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POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

For each paper: Time Allowed : Three Hours Maximum Marks : 250

There are EIGHT questions divided in two Sections and printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.

Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.

Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in chronological order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.



Section A

1. Answer the following in about 200 words each : 20 x 3=60
 - a) How has geo economics replaced geo politics in the present International scenario ?
 - b) Outline the constraints SAARC is facing to emerge as an effective regional organisation
 - c) How does comparative political sociology help in understanding of socio political process of different countries of the world?
 - d) Elaborate the factors which cause North- South divide in the age of globalisation
2. How does functioning of interest groups differ from political parties? Discuss with appropriate examples.
3. Discuss the realist and neo- realist approaches to the study of International relations.
4. Do you agree with the notion that Marxist approach to the study of International relations is largely based on economic reductionism? Give reasons.



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SECTION 'B'

5. Answer on any THREE of the following in about 200 words each: 20×3=60
- The relationship between India and China is Characterised by high levels of conflict and cooperation. Comment.
 - Explain the difference between security dilemma and insecurity dilemma.
 - Outline India's contribution to UN Peace Keeping activities ?
 - Explain the concept of Hegemonic stability
6. The constant breakdown in WTO negotiations suggest too many disagreements in world politics Would you agree?
7. The growth and possession of WMD has seriously undermined international security. Discuss
8. Does India's rise as a major market power in a globalised world mean that it is no longer concerned with the new international economic order that it once championed? Discuss.

