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## POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TEST SERIES 2023

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### TEST SCHEDULE

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S.No.	Date	Paper	Detailed Syllabus
1.	10-06-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-1 (Sectional Test - 2A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approaches to the Study of International Relations:</b> Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.</li> <li>• <b>Key Concepts in International Relations:</b> National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.</li> <li>• <b>Comparative Politics:</b> Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method.</li> <li>• <b>State in Comparative Perspective:</b> Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.</li> <li>• <b>Politics of Representation and Participation:</b> Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</li> <li>• <b>Globalisation:</b> Responses from developed and developing societies.</li> </ul>
2.	24-06-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-2 (Sectional Test - 2A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Changing International Political Order :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rise of superpowers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and cold war; Nuclear threat;</li> <li>▪ Non-aligned Movement : Aims and achievements</li> <li>▪ Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Evolution of the International Economic System:</b> From Bretton Woods 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.</li> <li>• <b>United Nations:</b> Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies – aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.</li> <li>• <b>Regionalisation of World Politics:</b> EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA.</li> <li>• <b>Contemporary Global Concerns:</b> Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</li> </ul>
3.	08-07-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-3 (Sectional Test - 1B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indian Nationalism:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Noncooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and Revolutionary Movements, Peasant and Workers Movements.</li> <li>• Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Making of the Indian Constitution:</b> Legacies of British rule; different social and political perspectives.</li> <li>• <b>Salient Features of the Indian Constitution:</b> The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.</li> <li>• <b>Federalism:</b> Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.</li> <li>• <b>Principal Organs of the Union Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.</li> <li>• <b>Principal Organs of the State Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts</li> <li>• <b>Grassroots Democracy:</b> Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</li> </ul>
4.	15-07-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-4 (Sectional Test - 1B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Statutory Institutions/Commissions:</b> Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.</li> <li>• <b>Planning and Economic development:</b> Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.</li> <li>• <b>Party System:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.</b></li> <li>• <b>Social Movement :</b> Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.</li> </ul>

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5.	22-07-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-5 (Sectional Test - 1A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Political Theory:</b> meaning and approaches.</li> <li>• <b>Theories of state:</b> Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, post-colonial and Feminist.</li> <li>• <b>Political Ideologies:</b> Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism</li> <li>• <b>Indian Political Thought:</b> Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.</li> <li>• <b>Western Political Thought:</b> Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.</li> </ul>
6.	29-07-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-6 (Sectional Test - 1A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Justice:</b> Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.</li> <li>• <b>Equality:</b> Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.</li> <li>• <b>Rights:</b> Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.</li> <li>• <b>Democracy:</b> Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy – representative, participatory and deliberative.</li> <li>• <b>Concept of Power:</b> hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.</li> </ul>
7.	05-08-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-7 (Sectional Test - 2B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indian Foreign Policy:</b> Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change.</li> <li>• <b>India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement</b> Different phases; Current role.</li> <li>• <b>India and the UN System:</b> Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</li> <li>• <b>India and the Nuclear Question:</b> Changing perceptions and policy.</li> <li>• <b>Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy :</b> India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.</li> </ul>
8.	12-08-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-8 (Sectional Test - 2B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>India and South Asia :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Cooperation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects.</li> <li>• South Asia as a Free Trade Area.</li> <li>• India's "Look East" policy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Impediments to regional cooperation :</b> River water disputes; illegal cross border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes.</li> <li>• <b>India and the Global South:</b> Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.</li> <li>• <b>India and the Global Centres of Power:</b> USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.</li> </ul>
9.	19-08-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-9 (Full Length Paper-1)	Full Syllabus of 1A & 1B
10.	26-08-2023 2 to 5 PM (Saturday)	Test Paper-10 (Full Length Paper-2)	Full Syllabus of 1A & 1B