



Sleepy Classes IAS
Awakening Toppers

Political Science & International Relations

2025

Mains - Paper 1

Section A

Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: 10x5 = 50

- 1a) Explain the Philosophical approach to the study of Political theory.
 - b) Write a note on the relation between equality and liberty from the multi-cultural perspective. 10
 - c) Explain the Macpherson's view on power.
 - d) Mention the difference between Italian and German brands of facism.
 - e) Explain briefly the elite theory of democracy.
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- 2a) What is the Marxist and liberal approach towards the state? On what grounds the theoretical differences between them are premised? Explain. 20
 - b) Karl Popper presents a defence of the open society against its enemies. Elaborate. 15
 - c) Explain how Rawls used the liberal and egalitarian perspective to develop his concept of distributive justice. 15
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- 3a) Provide a comparative analysis of behavioural and institutional approach to the study of political theory. 20
 - b) "State..... does the greatest harm to mankind by destroying individuality, which lies at the root of all progress." - Mahatma Gandhi. Elucidate. 15
 - c) Explain how the slogan 'the personal is political' addresses the issue of women's oppression and discrimination? 15
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- 4a) The foundational base of westem democracy has been shaped by Locke's ideas of constitutionalism, freedom and property. Elucidate. 20
 - b) Hannah Arendt analysed a few categories of vita activa. Explain. 15
 - c) Do you think that legitimacy acquired by consent or manufactured by indoctrination is an essential element in maintenance of political rule ? Justify your answer with relevant examples. 15

Section - B

Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: 10x5 = 50

- 5a) Explain briefly the role of Peasant Movements after 1857 and before independence.
- b) Write a note on the Dalit perspective of Indian National Movement.
- c) Land reforms programmes led to some constitutional amendments. Comment. 10
- d) Delineate the key factors that have shaped the evolving political landscape in Jammu and Kashmir post 2019.
- e) How far has been the National Human Rights Commission successful in achieving its objectives? Comment
- 6a) Parliamentary committees are indispensable to the legislative process. It provides for the opportunity for cross-pollination between the two chambers of the Parliament. Discuss. 20
- b) Examine the constitutional provisions and nature of advisory jurisdiction of Supreme Court of India. Evaluate your answer with relevant examples. 15
- c) The recent developments in Indian Politics has not eroded the true spirit of federalism in India. Critically examine this statement with the help of appropriate examples. 15
- 7a) Enunciate the impediments to women's participation in local governance in the process of political decentralisation. 20
- b) Caste remains a vital axis for political mobilisation in India. How would the caste census address the aspirations of people? Discuss. 15
- c) There is a debate on the procedure for appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners to the Election Commission of India. Analyse its various aspects. 15
- 8a) The decision to conduct Population Census-2027 has reopened the debate on delimitation in India. Discuss its various aspects. 20
- b) With reference to Nehruvian perspectives of planning and economic development, examine how the early phase of economic planning in India has led the foundation of modern India's economic growth. 15
- c) Illustrate with examples how political parties in India have played a crucial role in drawing the historically disadvantaged groups into the mainstream political system. 15