

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2015

M.Phil./Ph.D.

POLITICAL STUDIES

[Field of Study Code : POLP (140)]

*Time Allowed : 3 hours**Maximum Marks : 70*

All questions carry equal marks

Answer *any three* questions

1. What are the strengths and limitations of qualitative and quantitative techniques of research in social sciences? Illustrate with suitable examples.
2. On what grounds do political theorists defend freedom of speech? When and under what conditions can this freedom be justifiably restricted?
3. Is the neo-realist explanation of international relations still relevant? Give reasons in favour of your answer.
4. Would you agree that the Indian polity is witnessing a 'post-Congress system'? Explain with reference to contemporary electoral outcomes in the Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections.
5. Critically discuss the debates on State power in modern Indian political thought.
6. Critically examine the role of the Planning Commission in shaping the trajectory of development in India. What different roles do you think have been envisaged for the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog?
7. It has been argued that contemporary global economic processes are increasingly eroding the territorial as well as institutional sovereignty of the State. Substantiate your response to this view by drawing upon recent scholarship.

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