

Political Science and International Relations

Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Questions no. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, any THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

SECTION A

1	Comment on the following in about 150 words each:	50
1(a)	Post colonial theory of the state	10
1(b)	Equality of opportunity	10
1(c)	Liberalism as a revolutionary idea	10
1(d)	Ambedkar's ideas on constitutionalism	10
1(e)	Machiavelli's secularism	10
2(a)	Make a comparative assessment of Greek perspective of Justice with the Rawlsian concept of Justice.	20
2(b)	Representative democracy... means the people as a body must be able to control the general direction of government policy. (J. S. Mill). Comment.	15
2(c)	Assess the significance of right to property in political theory.	15
3(a)	Explicate the ideological components of Gandhism.	20
3(b)	Examine the nature and meaning of power.	15
3(c)	Explain the sources of ancient Indian political thought.	15
4(a)	Trace the evolution of Western Political Thought from ancient to contemporary period.	20
4(b)	Discuss the significance of a normative approach to Political theory.	15

- 4(c) Discuss Karl Marx's concept of class. 15

SECTION B

- 5 Answer the following in about 150 words each: 50
- 5(a) Role of socialists in Indian National Movement 10
- 5(b) Indian constitution makers' concerns on social inequality 10
- 5(c) Right to constitutional remedies in India 10
- 5(d) Judicial overreach in India 10
- 5(e) Mechanism for settling inter-state disputes 10
- 6(a) Examine the role and functioning of the Election Commission of India and the Comptroller and Auditor General in the last two decades. 20
- 6(b) Trace the role of militant and revolutionary movements in Indian national movement. 15
- 6(c) To what extent has 73rd and 74th amendments of the Indian Constitution enhanced women's empowerment? 15
- 7(a) Does the functioning of the federalism in India tend to make it appear as a unitary state in practice? 20
- 7(b) Has the thrust of government tilted towards executive in contemporary Indian Politics? Give your arguments. 15
- 7(c) 'Liberalisation of Indian Economy has not been accompanied with adequate reforms'. Comment. 15
- 8(a) To what extent has the inadequate intra-party democracy affected the functioning of Indian Democracy? 20
- 8(b) Examine the role of religion in Indian Electoral Politics in the contemporary times. 15
- 8(c) Examine the nature of the civil liberty movement in India. 15

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