



GAUHATI UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION

HOME ASSIGNMENT

M.A. in Political Science

Semester - I (Session: 2024-2025, July-August)

Guidelines for Submission:

1. Learners who have been admitted in the Academic Session (2024-25, July-August) will write the Home Assignment.
2. Learners should write their **Roll Number, GU Registration Number, Subject, Semester, Paper Title, Paper Code** and **Name of the Study Center** clearly on the first page of the answer script in the space provided.
3. The formats of the answer scripts are available at, and can be downloaded from, the GUCDOE website (www.gucdoe.in).
4. There will be 2 (two) compulsory questions in each paper, and each question will have options (Total Marks: 2 questions × 10 marks= 20 marks).
5. **Typed/Computerized answers will not be accepted.** Learners will write the answers neatly in their own handwriting.
6. Answer to a 10 mark question should not exceed 400 words.
7. Learners should not submit any plagiarized answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
8. Learners of different Study Centers under GUCDOE will mandatorily submit the answer scripts at their respective Study Centers.
9. Learners of GUCDOE center will submit their answer scripts at GUCDOE Office.
10. **Last Date of Submission : 20th February, 2025.**

PAPER: PSC 1016 (WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT)

Answer the following questions **2 x 10 = 20**

Q. No. 1. Discuss Hobbes as an individualist and absolutist. **10**

OR

Critically discuss John Locke's Social Contract theory. **10**

Q. No. 2. "The Only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it." In the light of the above statement critically discuss J.S. Mill's views on Liberty. **10**

OR

"The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles." Critically explain this idea of Marx. **10**

PAPER: PSC 1026 (POLITICAL THOUGHT IN MODERN INDIA)

Answer the following questions **2 x 10 = 20**

Q. No. 1. Analyse Nehru's ideological framework of modernity and its impact on the shaping of post-independence India's political and economic institutions. **10**

OR

Critically evaluate Gandhi's theory of non-violence (Ahimsa) and its relevance as a tool for resistance in colonial India. **10**

Q. No. 2. Discuss Ambedkar's critique of caste as a system of social stratification and its influence on his vision for constitutional democracy in India. **10**

OR

Examine Raja Ram Mohan Roy's approach to socio-religious reform in colonial India within the context of modernity and tradition. **10**

PAPER: PSC 1036 (International Relations-1)

Attempt any **two** of the following **2 x 10 = 20**

Q. No. 1. What is "realism"? How does the realist approach explain the behaviour of states in an anarchic international system?

Q. No. 2. How does liberalism in International Relations suggest that cooperation between countries can lead to peace and stability?

Q. No. 3. How does feminist theory challenge traditional IR perspectives by highlighting the role of gender in shaping global politics and security?

Q. No. 4. How does the Marxist approach explain the role of economic inequality and class struggle in shaping global politics?

PAPER: PSC 1046 (Public Administration I)

Q. No. 1. "The real challenge is how to achieve the desired goals of Development Administration by fulfilling the requirements of Administrative Development". Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons in support of your answer with suitable examples from any one South Asian Country. **10**

OR

"Although Douglas McGregor's 'The Human Side of Enterprise' focuses on the controlling style of Theory X management - in particular, coercion and punishment - he also acknowledges that certain Theory X approaches are more subtle than others." Examine. **10**

Q. No. 2. "Concerning bureaucracy, Max Weber saw the emergence of modern rational bureaucracy as paralleling the development of modern capitalistic enterprise and both as twin elements in the tendency toward the increasing rationalism and rationality which he thought characterized the totality of modern life (Cahnman)." Explain. **10**

OR

"The New Public Management has been set in motion and popularised by Osborne and Gaebler." Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer. **10**

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