

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.
- Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, 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

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| 1 | Comment on the following in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | Normative approach in Political Science | 10 |
| 1(b) | Multicultural perspective on rights | 10 |
| 1(c) | State of Nature as State of War (Hobbes) | 10 |
| 1(d) | Foucault's concept of power | 10 |
| 1(e) | Decline of political theory | 10 |
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| 2(a) | Success of contemporary democracies lies in the State limiting its own power. Explain. | 20 |
| 2(b) | Rawls' idea of the 'liberal self' is too individualistic. Explain, in this context, the communitarian critique of Rawls' theory of justice. | 15 |
| 2(c) | 'Credo of Relevance' in post-behaviouralism advocates the importance of action science. Analyze. | 15 |
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| 3(a) | Fascism displays an ambivalent stance towards parliamentary democracy. Explain. | 20 |
| 3(b) | Affirmative Action Policies draw as much strong criticism as strong support. Analyze this statement in the context of equality. | 15 |
| 3(c) | Eurocentrism is both the target and the motive force of the post-colonial political theory. Discuss. | 15 |

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| 4(a) | Buddhist thought on Dhamma facilitates the emancipation of political action. Explain. | 20 |
| 4(b) | "The legal subordination of one sex to another is wrong in itself, and now one of the chief hindrances to human development." (J. S. Mill). Comment. | 15 |
| 4(c) | Sri Aurobindo's idea of Swaraj has deep significance in the Indian social, political and cultural history. Analyze. | 15 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Comment on the following in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | Imprint of the British Constitution on the Indian Constitution | 10 |
| 5(b) | Environmentalism of the poor | 10 |
| 5(c) | Functions of District Planning Committee | 10 |
| 5(d) | Satyagraha and Indian Nationalism | 10 |
| 5(e) | National Commission for Minorities | 10 |
| 6(a) | Discuss the major provisions of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act. Do you think that the Act remains an 'unfulfilled dream'? Argue your case. | 20 |
| 6(b) | How does NITI Aayog as a 'policy think tank with shared vision' visualize the reorganization of planning in India? Justify your answer. | 15 |
| 6(c) | The Constitution of India is the 'cornerstone of a nation'. (Granville Austin). Analyze. | 15 |
| 7(a) | Does the actual working of Indian federalism conform to the centralizing tendencies in Indian polity? Give reasons for your answer. | 20 |
| 7(b) | The main goal of the Fundamental Duties in the Indian Constitution is to generate civic responsibility among the citizens. Explain. | 15 |
| 7(c) | Dr. Ambedkar's clarion call, "Educate, Agitate and Organize", strategizes the Dalit movement towards achieving civil liberty. Discuss. | 15 |
| 8(a) | The rise of caste politics is to be attributed to both regional aspirations and electoral manifestations. Comment. | 20 |
| 8(b) | The decade 1989-1999 has created an epochal shift in the Indian party system at the national level. Identify the major national trends in the party system during this era. | 15 |
| 8(c) | Do you agree that over the years the Supreme Court has become a forum for policy evolution? Justify your answer. | 15 |

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