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Syllabus - Test 1 | 19 Jun 2020 (Paper 1)

1. Political theory: Meaning and approaches
2. Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist.
3. Political ideologies: Liberalism, socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.
4. Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques
5. Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action
6. Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human rights

Syllabus - Test 2 | 03 Jul 2020 (Paper 1)

1. Indian Political thought: Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy.
2. Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John. S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt
3. Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy - representative, participatory and deliberative
4. Concept of power, hegemony, ideology and legitimacy

Syllabus - Test 3 | 17 Jul 2020 (Paper 2)

1. Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.
2. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; current role
3. India and South Asia:
 - Regional Co-operation: SAARC - Past performance and future prospects.
 - South Asia as a Free Trade Area.
 - India's "Look East" policy.
 - Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes.
4. India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.
5. India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.

Syllabus - Test 4 | 31 Jul 2020 (Paper 2)

1. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.
2. 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.

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3. Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat; Non-aligned movement : Aims and achievements; Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.

4. Evolution of the International Economic System: 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.

