

2014

POLITICAL SCIENCE

( Major )

Paper : 5.4

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

GROUP—A

( Contemporary Political Issues )

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×7=7

(a) In which year Bhopal Gas Tragedy took place?

(i) 1972

(ii) 1975

(iii) 1984

(iv) 1992

- (b) In which year was Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change established?
- (i) 1972
  - (ii) 1988
  - (iii) 1992
  - (iv) 2002
- (c) Which of the following organizations has the monopoly over the legitimate use of physical force?
- (i) UN
  - (ii) State
  - (iii) Supreme Court of a country
  - (iv) None of the above
- (d) Who of the following has continuously been on fast against the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958?
- (i) Medha Patkar
  - (ii) Anna Hazare
  - (iii) Sundarlal Bahuguna
  - (iv) Irom Sharmila
- (e) In which year was the first UNDP Human Development Report published?
- (i) 1948
  - (ii) 1966
  - (iii) 1990
  - (iv) 2000

(f) In which year were the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) accepted?

(i) 2000

(ii) 2002

(iii) 2009

(iv) 2014

(g) Who of the following has been the Union Government's interlocutor for peace negotiation with ULFA?

(i) Sanjay Hazarika

(ii) P. C. Halder

(iii) Harekrishna Deva

(iv) None of the above

2. Answer very briefly :

2×4=8

(a) Name two popular development schemes undertaken by the erstwhile UPA Government.

(b) Write the two main functions of NSCN.

(c) Write two features of patriarchy.

(d) Write two important UN Environmental Summits.

3. Answer briefly (any three) : 5×3=15

(a) Why have various movement groups in North-East India been opposing large river dams in the region?

(b) Elaborate the concept of State terrorism.

(c) What do you mean by Human Poverty Index (HPI)?

(d) Elaborate the concept of Gender Development Index (GDI).

(e) Write a short note on the Copenhagen Declaration.

4. Write a critical note on the significance and outcomes of the Rio Declaration, 1992. 10

Or

Why is environment so significant in the process of development? Elaborate your answer with reference to the important declarations on environment and development.

5. Write a comprehensive note on the nature of terrorism in the contemporary world. 10

Or

What do you mean by human security?  
Why is human security so significant in  
the debates on development and democracy?

5+5=10

6. What do you mean by gender justice? What  
is the contribution of the Beijing Declaration,  
1995 towards gender justice? 5+5=10

Or

Write a critical note on the rise and decline of  
ULFA. 10

GROUP—B

( Women and Politics )

7. Answer any *three* of the following : 10×3=30

(a) What is patriarchy? Explain how male  
dominance is established in a society  
through the various pillars of  
patriarchy.

(b) What are the three waves of feminism?  
Explain the major developments during  
the first wave.

(c) Discuss the role played by women  
during the Non-Cooperation and Civil  
Disobedience Movements in India.

- (d) What is women's suffrage? Trace the history of women's suffrage in Britain.
- (e) Critically analyse the role of women in the Civil Rights Movement.
- (f) What, according to Marxist feminism, are the major reasons for the oppression of women? How can such oppression be stopped?

8. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) The Seneca Falls Convention
- (b) The 19th Amendment to the American Constitution
- (c) Feminism
- (d) Difference between sex and gender
- (e) Contemporary liberal feminism

9. Write briefly on the following : 2×4=8

- (a) Gandhi and women in India's freedom struggle
- (b) American women's struggle for vote
- (c) Women's role in the French Revolution
- (d) Gendered division of labour

10. Answer/Choose the correct option from the following : 1×7=7

- (a) Who wrote the book, *The Origins of Family, Private Property and the State*?
- (b) The second wave of feminism began in
- (i) 1950's
  - (ii) 1960's
  - (iii) 1980's
  - (iv) 1990's
- (c) Marxist feminists explain patriarchy in terms of
- (i) lack of equal rights and opportunities for men and women
  - (ii) sex, classes, through which men oppress women economically, politically and sexually
  - (iii) women's domestic labour being exploited by the capitalist economy
  - (iv) the dual system of capitalism and male domination
- (d) A hierarchical system in which cultural, political and economic structures are dominated by males is a/an
- (i) pluralist model
  - (ii) patriarchy
  - (iii) matriarchy
  - (iv) elite model

- (e) Who wrote the book, *Theorising Patriarchy* (1990)?
- (i) Sylvia Walby
  - (ii) Simone de Beauvoir
  - (iii) Karl Marx
  - (iv) Germaine Greer
- (f) What does GEM stand for?
- (g) Who wrote *The Declaration of The Rights of Woman and the Female Citizen*?
- (i) Elizabeth Cady Stanton
  - (ii) Mary Wollstonecraft
  - (iii) Olympe de Gouges
  - (iv) Kate Millett

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