This programme covers important and update part of syllabus, this programme is designed for all those aspirants who have already covered syllabus in general but need revision, upgradation and practice. It is advance level programme designed in accordance of mains 2020.

**PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**

- This programme consist of total 42 classes (120 hrs) with special focus on paper -2, first 20 classes would be conducted 12 for Comparative politics and 8 for IGP before prelims and rest 22 class after prelims consisting 10 for Western political thinker and 12 for India and world.

- Class structure is divided in three parts, first part Concept class-which is going to be focused on conceptual clarity and upgradation of concepts, second part is focused on structuring previous year question asked by UPSC and third part is question and answer session in which Probable questions and their answer would would be discussed, this part could be seen as an attempt to cover topic through questions and answers. Upgraded and advance notes designed for mains 2020 would be provided to candidates ( No Basic study material would be provided).

- Classes would be of three hours thrice in week mainly on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Schedule would be provided on weekly basis, this advance level course is well synchronised with advance level test series to consolidate your preparation.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE TEST SERIES 2020**

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Test Timings: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Test Discussion: 10:00 AM
TEST SCHEDULE

**TEST 01**  
**Date: 05 July, 2020**

- **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.
- **Contemporary Global Concerns:** Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.

**TEST 01 DISCUSSION**  
**Date: 06 July, 2020**

**TEST 02**  
**Date: 19 July, 2020**

- **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
- **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.
- **Globalisation:** Responses from developed and developing societies
- **Evolution of the International Economic System:** From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council of Mutual Economic Assistance).

**TEST 02 DISCUSSION**  
**Date: 20 July, 2020**

**TEST 03**  
**Date: 02 August, 2020**

- **Grassroots Democracy:** Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements
- **Federalism:** Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.
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

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.

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

Complete syllabus of paper 2a and 1b


Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism

### TEST 07

- **Political theory** meaning and approaches
- **Theories of the state:** Liberal, Neoliberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist
- **Justice:** Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl’s theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
- **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

### TEST 07 DISCUSSION

### TEST 08

- **Indian Foreign Policy:** Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.
- **Non-aligned Movement:** Aims and achievements. Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world, India’s Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement; Different phases; current role
- **India and South Asia:** Regional Cooperation: 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.
- **India and the Nuclear Question:** Changing perceptions and policy

### TEST 08 DISCUSSION

### TEST 09

- **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
- **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.

- **United Nations:** Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies-aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.
- **India and the UN System:** Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
- **Regionalisation of World Politics:** EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA

### TEST 09 DISCUSSION
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.