, governance and Model Code grounds.

Law Commission of India

Electoral-reform reports (including the 170th and later work) examined simultaneous polls and the legal changes they would need.

S.R. Bommai v. Union of India (1994)

Treated federalism as part of the basic structure and put judicial limits on **Article 356**, which matters if terms are aligned from the Centre.

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