

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

OPTIONAL BATCH 2 - TEST SERIES TARGET 2023



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1. Test date - Please check the timetable
2. Pre-test orientation on every Monday of that test week- 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm (For Sectional Tests only)
3. Test timings - 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm (Thursday)
4. Test answer discussion - 7.00 pm on the same day of Test - Live session only. (online/offline)
5. No videos will be provided.
6. Key will be provided in pdf
7. Paper evaluation and individual feed back will be given within 6-7 days
8. Fees - (Rs.9,300 for new students), (Rs.8,500 for Old students)

TEST	DATE	SYLLABUS
ST-1	18-08-22	WPT-1: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli. Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism.
ST-2	25-08-22	WPT-2: Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, and Hannah Arendt.
RT-1	01-09-22	Revision Test -1
ST-3	08-09-22	Political Theory: meaning and approaches. Theories of the State: Liberal, Neoliberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist. Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
ST-4	15-09-22	Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action. Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights. Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy – representative, participatory and deliberative
ST-5	22-09-22	Concept of power, hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy. Political Ideologies: Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism. Indian Political Thought : Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy.
RT -2	29-09-22	Revision Test -2
ST-6	06-10-22	Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.

ST-7	13-10-22	<p><u>Key concepts in International Relations:</u> National interest, Security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.</p> <p><u>Globalisation:</u> Responses from developed and developing societies.</p>
RT- 3	20-10-22	Revision Test-3
ST-8	27-10-22	<p><u>Comparative Politics:</u> Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.</p> <p><u>State in comparative perspective:</u> Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p><u>Politics of Representation and Participation:</u> Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</p>
ST-9	3-11-22	<p><u>Changing International Political Order:</u></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><u>Evolution of the International Economic System:</u> From 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><u>United Nations:</u> Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies-aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.</p>
ST-10	10-11-22	<p><u>Regionalisation of World Politics:</u> EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA</p> <p>.</p> <p><u>Contemporary Global Concerns:</u> Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</p> <p><u>Indian Foreign Policy:</u> Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policymaking; continuity and change.</p> <p><u>India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement:</u> Different phases; current role</p>

RT-4	17-11-22	Revision Test-4
ST-11	24-11-22	<p><u>Making of the Indian Constitution:</u> Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.</p> <p><u>Salient Features of the Indian Constitution:</u> The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.</p>
ST-12	01-12-22	<p><u>Principal Organs of the Union Government:</u> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.</p> <p><u>Principal Organs of the State Government:</u> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.</p> <p><u>Grassroots Democracy:</u> Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</p> <p><u>Federalism:</u> Constitutional provisions; changing nature of C-S relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.</p>
ST-13	08-12-22	<p><u>Planning and Economic Development:</u> Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.</p> <p><u>Caste, Religion and Ethnicity</u> in Indian Politics.</p> <p><u>Party System:</u> 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><u>Social Movements:</u> Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.</p>
ST-14	15-12-22	<p><u>Indian Nationalism:</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle:</u> Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers' movements.</p> <p>(b) <u>Perspectives on Indian National Movement:</u> Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit.</p> <p><u>Statutory Institutions/Commissions:</u> Election Commission, CAG, Finance Commission, UPSC, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; NHRC, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.</p>
RT-5	22-12-22	Revision Test-5
ST-15	29-12-22	<p><u>India and South Asia:</u></p> <p>(a) Regional Co-operation: SAARC – past performance and future prospects.</p> <p>(b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area.</p>

		(c) India's "Look East" policy. (d) Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes. India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
ST-16	05-01-23	India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia. 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. India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy
Full Test	12-01-23	Paper-1
Full Test	19-01-23	Paper-2
Final Test	27-01-23	Paper-1
		Paper-2

ST : Sectional Test (100 Marks each) – 16 nos.

RT : Revision Test (150 Marks each) – 5 nos.

Full Test : 250 Marks - (2 x 2 = 4 nos).

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Sheets Must be submitted within 3-5days from the date of test as on schedule.**
- **We Appreciate Aspirants who submitted their answer sheets on the same day at the most.**
- **Late submission of Answer sheets will not be strictly entertained.**
- **Answer Key and Test Discussion will be conducted as Live Classroom cum Online Discussion.**
- **So Live Discussion must be attended without Fail.**
- **Question Paper will be mailed to the students on the date of the Test for Online Students.**
- **Students are required to send your Answer sheets to sia.govindaraju@gmail.com**