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Examine the role of the Election Commission of India in ensuring the accuracy and integrity of electoral rolls. What challenges arise in balancing the prevention of duplicate entries with the protection of citizens' voting rights?

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Answer Hint

Article 324, Representation of the People Act, Form 6, electoral roll revision, duplicate entries, voter inclusion, migration, digital verification, procedural safeguards, transparency, right to vote, electoral integrity.

Model Answer

Introduction

Accurate electoral rolls are essential for free and fair elections. The Election Commission of India supervises their preparation and revision under Article 324 of the Constitution.

Role of the Election Commission

The ECI oversees voter registration, deletion of ineligible entries and correction of electoral records. Forms such as Form 6 facilitate new registration, while Form 7 enables objections and deletion requests. Electoral roll revisions help maintain updated voter databases.

Major Challenges

Migration, duplicate registrations, outdated records and documentation gaps complicate verification. Excessive scrutiny may exclude eligible citizens, particularly migrants, economically weaker groups and vulnerable

communities. Conversely, inadequate verification can undermine electoral integrity.

Way Forward

The ECI should strengthen transparent verification, provide accessible correction mechanisms, ensure timely hearings and use technology with appropriate privacy safeguards. Public awareness and grievance redressal are equally important.

Conclusion

Electoral integrity requires both accurate voter lists and universal inclusion. Administrative efficiency must never compromise the voting rights of eligible citizens.

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