

CCE(M)/POL-I/10/2024

**POLITICAL SCIENCE
& INTERNATIONAL
RELATION**

(PAPER—I)

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 250

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SECTION—A

1. Answer any five of the following questions :

10×5=50

- (a) Explain the Post-Colonial theory of the State.
- (b) Explain the equality of opportunity.
- (c) Elaborate the end of ideology debate.
- (d) Explain the deliberative democracy.
- (e) Elaborate “Nothing against the State, nothing over it, nothing beyond it.” — Mussolini.
- (f) Elaborate Ambedkar’s ideas on constitutionalism.
- (g) Elaborate Machiavelli’s secularism.

2. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Critically examine the neo-liberal theory of the State. 20
- (b) Analyse John Rawls' justification of discrimination to achieve the goals of justice. 15
- (c) Equality means fair treatment rather than equal treatment. Comment. 15

3. Answer the following questions :

- (a) What do you understand by Multiculturalism? Discuss Bhikhu Parekh's views on Multiculturalism. 20
- (b) Discuss Kautilya's views on the elements of the State. 15
- (c) Distinguish between liberal feminism and radical feminism. 15

4. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Critically examine Hannah Arendt's conceptual triad of labour, work and action. 20
- (b) Discuss the doctrine of 'rights as trumps'. 15
- (c) What is the contemporary relevance of Marxism? 15

SECTION—B

5. Answer *any five* of the following questions :

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- (a) Explain the Revolt of 1857 as a 'Sepoy Mutiny' or 'First War of Independence'.
- (b) Explain the New Panchayat Raj as an effective instrument for women empowerment.
- (c) Explain the Indian Constitution makers' concerns on social inequality.
- (d) Explain the right to constitutional remedies in India.
- (e) Explain the Judicial overreach in India.
- (f) Explain the mechanism for settling inter-State disputes.
- (g) Explain the political decentralization which has not been matched by administrative decentralization at the grassroots level.

6. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Discuss how the National Movement in India was anti-imperialist and increasingly radical in its socioeconomic and political programmes. 20
- (b) What has been the political fallout of the Green Revolution in India? Explain. 15
- (c) The changing socioeconomic profile of our legislators does not augur well for the health of Indian democracy. Comment. 15

7. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Evaluate the adequacy of constitutional and legal provisions that ensure the independence of the Election Commission. What reforms would strengthen its autonomy? 20
- (b) Explain how the Comptroller and Auditor General of India enhances Government accountability and safeguards its finances. 15
- (c) Discuss the role of the National Commission for women. Do you think it is a toothless organization? 15

8. Answer the following questions :

- (a) "The basic structure doctrine is implicit in the Indian Constitution; the Supreme Court has only given it an explicit form." Elaborate 20
- (b) Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has emerged as the most powerful institution in India. Discuss. 15
- (c) Comment on the relevance of the Directive Principles of State Policy in an era of liberalization and globalization. 15

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SECTION—A

1. Answer any five of the following questions :

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- (a) Discuss the utility of Nuclear Deterrence Theory in the context of the recent standoff between India and Pakistan.
- (b) Write a brief note on the 17th NAM Summit held in Venezuela.
- (c) In what way does the predominance of the USA in the UN funding affect its decision-making?
- (d) Evaluate the role of BIMSTEC in multi-sectoral technical and economic cooperation.
- (e) Do you think that Sustainable Development Goals are really attainable by 2030?
- (f) Bring out the major differences between the Classical Realism of Hans Morgenthau and the Neorealism of Kenneth Waltz.

- (g) What, according to Joseph Nye, are the major sources of a country's soft power? Discuss its relevance in the contemporary world politics.

2. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Is Realist Approach the best method to understand International Relations? Examine this in the context of Classical Realism. 20
- (b) How has the development of Global Capitalism changed the nature of socialist economies and developing societies? 15
- (c) Discuss the changing nature of the modern State with reference to transnational interactions. 15

3. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Discuss the ways to strengthen the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to enable it to address the challenges faced by the developing countries. 20
- (b) Critically evaluate the role of the United States of America in the World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement mechanism and its implications for the future of the WTO. 15
- (c) Explain the significance and importance of the demand raised by the developing countries for a New International Economic Order (NIEO). Are they likely to achieve the objectives of NIEO in foreseeable future? 15

4. Answer the following questions :

- (a) The modernization thesis asserts that affluence breeds stable democracy. How do you explain the success of India being the world's largest democracy as an exceptional case? 20
- (b) Explain the success of ASEAN as a regional organisation. 15
- (c) Examine the role of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other major efforts by the UN to address the global environmental crisis. 15

SECTION—B

5. Answer **any five** of the following questions : 10×5=50

- (a) Examine the role of 'parliamentary diplomacy' in India's foreign policy.

- (b) Compare and contrast Non-alignment 1.0 with Non-alignment 2.0.
- (c) Analyse the significance of India's Look East Policy in the light of concerns of the indigenous peoples of North-east India.
- (d) How is India responding to the idea of Indo-Pacific?
- (e) Analyze the impact of hydropolitics on Indo-Bangladesh relations.
- (f) Explain India's position on the waiver of intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccines in WTO.
- (g) Write about the growing significance of QUAD.

6. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Describe briefly China's 'One Belt One Road (OBOR)' initiative and analyze India's major concerns. 20
- (b) What are the current issues in Brahmaputra River water sharing between India and China? 15
- (c) Analyze the recent trends in India's role in the UN peacekeeping operations. 15

7. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Explain the defence and foreign policy options of India to address the challenges emerging out of the current India-China standoff at the Line of Actual Control (LAC). 20
- (b) Explain the importance of India's claim for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council. 15
- (c) Discuss the efficacy of India's 'no first use' policy (nuclear weapons) in the context of the evolving strategic challenges from its neighbours. 15

8. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Discuss how mutual trust and mutually beneficial cooperation have shaped India-Russia relations all throughout history. 20
- (b) Discuss the 'Sustainable Development Goals' as set by the United Nations. 15
- (c) Critically examine the role of India in shaping the emerging world order. 15

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