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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-2A

(Human Rights in a Comparative Perspective)

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

- (a) Mention one basic role of the United Nations in upholding Human Rights.

(b) Write one major impact of censorship on the freedom of expression.

(c) Highlight one principal impact of terrorism on civil liberties.

(d) Write one distinction regarding Human Rights offered by the Asian Values perspective in contrast to a Western understanding of Human Rights.

(e) Write one consequence of apartheid in South African history.

(f) Mention one threat for the right to privacy in the contemporary times.

(g) Mention one significance of the Vishakha Guidelines for the protection of women in the workplace.

(h) Give one argument to establish that social security is a human right.

2. Write short notes on the following : 4×4=16

(a) Cultural relativism : basic principles

(b) The contribution of the Positivist school to the discourse on Human Rights

(c) The link between national security and civil liberties

(d) The fear of racial profiling in the era of surveillance

3. Critically analyze the major schools of thought that constitute the philosophical foundations of Human Rights. 12

Or

Discuss the contributions and limitations of Utilitarianism as a framework to study the discourse of Human Rights.

4. Critically analyze the 'United Nations Charter' as a document embedded in upholding Human Rights. 11

Or

Discuss the significance for the protection of Human Rights of the ICCPR.

5. Discuss the Constitutional safeguards to protect Human Rights as outlined in the Constitution of South Africa. 11

Or

Discuss the protection of Human Rights as enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

Critically analyze the emerging Human Rights issues of the minority groups in the USA.

11

Or

Discuss the impact of Internet clampdowns on the Human Rights of citizens in the digital era.

7. Discuss the nature of resistance to racial discrimination in any country of your choice.

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Or

Critically analyze the 'Land Question' of autochthonous groups in a country of your choice.

Paper : DSE-2B

(Development Process and Social Movement in Contemporary India)

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

- (a) What does 'LPG' in the context of Indian economic reforms stand for?
- (b) Which famous Indian tribal leader was associated with the Birsa Movement?
- (c) Which Act was passed in India in response to the demands of the women's movements for legal protection against domestic violence?
- (d) Name one leader of the Self-Respect Movement in Tamil Nadu in the 20th century.
- (e) Mention one major aspect of the Narmada Bachao Andolan.
- (f) Mention one major cause of agrarian distress in India since the 1990s.
- (g) Which crop was a major focus during the Green Revolution in India?
- (h) Which Indian Prime Minister introduced the New Economic Policy in 1991?

2. Write short notes on the following : 4×4=16

- (a) Nehruvian Development Model
- (b) Challenges of the unorganized labour sector in India in the contemporary times
- (c) Agricultural productivity and Green Revolution
- (d) Dalit movement as a movement for identity

3. Examine how the economic reforms in India in the 1990s altered the role of the State in regard to development. 12

Or

Discuss the significance of planning in post-Independence India's economic development.

4. Critically examine how the industrial development strategy has affected organized and unorganized labour in India. 11

Or

Discuss the major challenges faced by organized labour in the post-liberalization period in India.

5. Analyze the significance of land reforms in shaping India's agrarian economy. 11

Or

What do you mean by agrarian crisis? Examine the relationship between agrarian crisis and farmer suicide in India. 3+8=11

6. Discuss the relationship between tribal movements and environmental concerns in contemporary India. 11

Or

Examine the role of peasant movements in addressing agrarian issues in post-liberalization period in India.

7. Analyze with examples how ecological movements have influenced policy changes in India regarding development and conservation. 11

Or

Analyze with examples the contributions of women's movements in addressing gender inequalities in India.
