QUESTIONNAIRE

Political Awareness

(1) Which are the law-making institutions in our country?
   (a) State level
   (b) Central level

(2) Who is authorised to give verdict whenever there is a dispute between the Centre and the states or within the people or between a group of people and the government?

(3) Is court authorised to declare a law unconstitutional, passed by Parliament?
   (a) If yes, Is such an action of the court valid?
   (b) Give reasons.

(4) Is court competent to give verdict against the executive?
   (a) If yes, Is it proper?
   (b) Give reasons.

(5) Is government bound to accept the court decision?
   If yes, Does it usually happen?

(6) Has executive ever shown reluctance in implementing a court decision?

(7) Is Parliament or State legislature authorised to reject any government bill?
   (a) If no, Why not?
   (b) If yes, What are its consequences?
(8) Is judiciary independent of executive?

(a) If yes, Who has given this authority to the court?

(9) Can it be proved that court maintains its integrity and has retained its autonomy?

(a) Please explain with examples.
Political Participation

Q.1 Should government be formed through the elections?

(a) If no, What is the reason?
(b) If yes, Which method should be adopted?

Q.2 Have you voted in any election?

(a) If yes, Have you voted in all the following institutional elections:
(i) Parliament
(ii) State legislature
(iii) Municipal/Panchayat election

Q.3 Which, according to your view, is the most important election among the following elections:
(i) National Parliament
(ii) State Legislature
(iii) Panchayat/Municipality

Q.4 If you have not voted regularly, what is the reason?

Q.5 Have you ever deliberately missed the elections?

Q.6 Is it necessary to vote for the elections?

Q.7 Do you find any similarity your political ideas and any political leader?

Q.7(1) If yes, Give his name?
Q.8 Do you always vote in favour of a candidate to which your leader belongs?

Q.9 If your leader changes the political party and joins the other, will you also do the same?

Q.10 Do you belong or support any party which your parents do not?

(a) If yes, What is the reason?

(b) If no, Does it mean that your political decisions are determined by your parents?

Q.11 While voting whose opinion you keep in mind:

(i) Parents
(ii) Husband/Wife
(iii) Leader
(iv) Conscience

Q.12 While voting which of the following influence you high:

(i) Political party
(ii) Qualities of a candidate
(iii) Religion of the candidate

Q.13 Do you express your views whenever Government takes any decision on any issue?
Q.14 What are the ways through which expression can be made or voice can be raised?

Q.15 Have you seen or met the following:
(i) Member Parliament (MP)
(ii) Member Legislative Assembly (MLA)
(iii) Halqa President

Q.16 Have you seen or met the following:
(i) Deputy Commissioner
(ii) Tehsildar
(iii) Any Government Officer.

Q.17 How many times you have seen or met them?

Q.18 What is the reason for meeting?

Q.19 If you have not met, What is the reason?

Q.20 (a) Indifference towards public problems
(b) Their pre-occupation

Q.20(4) If there is any other reason, What is that?
Political Penetration, Partisanship and Mobilisation

Q. = 1 Do you belong to any political party? If yes, Which party?

Q. = 2 How long you have been attached to this party?

Q. = 3 Were your parents also attached to the same party? 

3(a) If no, to which party they were attached.

Q. = 4 What are the reasons for not remaining affiliated with or joining any political party?

Q. = 5 Do you feel that by joining politics the dissensions occur among the masses? 

5(a) If yes, what are the reasons?

Q. = 6 What is the difference between these following political parties:

1) National Conference
2) Indian National Congress
3) Jamat-i-Islami
4) Bhartya Janata Party
5) C.P.I.
6) C.P.I.(M) etc.

Q. = 7 Do you know the basic difference between C.P.I. and C.P.I.(M)
Q. = 8 Have you ever worked with the other people to solve your class problems?

Q. = 9 Have you influenced any voter to vote according to your own choice?

Q. = 10 Have you ever joined any political meeting?

Q. = 11 Have you ever secured any election bill?

Q. = 12 Have you ever distributed election bills?

Q. = 13 Have you ever in any election whole-heartedly supported any candidate?

Q. = 14 Have you been a polling agent for any candidate?
Articulation of Demands and Systemic Response

Q.1 Is the only way of approaching the formal systemic institutions to formally register our problems and get them solved?
   (a) If not, then what is adopted?

Q.2 Is it that sometimes for solving problems you have organised a protest march?
   (a) If yes, how many times?
   (b) Has this approach solved your problems?
   (c) If you personally have not joined any protest march, what is the reason?

Q.3 Are the people in your area divided on wealth basis?

Q.4 Have you ever tried to protect the interests of your group?

Q.5 If people are not divided on these lines, what is the reason?
   (a) Can you spell out the reasons which divide the people.

Q.6 How people are divided in your area? Give reasons.
   (a) Is this type of polarisation good?

Q.7 Has government taken any step for your welfare without your persuasion? Identify the programme.
   (a) If no, Is it that they take steps only after you pressurise them.
   (b) Give proof.
Q.8 Do you feel that economic condition of your family has improved than it was before?

(a) If yes, how it effected you?

(b) If no, what are the reasons?

(c) If you or your family has not economically progressed, Have your locality people in general progressed?

(d) If yes, Is this progress made by common masses or a particular section?

(e) If a small segment of the society has progressed, what type of change has occurred in them?
System Legitimacy and Stability

Q.1 Has Indian political system any defect?
   (a) If there is any defect in the Indian political system, explain.
   (b) What steps should be taken to remove these anomalies from the political system?

Q.2 Is the best way of forming the government through the elections?
   (a) If no, what alternative should be adopted?

Q.3 Have you attended the court any time or not?
   (a) If yes, has your work been discharged properly?
   (b) If no, what problems you had to face there in solving your problems.
   (c) Explain the nature of difficulties.
   (d) Cannot we solve such problems outside the court?
   (e) If yes, Is then there necessity of judiciary?
   (f) If no, what is the reason?

Q.4 Have you ever gone to the police station?
   (a) If yes, what for?
   (b) Has your work been done satisfactorily?
   (c) If no, what is the reason?
Q.5 Do you think that in the country some laws prevail which do not help us in solving the national problems?

(a) If yes, Identify those laws?

(b) If no, Is political system alright and functioning normally.

Q.6 Do the operators of political system exploit the political system for their personal interests?

Q.7 Are people competent to remove ruling elite from power?

(a) If yes, then why do not they do so?

Q.8 Due to prevailing defects (if so) in the operation of the political system, has political system any danger of collapsing?