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Q8(c)

**How far is it correct that the regional parties have strengthened the Indian democracy and federal system? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · PSIR GS 1 · 15 marks · Party System

Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators.

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**DMK**

Dravidian party; repeated Union coalition partner; Tamil federal voice since the 1960s-70s.

**TMC**

Displaced the Left Front in West Bengal through elections, a regional democratic alternation.

**AAP**

Delhi and Punjab wins on services and anti-corruption, a late regional-urban party type.

**Bommai (1994)**

Secularism and floor-test discipline of [Article 356](#), used in a multi-party federal climate.

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