



**GAUHATI UNIVERSITY**  
**CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION**

**HOME ASSIGNMENT**

**M.A. in Political Science**

**Semester- I (Session: 2023-2024)**

**Guidelines for Submission:**

1. Learners who have been admitted in the Academic Session 2023-24 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](http://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 : 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**

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**PAPER: PSC 1016 (WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT)**

**Q. No:1.** Discuss Critically Machiavelli's idea on State and Human Nature. 10

*Or*

“A person should be left as free to pursue his own interests as long as this does not harm the interests of others”. – Discuss. 10

**Q. No:2.** Write a note on Hobbes' idea of Social Contract. 10

*Or*

“The General Will means nothing less than that he will be forced to be free” - Discuss. 10

**PAPER: PSC 1026 (POLITICAL THOUGHT IN MODERN INDIA)**

**Q. No:1.** Attempt a comparative analysis of the social reform measures initiated by Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Pandita Ramabai. 10

*Or*

How does Dadabhai Naoroji's analysis of poverty in India highlight the exploitative economic practices of the British? What were Naoroji's suggestions to save the economy? 10

**Q. No:2.** Write a detailed analysis of Gandhi's critique of modern civilization in the context of his concept of civilization. 10

*Or*

Comment on the development of religious nationalism in India in the light of the views expressed by Savarkar and Jinnah. 10

**PAPER: PSC 1036 (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS-I)**

**Q. No:1.** What are the main points of contention made by the realist school of IR? Draw attention to the main distinctions between Kenneth Waltz's Neorealism and Hans Morgenthau's Classical Realism? 10

*Or*

What makes "gender" significant in IR? What aspects of conventional security studies are challenged by feminism? Give an explanation. 10

**Q. No:2.** Elaborate on the main characteristics of the neoliberal perspective while studying international relations. 10

*Or*

What are the primary points made by Huntington in his views on the "clash of civilisations"? 10

**PAPER: PSC 1046 (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION-I)**

**Q. No:1.** What is Development Administration? Why Development Administration more relevant in contemporary times? Elaborate your answer with suitable examples. 3+7=10

*Or*

What is Prismatic Sala? Discuss the significance of Prismatic Society with suitable examples. 3+7=10

**Q. No:2.** Who is Elton Mayo? What was the basic purpose of his Hawthorne Experiment? Briefly discuss the essence of Human Relations Theory. 2+3+5=10

*Or*

"New Public Management calls for empowerment of customers, not citizens." Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons with suitable examples. 10

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