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POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

TEST BATCH-1

PAPER-1			
S.No.	Date	Section-A	Section-B
1	14/6/23 Wednesday	<p>1.Political Theory: meaning and approaches.</p> <p>2.Theories of the State: Liberal, Neoliberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist.</p> <p>3.Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl’s theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.</p> <p>4.Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.</p> <p>10.Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, and Hannah Arendt</p>	<p>2.Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.</p> <p>3.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.</p> <p>4.a)Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.</p> <p>4b).Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.</p> <p>5.Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</p> <p>6.Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, CAG, Finance Commission, UPSC, National Commission for SC, National Commission for ST, National Commission for Women; NHRC, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.</p>

			7.Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.
2	28/6/23 Wednesday	<p>5.Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights.</p> <p>6.Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy – representative, participatory and deliberative.</p> <p>7.Concept of power, hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.</p> <p>8.Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.</p> <p>9.Indian Political Thought : Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy.</p>	<p>1. Indian Nationalism (a) Political Strategies of India’s Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers’ movements. (b) Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit.</p> <p>8.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.</p> <p>9. Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.</p> <p>10.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.</p> <p>11.Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women’s movements; environmentalist movements.</p>
PAPER-2			
3	12/7/23 Wednesday	<p>1.Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.</p> <p>2.State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies,</p>	<p>1. Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.</p> <p>2. India’s Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; current role</p> <p>3.India and South Asia: (a) Regional Co-operation: SAARC – past performance and future prospects.</p>

		<p>and, advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p>3.Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p>4.Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies.</p> <p>5.Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.</p>	<p>(b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area.</p> <p>(c) India’s “Look East” policy.</p> <p>(d) Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes.</p> <p>4. India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations</p>
4	26/7/23 Wednesday	<p>6.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.</p> <p>7.Changing International Political Order:</p> <p>a)Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat;</p> <p>b)Non-aligned movement: Aims and achievements;</p> <p>c)Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.</p> <p>8.Evolution of the International Economic System: From</p>	<p>5.India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.</p> <p>6.India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</p> <p>7. India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.</p> <p>8.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.</p>

		<p>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.</p> <p>9.United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies-aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.</p> <p>10.Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA.</p> <p>11.Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</p>	
5	9/8/23 Wednesday	PAPER-1 (FULL TEST)	
6	23/8/23 Wednesday	PAPER-2 (FULL TEST)	
7&8	6/9/23 Wednesday	PAPER-1 (Fore Noon)	PAPER-2 (After Noon)

TEST TIME : **2.30 pm to 5.30 pm followed by Discussion**
(Test 7 & 8 as per UPSC timings)

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