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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Discipline Specific Elective)

(For Honours)

Paper : DSE-2

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Paper : DSE-2(A)

(Human Rights in a Comparative Perspective)

1. Answer the following questions : 1×8=8

(a) In which year did the UN adopt the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?

(b) Name one key Human Rights treaty adopted under the UN framework.

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- (c) Write about any one feature of the Asian Values perspective of Human Rights.
- (d) Why is the universality of Human Rights often challenged by cultural relativism?
- (e) How many articles are there in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?
- (f) Write about any one landmark judgement on women's rights in India.
- (g) Write about any one kind of structural violence common in Australia.
- (h) Mention any one right that exemplified the first generation of rights.
2. Write short notes on the following : 4×4=16
- (a) The key features of the positivist school of thought in the study of Human Rights
- (b) The impact of censorship on Human Rights
- (c) Land rights of indigenous populations as intrinsic to Human Rights
- (d) The role of the United Nations in upholding Human Rights

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3. Critically analyze the philosophical foundations of the Asian Values School of thoughts in Human Rights discourse. 12

Or

Examine the historical contexts in which the three generations of Rights evolved.

4. Critically discuss the provisions for the protection of Human Rights as espoused by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). 11

Or

Examine the role played by the United Nations in promoting Human Rights globally.

5. Evaluate the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Indian Constitution based on the safeguard they provide to the Human Rights of individuals. 11

Or

Discuss the protection provided by the Constitution of South Africa to the Human Rights of its citizens.

6. Discuss the impact of State surveillance on Human Rights of individuals. 11

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Or

Critically analyze emerging Human Rights issues owing to counter-terrorist measures by the State.

7. Enunciate steps taken by any State of your choice towards combating gender-based sexual violence.

11

Or

Discuss how technology impacts existing structural violence in society.

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Paper : DSE-2(B)

(Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India)

1. Answer the following questions : 1×8=8

- (a) What is the full form of NITI Aayog?
- (b) What is FDI?
- (c) What is agrarian distress?
- (d) What is the main demand of the Narmada Bachao Andolan?
- (e) What is ecofeminism?
- (f) Who founded the Bahujan Samaj Party?
- (g) What is MSP in the context of agriculture?
- (h) What is a mixed economy?

2. Write short notes on the following (within 150 words each) : 4×4=16

- (a) Features of the 1991 Economic Reforms in India
- (b) Impact of Green Revolution on small farmers in India

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- (c) Peasant movements in post-Independence India : Key features
- (d) Implications of Chipko Movement for its succeeding movements in India
3. Analyze the impacts of liberalisation on the Indian economy. 12
- Or
- Discuss the evolution of India's planning strategy from 1951 to 2015.
4. Evaluate the impact of privatisation on unorganised labour in India. 11
- Or
- Examine the emergence and significance of the new middle class in post-reform India.
5. Discuss the causes and consequences of the agrarian crisis in India since 1990s. 11
- Or
- Critically evaluate the successes and failures of land reforms in India.
6. Discuss the ideological and social roots of the Maoist movement in India. 11
- Or
- Evaluate the causes and outcomes of the Dalit movement in India.

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7. Evaluate the role of civil rights movements in strengthening Indian democracy. 11

Or

Trace the growth and development of the women's movement in India.
