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OPTIONAL TEST SERIES for MAINS 2022

POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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The rationale behind this test series schedule is to provide adequate emphasis in order to maximise the efficiency of the candidate. The modus operandi is:

TESTS

- **8 Tests** (4 Sectional + 4 FLT's)
- Course is available in both **Offline & Online**.
- All tests would be released on alternate Sundays, at 9:30 AM.
- **Last Date of Test submission 1st September**
- Sample answers would be released / available after the tests.
- Evaluated copies will be uploaded in student's e-learn account with in 10/12 days of paper submission.

QIP CLASSES

- All tests will be followed by **Offline / Live Online Discussions** for better concept clarity and enrichment.
- Further, classes will also be conducted to cover evolving Themes important for this year's Mains.
- **Class Videos** will be available till Mains 2022.

Read, Relate & Write at your own convenient time.

TEST	PAPER & PART	SYLLABUS TO BE COVERED UNDER THE TOPIC
Thematic Test-1 19/06/2022 (Sun)	PAPER – I (PART-A)	<p>Political Theory and Indian Politics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Political theory: meaning and approaches. 2. Theories of the state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist. 3. Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its Communitarian critiques. 4. Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action. 5. Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights. 6. Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy-representative, participatory and deliberative. 7. Concept of power: hegemony, ideology and legitimacy. 8. Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.

		<p>9. Indian Political Thought: Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K.Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy.</p> <p>10. Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S.Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.</p>
<p>Thematic Test-2 03/07/2022 (Sun)</p>	<p>PAPER – I (PART-B)</p>	<p>Indian Government and politics</p> <p>1. Indian Nationalism:</p> <p>a. Political Strategies of India's Freedom struggle: constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers' movements.</p> <p>b. Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit.</p> <p>2. Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.</p> <p>3. Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.</p> <p>4.a. Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.</p> <p>b. Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.</p> <p>5. Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 13rd and 14th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</p> <p>6. Statutory Institutions / Commissions: 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.</p> <p>7. Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.</p> <p>8. Planning and Economic Development : Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalisation and economic reforms.</p> <p>9. Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.</p> <p>10. Party System: 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>11. Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Thematic Test-3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17-07-2022 (Sun)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAPER – II (PART-A)</p>	<p>Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method. 2. State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies. 3. Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies. 4. Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies. 5. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory. 6. Key concepts in International Relations: National interest, Security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation. 7. Changing International Political Order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat; (b) Non-aligned movement : Aims and achievements; (c) Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world. 8. Evolution of the International Economic System: From Bretton woods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance) Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalization of the world economy. 9. United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies-aims and functioning; need for UN reforms. 10. Regionalization of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA. 11. Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.
<p style="text-align: center;">Thematic Test-4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31-07-2022 (Sun)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAPER – II (PART-B)</p>	<p>India and the World:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change. 2. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; current role. 3. India and South Asia: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects. (b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area. (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. 4. India and the Global South Relations with Africa and Latin America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations. 5. India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia. 6. India and the UN System: Role in UN Peacekeeping; demand for

		<p>Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</p> <p>7. India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.</p> <p>8. 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.</p>
<p>Test -5 14-08-2022 (Sun)</p>	<p>Complete Syllabus</p>	<p>Comprehensive PAPER-I - Full syllabus</p>
<p>Test -6 21-08-2022 (Sun)</p>	<p>Complete Syllabus</p>	<p>Comprehensive PAPER-II - Full syllabus</p>
<p>Test -7 28-08-2022 (Sun)</p>	<p>Complete Syllabus</p>	<p>Comprehensive PAPER-I - Full syllabus</p>
<p>Test -8 04-09-2022 (Sun)</p>	<p>Complete Syllabus</p>	<p>Comprehensive PAPER-II - Full syllabus</p>