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POLITICAL SCIENCE TEST SERIES 2020

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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Total 12 Tests: 8 Sectional Tests & 4 Mock Tests
- 5 tests will conduct before prelims and 7 test will be conducted after Prelims Examination
- Detailed Model Answer Hints
- Elaborate discussion will provide of each Test
- Copy correction strictly by faculty only
- Flexible timings for all online students
- Online support for all students

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TEST
STARTS } **4** JULY,
2020

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

Test Discussion: 10:00 AM

TEST SCHEDULE

TEST 01

04 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

05 JULY, 2020

TEST 02

18 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

TEST 02 DISCUSSION

19 JULY, 2020

TEST 03

01 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

TEST 03 DISCUSSION

 **02 AUGUST, 2020**

TEST 04

 **08 AUGUST, 2020**

- **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

TEST 04 DISCUSSION

 **09 AUGUST, 2020**

TEST 05

 **15 AUGUST, 2020**

- Complete syllabus of paper 2a and 1b

TEST 05 DISCUSSION

 **16 AUGUST, 2020**

TEST 06

 **31 OCTOBER, 2020**

- **Western Political Thought :** Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John, S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt
- **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.

TEST 06 DISCUSSION

 **02 NOVEMBER, 2020**

TEST 07📅 **07 NOVEMBER, 2020**

- **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📅 **08 NOVEMBER, 2020****TEST 08**📅 **21 NOVEMBER, 2020**

- **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 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.
- **India and the Nuclear Question:** Changing perceptions and policy

TEST 08 DISCUSSION📅 **22 NOVEMBER, 2020****TEST 09**📅 **28 NOVEMBER, 2020**

- **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📅 **29 NOVEMBER, 2020**

TEST 10

05 DECEMBER, 2020

Complete Syllabus of Paper-1 section-a and 2 b

TEST 10 DISCUSSION

06 DECEMBER, 2020

TEST 11

12 DECEMBER, 2020

Full syllabus of Ia and 1b

TEST 12

12 DECEMBER, 2020

Full syllabus of 2a and 2b

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.
