



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL  
B.A. Honours Part-I Examination, 2019

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PAPER-I

POLITICAL THOUGHT

Time Allotted: 4 Hours

Full Marks: 100

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Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

GROUP-A

Answer any *five* questions, taking at least *two* from each half

FIRST HALF

1. How far is it appropriate to say that Western Political thought begins in Ancient Greece? Point out the main features of Ancient Greek political thought. 6+10 = 16
2. Discuss the background and the nature of conflict between the Church and the State in the medieval period. 16
3. Discuss Rousseau's concept of state of nature, social contract and general will. 16
4. Discuss Mills' views on liberty. Is it proper to call him prophet of empty liberty? Give reasons for your answer. 10+6
5. Discuss, in what sense, the socialism of Karl Marx is considered scientific. How is his socialism different from utopian socialism? 10+6

SECOND HALF

6. Discuss in brief, the central tenets of Kautilya's Arthashastra. 16
7. How far is it correct to consider Raja Rammohan Roy as a rational liberal thinker? Discuss with reference to his political ideas. 16
8. Discuss in brief, Rabindranath Tagore's views on Nationalism. How, according to Tagore, aggressive nationalism leads to chauvinism? 8+8 = 16

9. Write a note on Subhas Chandra Bose's doctrine of Samya. Add a critique to it. 10+6
10. Critically discuss B. R. Ambedkar's views on Democratic Government and Constitutionalism. 8+8 = 16

**GROUP-B**

11. Write short notes on (any *four*): 5×4 = 20
- (a) Aristotle's views on the origin of the state
  - (b) Machiavelli on Morality
  - (c) Thomas Hobbes on the State of nature
  - (d) Hegel's concept of Civil Society
  - (e) Main features of Medieval Political thought in India
  - (f) Duties and Responsibilities of a Muslim ruler
  - (g) J. P. Narayan's concept of 'partyless democracy'
  - (h) Socialist ideas of Jawaharlal Nehru.

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POLITICAL THEORY

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GROUP-A

Answer any *five* questions, taking at least *two* from each half

FIRST HALF

1. What is meant by an approach? How would you distinguish between a Normative and an Empirical Approach? Which of the two approaches do you consider acceptable? Give reasons for your answer. 4+8+4=16
2. Discuss in brief, the Idealist theory regarding the nature of the state. Point out the difference between German Idealism and neo-Idealism. 10+6 = 16
3. What are the basic tenets of pluralism? How do the pluralists criticize the monistic theory of Sovereignty? 10+6=16
4. What do you mean by political obligation? Discuss the views of Green on political obligation. On what grounds to him, people can resist? 4+8+4=16
5. Analyse the concept of Equality. How far liberty and equality are compatible with each other? Give reasons for your answer. 6+10=16

SECOND HALF

6. Discuss Marxist theory of dialectical materialism. 16
7. Discuss briefly the Marxian concept of class and class struggle. 8+8=16

8. Discuss Marxian concept of freedom. How does it differ from the bourgeoisie idea of freedom? 8+8 = 16
9. Critically discuss the differences between socialistic and non-socialistic revolutions. 16
10. Explain the concept of 'New Democracy' as contemplated by Mao Zedong. 16

**GROUP-B**

11. Write short notes on (any *four*): 5×4 = 20
- (a) Characteristics of Behaviouralism
  - (b) Syndicalism
  - (c) Limitations of Individualist Theory of State
  - (d) Differences between Protective and Participatory Democracy
  - (e) Base and Superstructure
  - (f) Marx on stages of social development
  - (g) Marx on capitalist state
  - (h) Withering away of the state.

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PAPER-III

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GROUP-A

Answer any *five* questions, taking at least *two* from each half

16×5 = 80

FIRST HALF

1. Discuss the composition and objectives of the Constituent Assembly of India. Mention the procedure adopted to draft the Constitution. Do you agree that the Constituent Assembly was a representative body? 10+3+3
2. Write a note on the Right to Constitutional Remedies (Art 32) as guaranteed by the Constitution of India. 16
3. Discuss the powers and position of the Chief Minister with reference under the Indian Constitutional system. 16
4. Discuss the powers and functions of the Lok Sabha with reference to its relation with the Rajya Sabha. 16
5. Examine the powers and functions of the state High Court. Give a critical assessment of the jurisdiction of a High Court. 10+6

SECOND HALF

6. Discuss the nature of changes in the Indian Party system. Add a note in this context on the impact of the emergence of Regional parties on the Indian Party system. 10+6
7. Discuss the role and functions of the Election Commission. Comment on the present composition of the Election Commission of India. 10+6

8. Examine the influence of Religion in Indian politics. 16
9. Give an account of the safeguards for the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes provided by the Constitution of India. Are they, in your opinion, adequate? 12+4
10. What do you mean by 'Politicisation of caste'? Discuss the role of caste in Indian Politics. 4+12

**GROUP-B**

11. Write short notes on (any *four*): 5×4 = 20
- (a) Difference between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles
  - (b) Centralising Tendencies in Indian federal system
  - (c) Public Interest Litigation
  - (d) Art 368 of the Indian Constitution
  - (e) Typology of political parties in India
  - (f) Money Bill
  - (g) Official Language Policy
  - (h) Problems of nation building in India.

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**GROUP-A**

Answer any *five* questions, taking at least *two* from each half 16×5 = 80

**FIRST HALF**

1. Attempt a comparative assessment of the Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Government. 16
2. Define 'Rule of Law'. Explain Dicey's theory of 'Rule of Law'. What are the limitations of this theory? 4+8+4
3. Examine the nature of the American Federal system. Compare and contrast the pattern of federal government of USA with that of Switzerland. 8+8
4. Write a note on the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China. 16
5. Discuss the salient features of the new Constitution of Russia. 16

**SECOND HALF**

6. Discuss the composition and functions of the US Senate. Why is it regarded as the most powerful chamber in the world? 5+5+6
7. Compare the committee system that exists in the British House of Commons with that of the House of Representatives in the United States. 16

8. Examine in brief, the composition and functions of the People's Procurate of China. 6+10
9. Discuss the composition and functions of the Federal Council in Switzerland. In what sense it is a unique executive body? 4+8+4
10. Point out the differences between the American Bill of Rights and the Fundamental Rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the People's Republic of China. 16

**GROUP-B**

11. Write short notes on any *four* of the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Objectives of Comparative Politics
  - (b) Features of Socialist Political System
  - (c) Checks and Balances in the US Constitutional System
  - (d) Unitary Constitution in the UK
  - (e) Veto power of the American President
  - (f) Composition of the American Supreme Court
  - (g) National Peoples' Congress (NPC) of the Peoples' Republic of China
  - (h) Background of the new Russian Constitution.

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**GROUP-A**

Answer any *five* questions, taking at least *two* from each half

**FIRST HALF**

1. Comment on the evolution of International Relations as a discipline. Do you agree with the view that the trend towards interdisciplinary studies has reduced International Relations to a satellite of Political Science? 6+10 = 16
2. What do you mean by national power? What are the main elements of national power? Do you consider economic development as one basic ingredient of national power? 4+8+4=16
3. Discuss the major objectives and functions of diplomacy. Do you think diplomacy is presently declining? 10+6 = 16
4. Define National Interest. What are the main elements of national interest? Explain the role of national interest in the formation of foreign policy. 4+8+4=16
5. What is Neo-Colonialism? What are its features? Is there any immediate way out from the grasp of Neo-Colonialism? 6+10 = 16

**SECOND HALF**

6. Briefly discuss the origin of Cold War. What are the features of Post Cold War World? 8+8 = 16
7. Point out the aims and objectives of SAARC. Assess the importance of SAARC as a regional organisation in South Asia. 4+4+8=16

8. Write a note on the features of the Third World. Is there any relevance of the concept of third world in present day? 10+6 = 16
9. What are the basic principles of India's foreign policy? What were the continuity and changes in India's foreign policy in the post-Cold War era? 8+8=16
10. Discuss the composition, functions and role of the Security Council of the UNO. 4+6+6=16

**GROUP-B**

11. Write short notes on any *four* of the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Non State actor in International Relations
  - (b) Balance of Power in present world situation
  - (c) Relevance of Non Aligned Movement in present century
  - (d) OAU
  - (e) Propaganda as a technique of foreign policy making
  - (f) Secretary General of the UNO
  - (g) Functions of the General Assembly of UNO
  - (h) Colonialism.

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GROUP-A

Answer any *five* questions, taking at least *two* from each half

FIRST HALF

1. Discuss, in brief, the interrelationship among state, society and politics. 16
2. What is ethnicity? Discuss the nature of ethnic politics in India. 6+10 = 16
3. What is social mobility? Critically evaluate the various forms of social mobility. 6+10 = 16
4. Examine the interrelationship among power, authority and legitimacy. 16
5. What is religion? Discuss its role in society and politics. 4+12 = 16

SECOND HALF

6. How would you classify political system? Give an account of the distinctive features of socialist political system. 6+10 = 16
7. What is political socialization? What are its different agencies? Briefly assess the role of education as an agent of political socialization. 4+8+4=16
8. What is political participation? What are its various types? Discuss briefly. 4+12 = 16
9. Examine, in brief, the areas of interaction between the pressure groups and the political parties. 16

10. Define the concept of political development. Discuss the nature of political development in a developing country. 4+12 = 16

**GROUP-B**

11. Write short notes on any *four* of the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Nature of Nationalism in the Third World
  - (b) Gender and Politics
  - (c) Marxist concept of class
  - (d) Elites
  - (e) Liberal Democratic Political System
  - (f) Political Culture
  - (g) Political Apathy
  - (h) Concept of Social Change.

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GROUP-A

Answer any *five* questions, taking at least *two* from each half

FIRST HALF

1. Define Public Administration. Indicate the importance of Public Administration in the modern state. 6+10
2. What are the principles of Scientific Management theory? Add a note on the contribution of F.W. Taylor in this context. 10+6
3. Critically discuss Marxian theory of Bureaucracy. 16
4. What is Comparative Public Administration? Discuss the different approaches of Comparative Public Administration. 8+8
5. Discuss the basic principles and features of socialist administration. 16

SECOND HALF

6. What do you mean by Recruitment? Discuss the process of selection for higher Civil Services in India. 6+10
7. What is District Administration? Evaluate the changing role of District Magistrates in the context of Socio-economic development in India. 4+12
8. Discuss the composition, functions and importance of Prime Minister's office in India. 4+8+4

9. Write a note on Municipal Administration in West Bengal with special reference to the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993. 16
10. Discuss briefly the composition and role of the National Development Council in the context of plan formulation and evaluation in India. How far has it been successful in safeguarding the views and interests of the states? 8+8

**GROUP-B**

11. Write short notes on any *four* of the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Politics - Administration Dichotomy
  - (b) New Public Administration
  - (c) POSD CORB
  - (d) Span of control
  - (e) Importance of training
  - (f) 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act
  - (g) Objectives of India's Five Year Plan
  - (h) UPSC.

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**GROUP-A**

Answer any *two* questions from First Half, any *two* questions from Second Half  $16 \times 5 = 80$   
and any *one* question from Third Half

**FIRST HALF**

1. Assess the impact of British rule in India upon Industries and Social Stratification. 8+8
2. Do you agree with the view that the 1857 uprising was the first war of independence? Argue your case. 16
3. Summarise the basic ideas of the moderates and extremists in the Indian National Movement. 16
4. Describe nature of Muslim politics in the Indian National Movement. Assess its impact. 12+4

**SECOND HALF**

5. Assess the role of Gandhi in the Indian National Movement. 16
6. Point out the nature and dimensions of Non-cooperation Movement launched by Gandhi. 16
7. Describe the political implications of the Government of India Act, 1935. 16

8. Briefly discuss the Anti-caste and Working Class movement in India during pre- independence period. 6+10 = 16

**THIRD HALF**

9. What is meant by women suffrage? Critically discuss the impact of women suffrage on electoral politics in India. 6+10 = 16
10. Discuss different dimensions of women's empowerment. Comment on recent controversies regarding Women's Reservation Bill in India. 10+6 = 16

**GROUP-B**

11. Write short notes on any *four* of the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Movement against Partition of Bengal in pre-Independence India
  - (b) Revolutionary Nationalism
  - (c) Civil Disobedience Movement
  - (d) Peasant Movement
  - (e) Tribal Movement
  - (f) Different types of Feminism
  - (g) Contributions of the Leftist Parties on the Nationalist Movement
  - (h) Reforms of land system brought by the Britishers in India.

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