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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Total 8 Tests: 6 Sectional Tests & 4 Mock Tests
- Elaborate discussion will be followed after each Test
- Detailed Model Answer Hints
- Copy correction strictly by faculty only
- One on One discussion after copy evaluation
- Flexible timings for classroom & online students
- Online support for all students

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TEST
STARTS

30 JUNE
2019

Test Timings: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Class Timings: Same Day (12:15 PM Onwards)



TEST SCHEDULE

TEST 01

30 JUNE

- **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 and Hannah Arendt.
- **Justice:** Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
- **Political Theory:** Meaning and approaches

TEST 02

07 JULY

- **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.
- Concept of power, hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.
- **Political Ideologies:** Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.
- **Indian Nationalism:** Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers' movements.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Social Movements:** Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.

TEST 03

14 JULY

- **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.
- **Principal Organs of the Union Government:** Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.
- **Principal Organs of the State Government:** Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.
- **Grassroots Democracy:** Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroots movements.

- **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.

- **Federalism:** Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.

TEST 04

 **21 JULY**

- **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.

- **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.

TEST 05

 **28 JULY**

- **Politics of Representation and Participation:** Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.
- **Globalisation:** Responses from developed and developing societies.
- **Changing International Political Order:** Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat;
- Non-aligned movement: Aims and achievements; 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.
- **United Nations:** Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies-aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.

- **Regionalisation of World Politics:** EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA.
- **Contemporary Global Concerns:** Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation
- **Indian Foreign Policy:** Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.
- **India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement:** Different phases; current role.
- **India and South Asia:**
 - ▶ **Regional Co-operation:** SAARC - past performance and future prospects.
 - ▶ South Asia as a Free Trade Area.
 - ▶ India's "Look East" policy.
 - ▶ Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes.

TEST 06

 **04 AUGUST**

- **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.

- **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

TEST 07

11 AUGUST

Full Mock 1 (Paper - I & Paper -II)

TEST 08

18 AUGUST

Full Mock 2 (Paper - I & Paper -II)

PROCEDURE FOR ONLINE TEST

- You will get a login ID and a password to access your account on the website. Test will be available on the scheduled date in your account in pdf format.
- To write the test you have to download the PDF and after writing the test send us scan copy at testseries@iasscore.in for evaluation.
- Evaluated answer sheets with proper feedback, comment, and guidance along with the paper analysis based on difficulty level & nature of questions will be sent back to students by email within 15 days after receiving the answer sheet.
- Detailed model answers' hint along with supplementary information on the topics asked in tests will be provided.
- Evaluation will be based on micro-performance analysis of students.
- Video session of the post-test discussion would also be provided along with the model answers' hint.
