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PSIR - Target Oriented Programme (TOP) SCHEDULE

Date	Sessions/Tests	Syllabus
Saturday, 30 September 23	Session 1	
Sunday, 1 October 23	Session 2	
Saturday, 7 October 23	Session 3	
Sunday, 8 October 23	Session 4	
Saturday, 14 October 23	Session 5	
Sunday, 15 October 23	Session 6	
Wednesday, 18 October 23	Sectional Test 1	<p>Concept of power: hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy</p> <p>Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism, and Feminism</p> <p>Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt</p>
Saturday, 21 October 23	Session 7	
Sunday, 22 October 23	Session 8	
Saturday, 28 October 23	Session 9 & Session 10	
Sunday, 29 October 23	Session 11 & Session 12	

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Wednesday, 1 November 23	Sectional Test 2	<p>Political Theory: meaning and approaches.</p> <p>Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial, and Feminist.</p> <p>Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.</p> <p>Equality: Social, political, and economic; the relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.</p> <p>Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.</p> <p>Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory and deliberative.</p>
Saturday, 4 November 23	Session 13 & Session 14	
Sunday, 5 November 23	Session 15 & Session 16	
Wednesday, 15 November 23	Sectional Test 3	<p>Indian Political Thought: Dharmashastra, Arthashastra, and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.</p> <p>Indian Nationalism:</p> <p>(a) Political Strategies of India's Freedom struggle : constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience ; militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers' movements.</p> <p>(b) Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit.</p>
Saturday, 25 November 23	Session 17 & Session 18	
Sunday, 26 November 23	Session 19 & Session 20	

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Wednesday, 29 November 23	Sectional Test 4	<p>Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.</p> <p>Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.</p> <p>(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>Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of center-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.</p>
Saturday, 2 December 23	Session 21 & Session 22	
Sunday, 3 December 23	Session 23 & Session 24	
Wednesday, 6 December 23	Sectional Test 5	<p>Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</p> <p>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>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.</p>

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Saturday, 9 December 23	Session 25 & Session 26	
Sunday, 10 December 23	Session 27 & Session 28	
Wednesday, 13 December 23	Sectional Test 6	<p>Caste, Religion, and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.</p> <p>Politics of Representation and Participation (Paper 2 Section A): Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</p>
Saturday, 16 December 23	Session 29 & Session 30	
Sunday, 17 December 23	Session 31 & Session 32	
Wednesday, 20 December 23	Sectional Test 7	<p>Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method.</p> <p>State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.</p>
Saturday, 23 December 23	Session 33 & Session 34	
Sunday, 24 December 23	Session 34 & Session 35	

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Wednesday, 27 December 23	Sectional Test 8	<p>Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.</p> <p>Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.</p>
Saturday, 30 December 23	Session 36	
Sunday, 31 December 23	Session 37	
Saturday, 6 January 24	Session 38	
Wednesday, 10 January 24	Sectional Test 9	<p>Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies.</p> <p>Changing International Political Order:</p> <p>(a) Rise of superpowers; 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>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>Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA.</p> <p>Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</p> <p>United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; the need for UN reforms.</p> <p>India and the UN System (Section B): Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</p>

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Saturday, 13 January 24	Session 39 & Session 40	
Sunday, 14 January 24	Session 40 & Session 41	
Wednesday, 17 January 24	Sectional Test 10	<p>Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.</p> <p>India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; current role.</p> <p>India and South Asia:</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>
Saturday, 20 January 24	Session 42 & Session 43	
Sunday, 21 January 24	Session 43 & Session 44	
Monday, 22 January 24	Sectional Test 11	<p>India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.</p> <p>India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.</p> <p>India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.</p> <p>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>

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Sunday, 28 January 24	Comprehensive Test Paper 1 (Morning - 09:30AM - 12:30PM) Comprehensive Test Paper 2 (Afternoon - 02:30PM - 05:30PM)	Full Syllabus - Paper 1 and Paper 2
Sunday, 4 February 24	Comprehensive Test Paper 1 (Morning - 09:30AM - 12:30PM) Comprehensive Test Paper 2 (Afternoon - 02:30PM - 05:30PM)	Full Syllabus - Paper 1 and Paper 2