



# UPSC

## 2012 - MAINS - PAPER - I

### POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

#### INSTRUCTIONS

For each paper: Time Allowed : Three Hours Maximum Marks : 300

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. Comment on the following in about 150 words each : 10 x 5=50

- Difference between normative and empirical theories of politics
- Difference between equality of opportunity and equality of outcome
- Difference between Liberal and Radical forms of Feminism
- Hannah Arendt's conception of the 'Political'
- Issues of debate in contemporary democratic theory

2.

- What is meant by 'relative autonomy' of State in Marxist analysis?
- Comment on the Marxist and Radical Humanist Phases of M.N. Roy's thought.
- Examine the multi - cultural perspectives on rights.



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- 3.
- Locke is an individualist out and out substantiate this statement.
  - Distinguish between the concepts of legitimacy and hegemony
  - Why is affirmative action important in provision of equal opportunity?
- 4.
- Examine the Gandhian idea of village community as an ideal unit of self governance
  - Draw parallels between Arthashastra tradition and the Realist tradition represented by Machiavelli
  - Write a note on the Buddhist tradition in Indian political thought.

**Section - B**

5. Comment on the following in approximately 150 words each : 12 x 5 = 60
- Efficacy of Satyagraha as moral resistance to colonial rule
  - Judicial activism and social change
  - Role of National Commission for Women in India
  - Demands for the creation of new states in India
  - Doctrine of Basic Structure of the Indian Constitution
- 6.
- Discuss the extent to which the Indian Constitution reflects successful reconciliation of alternative perspectives.
  - Examine the relevance of Directive Principles in the era of liberalisation and globalization
- 7.
- Examine the impact of coalition - politics on Indian political system.
  - Critically examine Green Revolution as a strategy for sustainable agricultural development.
- 8.
- Examine the efficacy of available mechanisms for resolving inter - state disputes in India.
  - Discuss the impact of environmentalist movement policies in recent years.