

**M.A. PREVIOUS DEGREE (IMPROVEMENT/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, APRIL/MAY 2021**

(SDE)

M.A. Political Science

Paper VIII—COMPARATIVE POLITICS

(2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Short Essay Questions)**

*Answer any eight questions.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

1. Explain the 'theory of dependency'.
2. Define political system. Explain the capabilities of the political system.
3. 'Is there a link between democracy and development'. Elucidate.
4. Write a note on post nationalism.
5. Discuss market democracy.
6. Elucidate political economy.
7. Explain III wave democratisation.
8. Give an account of liberal nationalism.
9. Elucidate post-colonial state.
10. Critically analyse the relation between political modernisation and political development.
11. Discuss the political process in India.
12. "Does the constitution limit authoritarianism". Explain this with reference to the constitution of the united states of America.

(8 × 5 = 40 marks)

**Turn over**

**Part B (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

13. Define multi culturelism. Examine its advantages.
14. Explain totalitarian party system. Discuss the nature of the party system in the people's republic of China.
15. Elucidate the nature of democratic state.
16. Discuss the structural-functional approach to the study of the working of political system.

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Paper VII—ISSUES IN INDIAN POLITICS

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Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Short Essay Questions)**

*Answer any eight of the following.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

1. Comment on major Ethnic Movements in India in the present period.
2. What do you mean by a Communal Political Party ?
3. What are the major factors influencing Electoral Behaviour in India ?
4. Evaluate the socioeconomic conditions of Dalits after seven decades of Indian Independence.
5. State reasons for the growth of Communal Tensions in India. How can we tackle this ?
6. Enumerate the characteristic features of Indian Political Parties.
7. Give your views on Politics of Reservation in contemporary India.
8. Enumerate the major Electoral Reforms implemented in our nation.
9. What are the reasons for Child Labour in India ? How can we eliminate it ?
10. Critically estimate the working of Indian Democracy.
11. Do you think that Criminalisation of Politics and politicisation of criminals is a major challenge faced by India ? Give your view.
12. Give an account of important Regional Political Parties.

(8 × 5 = 40 marks)

**Turn over**

**Part B (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any two of the following.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

13. Give reasons for the growth of Religious Fundamentalism in India in the recent period.
14. Examine the importance of 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional amendment in ensuring Decentralized Democracy in India.
15. Critically analyse the Caste and Class dialectics in our polity. Which one you consider as the primary factor in deciding the nature of Indian polity ?
16. Write an essay on the social and ideological base of major Indian Political Parties.

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Paper VI—POLITICAL THEORY : LIBERAL TRADITION

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Short Essay Questions)**

*Answer any eight of the following.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

1. Write a note on age of reason.
2. Explain Machiavelli's political realism.
3. Examine the relationship between liberalisation and globalisation.
4. Comment on Thomas Hobbe's individualism.
5. Explain John Locke's theory of natural rights.
6. Critically examine Rousseau's doctrine of General Will.
7. Discuss Machiavelli's contributions to the idea of secular state.
8. Examine J.S. Mill's views on liberty.
9. Discuss the impact of utilitarianism on theory and practice of liberalism.
10. Critically examine John Locke's views on government.
11. Discuss Laski's contributions to positive liberalism.
12. Examine Edmund Burke's approach to revolutions.

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**Turn over**

**Part B (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any two of the following.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

13. Trace the origin and development political liberalism.
14. Discuss the contributions of John Locke to the theory of liberalism.
15. Critically examine Hegel's approach to rights and freedoms.
16. Outline the nature and features of neo-liberalism.

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Paper V—RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Short Essay Questions)**

*Answer any eight of the following.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

1. What are the objectives and utilities of Social Science Research ?
2. Define hypothesis. Bring out the essential requirements of a good hypothesis.
3. Discuss the need for the study of Research methodology.
4. Explain the meaning and significance of variables.
5. Give a brief description of survey research.
6. Explain exploratory research design and its utilities.
7. Discuss the merits and demerits of sampling.
8. Explain the process of interviewing.
9. Write a note on computer application in Social Science Research.
10. Discuss the different types of observation.
11. Critically examine the probability sampling techniques.
12. Comment on objectivity in Social Science Research.

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**Turn over**

**Part B (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any two of the following.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

13. Discuss the nature and characteristics of scientific research.
14. Explain the selection and formulation of research problem.
15. Examine the meaning, purposes and functions of research design.
16. Explain the rules and procedure connected with data processing and analysis.

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Paper IV—THEORIES AND CONCEPTS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

(2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Short Essay Questions)**

*Answer any eight questions.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

1. Discuss the managerial view of the scope of Public Administration.
2. Explain the emerging trends in Public Administration.
3. Bring out the implications of the concept of bounded rationality in decision making.
4. Make an evaluation of the Riggsian views on ecological approach to Public Administration.
6. Is public a Science or an Art ? Substantiate your arguments.
7. Distinguish between rational choice approach and public choice approach.
8. Write a note on "Great Illumination".
9. "A developmental bureaucracy is supposed to be concerned with promoting creativity and growth within a stable system". Explain.
10. Comment on the issue of neutrality *vs.* commitment of bureaucracy.
11. What were major findings and observations of the first minnowbrook conference ?
12. Define bureaucracy and explain various functions of bureaucracy.

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**Turn over**

**Part B (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

13. Examine the various stages in the evolution of public administration as a discipline.
14. Discuss the nature, merits and demerits of the traditional approaches to the study of public administration.
15. Elaborate the principles, advantages and disadvantages of scientific management.
16. Assess the influence of comparative public administration. Identify the major challenges to comparative public administration.

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Paper III—INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

(2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Short Essay questions)**

*Answer any eight of the following.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

1. Write a short note on the scope and limits of judicial activism in India.
2. Point out the major judicial reforms implemented in our country.
3. Enumerate the important issues affecting centre-state financial relations in India.
4. Discuss the composition and working of Constituent Assembly.
5. Examine the implementation of Gandhian principles included in the Directive Principles of State policy.
6. Analyse the social composition and sociological foundations of Indian society.
7. Enumerate the major sources of Indian Constitution.
8. Distinguish between due process of law and procedure established by law.
9. Give a note on the Preamble of our constitution.
10. Enumerate the important committees of Constituent Assembly.
11. Assess the significance of Right to Education in included in our constitution.
12. What do you mean by the 'Basic Structure Doctrine' ? Explain.

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**Turn over**

**Part B (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any two of the following.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

13. Comment on the socio political implications of the case A. K. Goplan Vs. State of Madras.
14. Critically examine the nature of Indian Federalism. Which are the unitary features of our constitution ?
15. Discuss with examples the role of judiciary in bringing social change in our nation.
16. Critically evaluate the working of Local Self Government Institutions in the Indian polity after the passing of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendments.

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Paper II—MODERN INDIAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Short Essay Questions)**

*Answer any eight questions.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

1. Explain Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's views on social democracy.
2. Examine Gopalakrishna Gokhale's ideas on social changes.
3. Comment on the views of Ram Manohar Lohia on socialism.
4. Assess the contributions of Raja Ram Mohan Roy to the empowerment of women.
5. Discuss the ideas of New Humanism.
6. Elucidate Gandhiji's criticism of Western Civilisation.
7. Bring out the contributions of E.M. Shankaran Namboothirippad to Indian Socialism.
8. Explain Sree Narayana Guru's concept of secularism.
9. Evaluate Balagangadhar Tilak's theory of Nationalism.
10. Elaborate the concept of Gandhian 'Ideal state'.
11. Examine the approaches of Gandhiji and Ambedkar to the upliftment of marginalised sections of the Indian society.
12. Discuss Sree Narayana Guru's concept of universalism.

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**Turn over**

**Part B (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

13. Identify the cleavages in the political ideologies of liberals and extremists.
14. "Trusteeship provides a means of transforming the present capitalist order of society into an equalitarian one". Discuss.
15. Elucidate Jayaprakash Narayan's idea of total revolution.
16. Bringout the social and political ideas of Swami Vivekananda.

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Paper I—MODERN POLITICAL ANALYSIS AND POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

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**Part A (Short Essay Questions)**

*Answer any eight questions.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

1. Explain Marxian views of democracy.
2. Elucidate the requirements for political development.
3. Briefly discuss the factors contributed for the growth of political sociology as a discipline.
4. Bring out the characteristics of post-behaviourism.
5. Explain the concept "outcome" in Game theory.
6. Discuss the classical approach to political analysis.
7. Comment on political participation.
8. Elucidate the contributions of Robert Michels to the theory of Elites.
9. Analyse Karl Marx's views on the nature of political sociology.
10. Explain political modernisation.
11. Examine the relation between power and authority.
12. Elucidates the components of political culture.

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**Part B (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

13. Bring out the traits of "Liberal democracy".
14. Define political socialisation. Explain its agencies.
15. Discuss the tenets of behaviouralism.
16. Explain the input-output analysis of David Easton.

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