

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
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MAIN EXAMINATION FOR POSTS OF EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE/COMMITTEE/PROTOCOL OFFICER
AND RESEARCH/REFERENCE OFFICER IN LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

4th SEPTEMBER, 2010

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - Paper - I (POLITICAL THEORY AND INDIAN POLITICS)

INSTRUCTIONS : Answers must be written in English only. Candidates should attempt at least 2 questions from each section and total 5 questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 300

SECTION – A

1. 'The difference between empirical political theory and normative political theory is that the former totally ignores values and the latter totally ignores facts.' Do you agree with this view? Why or why not?
2. "Rawls" work has profoundly shaped contemporary discussions on justice. Elaborate.
3. Is political culture crucial in determining the survival and success of democracy? Give reasons for your answer with suitable examples.
4. 'In a globalizing world the political and economic choices that a State makes are increasingly getting constrained.' Comment.
5. Compare and contrast Plato's and Gandhi's views on the ideal State.

SECTION – B

6. Write a brief note on the liberal strand of Indian nationalism.
7. Trace the rise and growth of social movements in India against the backdrop of the functioning of the Indian State.
8. Are Indian political parties on decline? Why or why not?
9. 'Indian democracy needs to correct the gender imbalance in political representation and make the political process more inclusive.' Evaluate.
10. In what ways does the Indian Constitution justify its secular credentials? Are these adequate? Give reasons.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - Paper-II (Comparative Politics and International Relations)

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Time: 3 hours

Marks: 300

SECTION – A

1. Discuss the nature of the political processes in the Third World.
2. Analyse the process of State formation in India in a comparative perspective with the developed Western democracies.
3. Critically trace the evolution of the international economic system from Bretton Woods to the WTO.
4. Evaluate the achievements of the SAARC as a regional organization, if any. Also, comment on its future prospects.
5. Assess the achievements and failings of the Copenhagen Conference on global warming and climate change.

SECTION – B

6. What are the major institutions involved in the making of India's foreign policy?
7. The US Af-Pak policy in our region is a major challenge to India's foreign policy as it is fraught with our marginalization in comparison to Pakistan. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
8. India has not been fully alive and alert to the opportunities that Africa offers to its foreign policy. Are you in agreement with this view? Give reasons.
9. It has been said that India and China are the awakening giants with the feet of clay. Assess their rise to economic power.
10. Write an essay on the contemporary Indo-US relations in the wake of the end of the Cold War.