

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2016

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. Discuss the concept of freedom with reference to at least one Western and one Indian thinker.
2. Discuss the challenges to liberal theories of rights from communitarian, feminist and multicultural perspectives.
3. Discuss the challenges to Indian federalism in the light of the following issues :
 - (a) River water sharing
 - (b) Demands and movements for new states
4. Discuss India's reservation policy, key debates around it and the challenges to it posed by recent demands from dominant agrarian castes for reservations.
5. Realism as a theory in International Relations does not hold good in the present era where there is no real balance of power and US is the only superpower. Comment.
6. Explain the significance of the Treaty of Westphalia in international politics.
7. Discuss domestic and international sources of contemporary Indian foreign policy.

8. Write an essay on BRICS and its importance in contemporary international politics.
9. Write an essay on Max Weber's theory of authority with special emphasis on the concept of charisma.
10. How does the relationship between gender and caste pose a challenge for feminist politics in India?
11. Discuss the adequacy/inadequacy of the concept of ruling class in understanding the political dominant groups in Indian context. Explain with reference to any one region of India.
12. Explain the difference between open and closed systems of social stratification.
13. Discuss the main features of the society and polity of the Sangam period.
14. To what extent the 19th century social reform movements in India addressed the question of caste and gender inequalities? What were their main limitations in these regards?
15. Discuss the composition and organization of nobility under Akbar.
16. Give an assessment of the recent debates on the 18th century in Indian history.
17. Explain the rationale for government intervention in a modern economy.
18. What is the role of a central bank in a developing country? Explain with reference to the Indian experience.
19. What, in your opinion, are the major challenges faced by Indian agriculture sector? Suggest three policy measures to face the challenges.
20. Explain the mechanism of transmission of changes in oil prices on inflation in the economy. Has the Indian economy benefitted from the recent decline in international crude oil prices? Explain.
