

Political Science

TEST SERIES 2017

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TEST HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Total 10 Tests: 6 Sectional Tests & 4 Mock Tests**
 - ▶ **Elaborate discussion followed after Test**
 - ▶ **Detailed Model Answer Hint**
 - ▶ **Copy correction strictly by faculty only**
 - ▶ **One to One discussion after copy evaluation**
- ▶ **Flexible timings for classroom & online students**
 - ▶ **Online support for all students**

Programme Fee

Rs. 10,000/- (+ Service Tax)

Test Starts

15 July, 2017

Test Timings: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon | Test Discussion: Same Day 12:15 PM Onwards

TEST SCHEDULE**TEST - 1****15 July, 2017****Political Theory and Indian Politics**

- ▶ Political theory meaning and ap-proaches
 - ▶ Theories of the state: Liberal, Neoliberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist.
 - ▶ Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.
 - ▶ Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights.
 - ▶ Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy
- representative, participatory and deliberative.
 - ▶ Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.
 - ▶ Indian Political Thought: Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions ; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy .
 - ▶ Western Political Thought :Plato ,Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John, S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.

TEST - 2**22 July, 2017****Indian Government and politics**

- ▶ Indian Nationalism:
 - a) Political Strategies of India's Freedom struggle : constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience ; militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers' movements.
 - b) Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit.
- ▶ Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.
- ▶ Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.
- a) Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.
- b) Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.
- ▶ Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.
- ▶ Planning and Economic Development : Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.
- ▶ Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.
- ▶ 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.

TEST - 3

29 July, 2017

- ▶ Neoliberal, Marxist, Post-colonial and feminist.
- ▶ Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
- ▶ relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.
- ▶ Concept of Human Rights.
- ▶ Participatory and deliberative
- ▶ Concept of power, hegemony, ideology and legitimacy
- ▶ Gandhism and Feminism.
- ▶ Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist
- ▶ B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy.
- ▶ Hobbes, Mill, Marx, HannahArendt.
- ▶ Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit.
- ▶ working of the Supreme Court.
- ▶ Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.
- ▶ National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission.
- ▶ Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.
- ▶ Patterns of coalition politics
- ▶ Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.

TEST - 4

5 August, 2017

Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics

- ▶ Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.
- ▶ State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.
- ▶ Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.
- ▶ Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.
- ▶ Key concepts in International Relations: National interest, Security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.
- ▶ Changing International Political Order:
 - a) Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat;
 - b) Non-aligned movement : Aims and achievements;
 - c) Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.
- ▶ Evolution of the International Economic System: From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy.

TEST - 5

12 August, 2017

India and the World

- ▶ India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; current role
- ▶ India and South Asia:
 - a) Regional Co-operation: SAARC "past performance and future prospects.
 - b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area.
 - c) India's "Look East" policy.
- ▶ India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.
- ▶ India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.
- ▶ India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.

TEST - 6**19 August, 2017**

- ▶ State in comparative perspective advanced industrial and developing societies.
- ▶ Pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.
- ▶ Nuclear threat; Nonaligned movement: Aims and achievements;
- ▶ American hegemony
- ▶ Globalisation of the world economy.
- ▶ United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies- aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.
- ▶ EU, APEC, SAARC
- ▶ Human rights, environment, terrorism
- ▶ Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.
- ▶ Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes.
- ▶ India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.
- ▶ India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
- ▶ India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.
- ▶ Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy: India's position on the recent crisis in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; vision of a new world order.
- ▶ Bileteral Relation with South-Africa Countries
- ▶ Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies.
Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA.
Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.

TEST - 7**26 August, 2017****Full Mock 1 (Paper - I & Paper -II)****TEST - 8****2 September, 2017****Full Mock 1 (Paper - I & Paper -II)**