

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2015

M.A. POLITICS

(With Specialization in International Studies)

[Field of Study Code : PISM (201)]

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

All questions carry equal marks

Answer *any five* questions. Where a question has more than one part, answer all parts.

1. Compare and contrast the critique of B. R. Ambedkar and V. D. Savarkar of the caste system and their views on its eradication/annihilation.
2. Compare Marxist and Liberal conceptions of (a) freedom/liberty and (b) democracy.
3. Is affirmative action for disadvantaged groups contrary to the principle of equality? Give reasons for your answer. Compare the policy of reservations in India with affirmative action policy in the USA.
4. Discuss the debates around globalization and 'retreat of the state'. What are the key effects of globalization in the field of (a) economy and (b) culture?
5. Critically discuss the principles of political realism propounded by Hans Morgenthau.
6. What are different 'generations' of human rights and how are they connected? Discuss the challenges of globalization to the realization of human rights.
7. Lenin called imperialism the 'highest stage of capitalism'. Elaborate.

8. Discuss the significance of development aid in international politics. Discuss India's contribution to the emerging aid architecture.
9. Differentiate between different types of suicide that Emile Durkheim discussed. Give suitable examples.
10. What is the difference between Varna and Jati? Discuss with reference to M. N. Srinivas's views on the subject.
11. Write an essay on the social background of Indian nationalism with special reference to A. R. Desai's contribution.
12. What is the difference between power and authority? Discuss the different types of authority that Max Weber proposed.
13. Analyse the different views of historians regarding the original home of the Aryans.
14. Write an essay on the various sources used by historians for the writing of Indian history.
15. Discuss the growth of trade and commerce during the Mughal period in Indian history.
16. Discuss debates around 18th century India on the question of whether there was a continuity or break from the 1750s, with special reference to the views of Irfan Habib and C. A. Bayly.
17. Differentiate between 'direct' and 'indirect' taxes. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a single 'goods and services tax' (GST)?
18. What do you understand by 'beggar thy neighbour trade policies'? To what extent have such policies been used in the recent global financial crisis?
19. What is a subsidy? Is 'direct cash transfer' an appropriate policy to deliver subsidies?
20. Distinguish between economic growth and development. Is growth a necessary and sufficient condition to attain development? Explain your answer with examples.

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