

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2016

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

[Field of Study Code : POLM (220)]

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

All questions carry equal marks

Answer any three questions

- ✓ 1. What do you understand by a coalition government? Do you think the coalition government is more representative and therefore democratic? What could be the disadvantages of coalition government?
- ✓ 2. Explain the distinction between elite and mass nationalisms as two forms of anti-colonial nationalism in India. What were the salient features of Indian nationalism during the freedom struggle?
3. Is imperialism still a useful concept to understand international relations today?
4. Discuss at least three different arguments that J. S. Mill uses to defend the freedom of speech and expression. How would you advocate of free speech respond to the problem of 'hateful' or 'harmful' speech?
- ✓ 5. Judicial activism has become a significant attribute of the Indian Supreme Court's functioning, making it one of the world's most powerful judicial bodies. Critically discuss this statement with reference to Supreme Court's role as an activist court since the 1980s.
6. Examine the relationship between legitimacy and authority. What are the different views on these two concepts in political theory?
7. Critically analyze the role of interest groups in democracy.

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- ✓ 8. Write an essay on BRICS and its importance in contemporary international politics.
9. Write an essay on Max Weber's theory of authority with special emphasis on the concept of charisma.
10. How does the relationship between gender and caste pose a challenge for feminist politics in India?
11. Discuss the adequacy/inadequacy of the concept of ruling class in understanding the political dominant groups in Indian context. Explain with reference to any one region of India.
12. Explain the difference between open and closed systems of social stratification.
13. Discuss the main features of the society and polity of the Sangam period.
14. To what extent the 19th century social reform movements in India addressed the question of caste and gender inequalities? What were their main limitations in these regards?
15. Discuss the composition and organization of nobility under Akbar.
16. Give an assessment of the recent debates on the 18th century in Indian history.
17. Explain the rationale for government intervention in a modern economy.
18. What is the role of a central bank in a developing country? Explain with reference to the Indian experience.
- ✓ 19. What, in your opinion, are the major challenges faced by Indian agriculture sector? Suggest three policy measures to face the challenges.
20. Explain the mechanism of transmission of changes in oil prices on inflation in the economy. Has the Indian economy benefitted from the recent decline in international crude oil prices? Explain.
