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## SCHEDULE, CONTENT & REFERENCE

 <b>TEST No.</b>	 <b>Date</b>	 <b>Topics covered</b>	 <b>SOURCES/REFERENCES</b>
<b>Test 1</b> <b>[3334]</b>	<b>MARCH</b> <b>9, 2025</b>	<p><b>PAPER – I</b></p> <p><b>POLITICAL THEORY AND INDIAN POLITICS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Political Theory:</b> meaning and approaches.</li> <li><b>2. Theories of state:</b> Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, post-colonial and Feminist.</li> <li><b>3. Justice:</b> Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.</li> <li><b>4. Equality:</b> Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.</li> <li><b>5. Rights:</b> Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.</li> <li><b>6. Democracy:</b> Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory and deliberative.</li> <li><b>7. Concept of power:</b> hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.</li> <li><b>8. Political Ideologies:</b> Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.</li> <li><b>9. Indian Political Thought:</b> Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.</li> <li><b>10. Western Political Thought:</b> Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ OP Gauba- An Introduction to Political theory</li> <li>➤ OP Gauba- Western Political thought</li> <li>➤ Brian Nelson- Western Political Thought</li> <li>➤ OP Gauba- Contemporary Political Ideologies</li> <li>➤ OP Gauba- Political ideas and ideologies</li> <li>➤ OP Gauba- Indian Political Thought</li> <li>➤ Andrew Heywood- Politics</li> <li>➤ Andrew Heywood- Political Ideologies</li> <li>➤ Andrew Heywood- Political Theory an Introduction</li> <li>➤ Rajiv Bhargava and Ashok Acharaya- Political theory an introduction</li> <li>➤ Subrata Mukherjee and Sushila Ramaswamy- A history of Political Ideas</li> <li>➤ VR Mehta- Indian Political Thought</li> <li>➤ Bidyut Chakraborty and Rajendra Kumar Pandey- Modern Indian Political Thought</li> <li>➤ Himanshu Roy and M. P. Singh: Indian Political Thought</li> <li>➤ IGNOU, MPS001:- Political Theory</li> <li>➤ IGNOU, MPSE- 003 Western Political Thought – Plato to Marx</li> <li>➤ IGNOU, MPSE 004- Social and Political Thought in Modern India</li> <li>➤ NCERT Class 11th– Political Theory.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Test 2</b> <b>[3335]</b></p>	<p><b>MARCH</b> <b>16, 2025</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER – I</b></p> <p><b>INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Indian Nationalism:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle:</b> Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and Revolutionary Movements, Peasant and Workers Movements.</li> <li><b>Perspectives on Indian National Movement:</b> Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Making of the Indian Constitution:</b> Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.</li> <li><b>Salient Features of the Indian Constitution:</b> The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.</li> <li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Principal Organs of the Union Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.</li> <li><b>Principal Organs of the State Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Grassroots Democracy:</b> Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</li> <li><b>Statutory Institutions/Commissions:</b> Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.</li> <li><b>Federalism:</b> Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.</li> <li><b>Planning and Economic development:</b> Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.</li> <li><b>Caste, Religion and Ethnicity</b> in Indian Politics.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Bipan Chandra: India's struggle for Independence</li> <li>▶ M. Laximkanth: Indian Polity</li> <li>▶ Indian Government and Politics – B L Fadia</li> <li>▶ Granville Austin: The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of A Nation</li> <li>▶ Granville Austin: Working In a Democratic Constitution</li> <li>▶ DD Basu: An Introduction to the Indian Constitution</li> <li>▶ Sujit Chaudhury, P. B Mehta, Madhav Khosla: The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution</li> <li>▶ Himanshu Roy and M.P. Singh: Indian Political System</li> <li>▶ Niraja Gopal Jayal et al: The Oxford Companion to Politics in India</li> <li>▶ IGNOU, MP003-India: Democracy and Development</li> <li>▶ NCERT Class 12th: Politics in India Since Independence</li> <li>▶ NCERT Class 11th – Indian Constitution at Work.</li> <li>▶ Newspapers: The Hindu/ Indian Express</li> <li>▶ VisionIAS Monthly Current Affairs</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Test 3</b> <b>[3336]</b></p>	<p><b>MARCH</b> <b>23, 2025</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER – II</b></p> <p><b>COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ANALYSIS AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS:</b></p> <p><b>1. Comparative Politics:</b> Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method.</p> <p><b>2. State in Comparative Perspective:</b> Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p><b>3. Politics of Representation and Participation:</b> Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p><b>4. Globalisation:</b> Responses from developed and developing societies.</p> <p><b>5. Approaches to the Study of International Relations:</b> Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.</p> <p><b>6. Key Concepts in International Relations:</b> National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.</p> <p><b>7. Changing International Political Order:</b></p> <p>(a) Rise of super powers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and cold war; Nuclear threat;</p> <p>(b) Non-aligned Movement: Aims and achievements.</p> <p>(c) Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.</p> <p><b>8. Evolution of the International Economic System:</b> From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy.</p>	<p>➤ Andrew Heywood- Global Politics</p> <p>➤ John Baylis, Steve Smith, Patricia Owens- Globalization of World Politics-</p> <p>➤ Ronald A. Chilcote: Theories Of Comparative Politics: The Search For A Paradigm</p> <p>➤ Comparative Politics - J.C. Johari</p> <p>➤ Comparative Politics Today: Gabriel A Almond et al</p> <p>➤ IGNOU, MPS002- International Relations: Theory and Problems</p> <p>➤ IGNOU, MPS-004 Comparative politics: Issues and Trends</p> <p>➤ NCERT: Contemporary World Politics</p>

		<p><b>9. United Nations:</b> Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.</p> <p><b>10. Regionalisation of World Politics:</b> EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA.</p> <p><b>11. Contemporary Global Concerns:</b> Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice terrorism, nuclear</p>	
<b>Test 4</b> <b>[3337]</b>	<b>MARCH</b> <b>30, 2025</b>	<p><b>PAPER – II</b></p> <p><b>INDIA AND THE WORLD</b></p> <p><b>1. Indian Foreign Policy:</b> Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change.</p> <p><b>2. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement</b> Different phases; Current role.</p> <p><b>3. India and South Asia:</b></p> <p>(a) Regional Co operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects.</p> <p>(b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area.</p> <p>(c) India's "Look East" policy.</p> <p>(d) Impediments to regional co-operation: River water disputes; illegal cross border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes.</p> <p><b>4. India and the Global South:</b> Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.</p> <p><b>5. India and the Global Centres of Power:</b> USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.</p> <p><b>6. India and the UN System:</b> Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</p> <p><b>7. India and the Nuclear Question:</b> Changing perceptions and policy.</p> <p><b>8. Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy:</b> India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.</p> <p><b>+ Current Affairs</b></p>	<p>▶ Jayntanuja Bandopadhyay-The Making of India's Foreign Policy</p> <p>▶ V. N. Khanna- Foreign Policy of India</p> <p>▶ David M. Malone-Does the Elephant Dance</p> <p>▶ Shyam Saran-How India Sees the World: Kautilya to the 21st Century</p> <p>▶ Shivshankar Menon- Choices: Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy</p> <p>▶ Sumit Ganguly- Engaging the World: Indian Foreign Policy Since 1947</p> <p>▶ Rajiv Sikri-Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy</p> <p>▶ The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy</p> <p>▶ Newspapers: The Hindu/ Indian Express</p> <p>▶ Vision IAS Monthly Current Affairs</p>
<b>Test 5</b> <b>[3338]</b>	<b>JUNE</b> <b>15, 2025</b>	<b>Complete Syllabus of Political Science &amp; IR Paper I ( Full Length Test )</b>	
<b>Test 6</b> <b>[3339]</b>	<b>JUNE</b> <b>29, 2025</b>	<b>Complete syllabus of Political Science &amp; IR Paper II (Full Length Test )</b>	
<b>Test 7</b> <b>[3340]</b>	<b>JULY</b> <b>13, 2025</b>	<b>Complete Syllabus of Political Science &amp; IR Paper I ( Full Length Test )</b>	
<b>Test 8</b> <b>[3341]</b>	<b>JULY</b> <b>27, 2025</b>	<b>Complete syllabus of Political Science &amp; IR Paper II ( Full Length Test )</b>	

## FOCUS:



Answer writing skill development, Structure & presentation of answer, How to present facts, information & knowledge in the answer, Understanding actual requirement (key words, Context & Content) of the UPSC in the different types of questions and how the questions should be attempted for good score (strategy & approach), Understanding your current preparedness & required action plans and framing your mind towards actual pattern, toughness and timing of the actual UPSC Examination.

## PHILOSOPHY:



The pattern of UPSC Mains exam is very dynamic and unpredictable. Therefore Mock Test papers should be designed based on latest pattern of UPSC.

## UPSC CRITERIA:



### Criteria for assessment of candidate performance in the written IAS exam as per UPSC instruction:

"The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory". -Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)

## METHODOLOGY:



**Methodology for evaluation of Answer sheet:** Our expert will evaluate aspirant's answer sheet on following indicators using their experience in the field of UPSC.

EVALUATION INDICATORS
1. Contextual Competence
2. Content Competence
3. Language Competence
4. Introduction Competence
5. Structure - Presentation Competence
6. Conclusion Competence
MARKS

### Score: Scale: 1- 5:



- Total Marks in the question has been given on proper consideration of weightage of every evaluation indicators based on nature of the questions and UPSC experience of the expert.
- The score of every indicator for any question will highlight candidate's competence performance (for understanding of the level of quality of the question and required action plans).

## BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF FOLLOWING DESIGNED COMPETENCIES:



### Contextual Competence:

- Understanding the main demand/theme of the question i.e. comprehensive understanding of the context in which the question is framed and Streamlining the answer by focusing on 'Key words' & 'Tail words' in the question like Elucidate, Explain, Comment, Examine, Critically Examine, Discuss, Analyze, Illustrate, Review, Argue, Justify etc.



### Content Competence:

- Writing the answer relevant to the contextual understanding and alignment of the question and accordingly substantiate through examples, facts, data, arguments, critical analysis, etc.



### Language Competence:

- Organising the content in proper sentence formation and simple expression.
- Appropriate and right usage of technical words required to maintain word limit and timely completion of the question.



### Introduction Competence:

- Effective and relevant beginning required to give a head-start to the answer by either giving the background, data, current news associated, etc.



### Structure - Presentation Competence:

- Organising the content in accordance with the different parts of the question in order to maintain required connectivity and flow in the answer.
- Using headings and sub-headings, bullet points, flowcharts, diagram, etc. to present the content effectively.



### Conclusion Competence:

- Ending the answer by concluding remarks by suggesting a way forward, innovative solution, incorporating different views/perspectives in a balanced manner.

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