



An Institute For **IAS** Exam...

POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Approach Paper

Study Plan

Topic	Duration	Focus area	Syllabus
Western Political Thinkers	55 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building analytical understanding of thinkers. • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plato, 2. Aristotle, 3. Machiavelli, 4. Hobbes, 5. Locke, 6. John S. Mill, 7. Marx, 8. Gramsci, 9. Hannah Arendt.
Test	2 hrs		
Political Ideologies	22 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building interlinkage skills. • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liberalism, 2. Socialism, 3. Marxism, 4. Fascism, 5. Gandhism, 6. Feminism.
Test	2 hrs		
Political Theories	33 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building interlinkage skills. • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meaning and approaches. 2. Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial, and Feminist. 3. Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques. 4. Equality: Social, political, and economic; the relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action. 5. Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights. 6. Democracy: Classical

			and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory and deliberative. 7. Concept of power: hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy
Test	2 hrs		
Indian Political Thought	25 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building analytical understanding of thinkers. • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dharmashastra, 2. Arthashastra 3. Buddhist Traditions 4. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, 5. Sri Aurobindo, 6. M. K. Gandhi, 7. B. R. Ambedkar, 8. M. N. Roy.
Test	2 hrs		
Indian nationalism and National movement	14 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building interlinkage skills with Modern India portion of GS. • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non cooperation, Civil Disobedience; 2. Militant and Revolutionary Movements, Peasant and Workers Movements. 3. Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Liberal, Socialist, and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit.
Test	2 hrs		
Constitution	60 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building interlinkage skills with focus on Prelims and Mains portion of GS • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives. 2. Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment

			<p>Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.</p> <p>3. (a) Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and Supreme Court.</p> <p>(b) Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and High Courts.</p> <p>4. Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</p> <p>5. Statutory Institutions / Commissions: 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.</p> <p>6. Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of center-state relations; integrationist</p>
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			tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.
Test	2 hrs		
Political system	25 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Here the overlapping area of paper-II will be covered as well. • Special focus on building interlinkage skills. • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning and Economic Development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms. 2. Caste, Religion, and Ethnicity in Indian Politics. 3. Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; Patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behavior; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators. 4. Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.
Test	2 hrs		
Comparative Politics	20 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building interlinkage skills. • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nature and major approaches: Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method. 2. State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and

			<p>socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p>3. Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p>4. Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies.</p>
Test	2 hrs		
International Relation	40 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building interlinkage skills. • Artful integration of current affairs • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<p>1. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.</p> <p>2. Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transitional actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.</p> <p>3. Changing International Political Order:</p> <p>(a) Rise of superpowers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and coldwar; Nuclear threat;</p> <p>(b) Non-aligned movement: Aims and achievements.</p> <p>(c) Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony;</p>

			<p>Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.</p> <p>4. Evolution of the International Economic System: From Bretton woods 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>5. United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; the need for UN reforms.</p> <p>6. Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA.</p> <p>7. Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</p>
Test	2 hrs		
India and the world	50 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive coverage of syllabus • Special focus on building interlinkage skills. • Artful integration of current affairs • Art of making short notes • Art of answer writing 	<p>1. Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.</p> <p>2. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement Different phases; current role.</p> <p>3. India and South Asia:</p> <p>(a) Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future</p>

			<p>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>4. India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.</p> <p>5. India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.</p> <p>6. India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</p> <p>7. India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.</p> <p>8. Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: 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>
Test	2 hrs		