

2019 - Previous Year Questions

Lastmod: 2022-07-30

Paper I Section-A

1. Comment on the following in about 150 words each: (10 x 5 = 50 marks)

- Resurgence of political theory. (10 marks)
- Pluralist theory of the State. (10 marks)
- End of Ideology debate. (10 marks)
- Deliberative democracy. (10 marks)
- M. K. Gandhi's concept Of Swaraj. (10 marks)

2.(a) Make a Explain Aristotle's critique Of Plato's Idealism. (20 Marks)

2.(b) Examine communitarian perspectives on justice. (15 Marks)

2.(c) Compare negative and positive concepts of liberty. (15 Marks)

3.(a) According to Gramsci, 'hegemony is primarily based on the organisation of consent.' Comment. (20 Marks)

3.(b) Discuss Kautilya's views on the elements of the State. (15 Marks)

3.(c) Distinguish between liberal feminism and radical feminism. (15 Marks)

4.(a) Critically examine Hannah Arendt's conceptual triad of labour, work and action. (20 Marks)

4.(b) Discuss the doctrine of 'rights as trumps'. (15 Marks)

4.(c) What is the contemporary relevance of Marxism ? (15 Marks)

Paper I Section-B

5. Answer the following in about 150 words each: (10 x 5 = 50 marks)

- Unity and integrity of India was perhaps the single uppermost factor in the minds of the Constitution makers. Comment. (10 marks)
- Dalit perspective on Indian national movement. Discuss. (10 marks)
- Despite constitutional mandate the Inter-State Council has not come of age. Discuss. (10 marks)
- Political decentralization has not been matched by administrative decentralization at the grass root level. Explain. (10 marks)
- Write short note on the significance of Chipko Movement. (10 marks)

6.(a) National movement in India was anti-imperialist and increasingly radical in its socio-economic and political programmes. Discuss. (20 Marks)

6.(b) What has been the political fallout of the Green Revolution in India ? Explain. (15 Marks)

6.(c) The changing socio-economic profile of our legislators does not augur well for the health of Indian democracy. Comment. (15 Marks)

7.(a) Development has overshadowed the influence of caste in electoral behaviour in recent elections. Discuss. (20 Marks)

7.(b) 'The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India enhances the accountability of the Government and serves as the watchdog of the finances of the Government. Explain. (15 Marks)

7.(c) Discuss, in brief, the role of the National Commission for women. Do you think it is a toothless organization ? (10+5 = 15 Marks)

8.(a) "The basic structure doctrine is implicit in the Indian Constitution; the Supreme Court has only given it an explicit form." Comment. (20 Marks)

8.(b) Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has emerged as the most powerful institution in India. Discuss. (15 Marks)

8.(c) Comment on the relevance of the Directive Principles of State Policy in an era of liberalization and globalization. (15 Marks)

Paper II Section-A

1. Answer the following in about 150 words each: (10 x 5 = 50 marks)

- Discuss the utility Of Nuclear Deterrence Theory in the context of the recent standoff between India and Pakistan.
- Write a brief note on the 17th NAM Summit in Venezuela.
- In what way does the predominance of the USA in the UN funding affect its decision making?
- Evaluate the role of BIMSTEC in mufti-sectoral technical and economic cooperation.
- Do you think that sustainable development goals are really attainable by 2030?

2.(a) Examine the significance of the comparative method in political analysis. Discuss its limitations. (20 Marks)

2.(b) Explain the reasons for low voter turnout in democratic countries with suitable examples. (15 Marks)

2.(c) Evaluate the role of the International Court of Justice in inter-State disputes. (15 Marks)

- 3.(a) Explain the relevance of the Marxist approach in the context of globalization. (20 Marks)
- 3.(b) Identify the benefits of a multi-polar world. (15 Marks)
- 3.(c) Discuss the importance of personal data protection in the context of human rights. (15 Marks)
- 4.(a) How are the rising powers challenging the USA and Western dominance in the IMF and the World Bank? (20 Marks)
- 4.(b) Write an essay on 'New Social Movements' in developing countries. (15 Marks)
- 4.(c) Is democracy promotion in developing countries a feasible idea? (15 Marks)

Paper II Section-B

5. Answer the following in about 150 words each: (10 x 5 = 50 marks)
- Examine the role of 'parliamentary diplomacy' in India's foreign policy.
 - Compare and contrast Non-alignment 1.0 with Non-alignment 2.0.
 - How is India pursuing her foreign policy objectives through the IBSA Dialogue Forum (India, Brazil and South Africa)?
 - How is India responding to the idea Of Indo-Pacific?
 - "The growing closeness between India and Israel will strengthen the cause of Palestine." Comment.
- 6.(a) Describe briefly China's 'One Belt One Road (OBOR)' Initiative and analyze India's major concerns. (20 Marks)
- 6.(b) What are the current issues in Brahmaputra River water sharing between India and China? (15 Marks)
- 6.(c) Analyze the recent trends in India's role in the UN peacekeeping operations. (15 Marks)
- 7.(a) Examine the increasing significance of maritime security in India's foreign policy. (20 Marks)
- 7.(b) Write a brief note on India's interests in West Asia. (15 Marks)
- 7.(c) How is the current standoff between the USA and Iran affecting India's energy security? (15 Marks)
- 8.(a) Evaluate India's vision of a new world order. (20 Marks)
- 8.(b) Critically examine India's position on South China Sea Dispute. (15 Marks)

8.(c) Given the recent developments in the region, do you think that there is a need to change India's 'No First Use (NFU)' nuclear policy? (15 Marks)
