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POLITICAL SCIENCE TEST SERIES 2020

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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Total 12 Tests: 8 Sectional Tests & 4 Mock Tests
- 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 } **24** OCTOBER
2020

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

Test Discussion: 10:00 AM

TEST SCHEDULE

TEST 01

📅 24 OCTOBER, 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 02

📅 31 OCTOBER, 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 for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy.

TEST 03

📅 14 NOVEMBER, 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 04**
 **21 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 05**
 **28 NOVEMBER, 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 06**
 **05 DECEMBER, 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 07

12 DECEMBER, 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

19 DECEMBER, 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 & 10

26 DECEMBER, 2020

FULL MOCK (Paper 1 & Paper 2)

TEST 11 & 12

02 JANUARY, 2021

FULL MOCK (Paper 1 & Paper 2)

PROCEDURE FOR ONLINE TEST

- Students will be given user name and password to access the Test Series on our website www.iasscore.in
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 - ▶ Test discussion video
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