

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## MAINS TEST SERIES 2023

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# 24

DECEMBER, 2022



**TEST TIMINGS:**  
9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON



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Total 12 Tests:

- 8 Sectional
- 4 Mock Tests



Elaborate Discussion  
after each test



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Hints



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# TEST SCHEDULE

TEST NAME & DATE	TEST TOPICS
<b>Approach to Political Science &amp; International Relations Optional</b>	
<b>TEST-1</b> <b>24 DECEMBER, 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Western Political Thought:</b> Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John, S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt</li> <li>◦ <b>Political Ideologies:</b> Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism</li> </ul>
<b>TEST-2</b> <b>31 DECEMBER, 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Political theory</b> meaning and approaches</li> <li>◦ <b>Theories of the state:</b> Liberal, Neoliberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist</li> <li>◦ <b>Justice:</b> Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.</li> <li>◦ <b>Equality:</b> Social, political and economic relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action</li> <li>◦ <b>Rights:</b> Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights.</li> <li>◦ <b>Democracy:</b> Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy' representative, participatory and deliberative</li> </ul>
<b>TEST-3</b> <b>08 JANUARY, 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Concept of Power:</b> Hegemony, Ideology and Legitimacy</li> <li>◦ <b>Indian Political Thought:</b> Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy.</li> <li>◦ <b>Indian Nationalism:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Political Strategies of India's Freedom struggle:</b> constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers' movements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>► <b>Perspectives on Indian National Movement:</b> Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit</li> <li>◉ <b>Making of the Indian Constitution:</b> Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.</li> <li>◉ <b>Salient Features of the Indian Constitution:</b> The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine</li> <li>► <b>Principal Organs of the Union Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court</li> <li>► <b>Principal Organs of the State Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts</li> </ul>
<b>TEST-4</b> <b>15 JANUARY, 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◉ <b>Grassroots Democracy:</b> Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements</li> <li>◉ <b>Federalism:</b> Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.</li> <li>◉ <b>Planning and Economic Development:</b> Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.</li> <li>◉ <b>Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics</b></li> <li>◉ <b>Party System:</b> 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.</li> <li>◉ <b>Social Movements:</b> Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements</li> </ul>
<b>TEST-5</b> <b>18 JANUARY, 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◉ <b>Approaches to the Study of International Relations:</b> Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.</li> <li>◉ <b>Key concepts in International Relations:</b> National interest, Security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Contemporary Global Concerns:</b> Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</li> </ul>
<b>TEST-6</b> <b>22 JANUARY, 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Changing International Political Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat;</li> <li>➤ Non-aligned movement: Aims and achievements;</li> <li>➤ Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ <b>Comparative Politics:</b> Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.</li> <li>◦ <b>State in comparative perspective:</b> Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.</li> <li>◦ <b>Politics of Representation and Participation:</b> Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</li> <li>◦ <b>Globalisation:</b> Responses from developed and developing societies</li> <li>◦ <b>Evolution of the International Economic System:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>TEST-7</b> <b>25 JANUARY, 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Indian Foreign Policy:</b> Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.</li> <li>◦ <b>Non-aligned Movement:</b> Aims and achievements. Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world, India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; current role</li> <li>◦ <b>India and South Asia:</b> Regional Co-operation: SAARC' past performance and future prospects.</li> <li>◦ <b>South Asia as a Free Trade Area.</b></li> <li>◦ <b>India's "Look East" policy</b></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Impediments to regional co-operation:</b> river water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes.</li> <li>◦ <b>India and the Nuclear Question:</b> Changing perceptions and policy</li> </ul>
<b>TEST-8</b> <b>29 JANUARY, 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>India and the Global South:</b> Relations with Africa and Latin America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations</li> <li>◦ <b>India and the Global Centres of Power:</b> USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia</li> <li>◦ <b>Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy:</b> 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.</li> <li>◦ <b>United Nations:</b> Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies-aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.</li> <li>◦ <b>India and the UN System:</b> Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</li> <li>◦ <b>Regionalisation of World Politics:</b> EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA</li> </ul>
<b>TEST: 09 - 10</b> <b>AFTER PRELIMS</b>	<b>FULL MOCK 1 (PAPER 1 &amp; PAPER 2)</b>
<b>TEST: 11-12</b> <b>AFTER PRELIMS</b>	<b>FULL MOCK 1 (PAPER 1 &amp; PAPER 2)</b>



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