

Department of International Relations

B.A. Admission Test – 2023

Political Science (Honours)

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Full Marks: 100

(Answers must be written only in English or in Bengali)

1. Write an essay (within 800 words) on any one of the following: **40x1=40**

- a) Quad and its significance for India.
- b) India's Presidency at the G-20.
- c) Sustainable Development and Environmental Security in the Global South.
- d) Role of Judiciary in Indian Democracy.

2. Answer any four of the following (in about 200 words each): **5x4=20**

- (a) What is the significance of the Preamble to the Constitution of India?
- (b) Discuss India's leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement during the Cold War.
- (c) What are the functions of the Election Commission of India?
- (d) Identify the main features of 93rd Constitutional Amendment Act.
- (e) What is the significance of the Directive Principles of State Policy in the Indian Constitution?
- (f) How would you distinguish between 'democracy' and 'republic'?
- (g) What does 'right to equality' imply under the Indian Constitution?
- (h) Do you think India is an example of 'unity in diversity'? Explain with examples.

3. Read the following passage and answer all the questions in your own words: **5x4=20**

Democratic civil life calls for independent thinking among the citizens - among the governed as among the governors. Criticism and reply, and counter-reply make for health in the air. Diseases

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of corruption and intrigue are by a process of natural hygiene driven out in such an atmosphere. Burke said he liked 'clamour'. "I am not of the opinion," he said, 'of those gentlemen who are against disturbing the public repose. The fire-bell at midnight might disturb your sleep, but it keeps you from being burned in your bed'.

If subservience and slavish adulation take the place of independent thinking and criticism is never resorted to but with fear and trepidation, the atmosphere quickly breeds the political diseases peculiar to democracy. If we have not the free and critical atmosphere of a well-balanced democracy, a Welfare State is most favourable soil for the growth of the weeds of careerism, intrigue and various types of degrees of dishonesty. An Opposition is the natural preventive for such poisonous weeds. An Opposition is therefore the urgent remedy indicated by the symptoms not mere psycho-therapy. 'You are all right. Indeed you are better than you were. Don't believe you are sick. You are not sick!'-this cannot restore a fractured leg. We need an Opposition that thinks differently and does not just want more of the same, a group of vigorously thinking citizens which aims at the general welfare, and not one that in order to get more votes from the so-called have-nots, offers more to them than the party in power has given, an Opposition that appeals to reason and acts on the firm faith that India can be governed well as a democratic Republic, and that the have-nots will not reject sound reason.

It is not the quality of true faith in democracy to fear that truth will not succeed with the electors. What will lead to permanent welfare the voters will accept, if not at once, at least in course of time. We must have the faith that they will see through the corrupt offers of immediate gains at the cost of injury to the general welfare. On such faith an Opposition should come into being that will set a proper balance to the authority of the party in power and put our free Commonwealth on its two feet.

Questions on Comprehension:

- a. What does the democratic civil life suggest?
- b. What happens when independent thinking is replaced by subservience and adulation?
- c. How can an Opposition be a remedy to political diseases?
- d. How can truth succeed with the electors?

4. Choose the correct answer from the questions below: 1x20=20

1. Recep Tayyip Erdogan has recently been re-elected as the President of
 - (a) Egypt
 - (b) Turkiye
 - (c) Portugal
 - (d) Philippines
2. *Animal Farm* was authored by:
 - (a) George Bernard Shaw
 - (b) George Eliot
 - (c) George Orwell
 - (d) George Saunders
3. The *Rowlatt Act* was passed in which year?
 - a. 1917
 - b. 1918
 - c. 1919
 - d. 1920
4. The principle of collective responsibility is a feature of:
 - a. Federal System
 - b. Presidential System
 - c. Parliamentary System
 - d. All of the above
5. Benito Mussolini was the originator of:
 - a. National Socialism
 - b. Guild Socialism
 - c. Fascism
 - d. None of the above

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6. In which constitutional amendment the word "Secularism" was added to the preamble of the Constitution of India?

- (a) 43rd Constitutional Amendment
- (b) 44th Constitutional Amendment
- (c) 41st Constitutional Amendment
- (d) 42nd Constitutional Amendment

7. Which country is not a member of BRICS?

- (a) Japan
- (b) South Africa
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Russia

8. What is Article 21A of the Indian Constitution?

- (a) Right to Information
- (b) Right to Education
- (c) Right to Constitutional Remedies
- (d) Cultural and Educational Rights of Minorities

9. How many Schedules are there in the Indian Constitution?

- (a) 12 Schedule
- (b) 10 Schedule
- (c) 9 Schedule
- (d) 8 Schedule

10. G-20 is a group of:-

- (a) Developed and underdeveloped countries
- (b) 19 countries and Sudan
- (c) 15 countries and 5 regional organizations
- (d) African Union, European Union and 18 countries

11. What is the capital of Malta?

- (a) Valletta
- (b) Victoria
- (c) Mellieha
- (d) Moldova

12. Which sport is Neeraj Chopra known for:
(a) Boxing
(b) Javelin throw
(c) Badminton
(d) Tennis
13. Which island country is closest to India's south?
(a) Sri Lanka
(b) Indonesia
(c) Thailand
(d) Philippines
14. What is the name of the train connecting New Jalpaiguri and Dhaka Cantonment?
(a) Maitri express
(b) Mitali Express
(c) Vande Bharat
(d) None of the above
15. Which of the following book has been written by Amartya Sen?
(a) *The Argumentative Indian*
(b) *Identity & Violence: The Illusion of Destiny*
(c) *Development as Freedom*
(d) All of the above
16. Identify the odd one out in the following options:
(a) Sacramento
(b) Denver
(c) Boston
(d) New Jersey
17. Which of these philosophers contributed to the idea of citizenship?
(a) T.H Marshall
(b) Jean Bodin
(c) Aristotle
(d) None of the above

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18. Who is the author of the *Das Kapital: A Critique of Political Economy*?

- (a) G.W.F Hegel
- (b) Friedrich Nietzsche
- (c) Karl Marx
- (d) Plato

19. Where is the headquarters of ASEAN located?

- (a) Jakarta, Indonesia
- (b) Bangkok, Thailand
- (c) Manila, Philippines
- (d) Beijing, People's Republic of China

20. What is the full form of UIDAI?

- (a) Unique Identification Authority of India
- (b) Universal Identity Authority of India
- (c) Unique Identity and Authorisation of India
- (d) Universal Identification Authorisation of India