



**INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING**  
**Gauhati University**

**HOME ASSIGNMENT**

**M. A. Political Science**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)**

**Session: 2012-2013**

**Guidelines for Submission:**

1. Write your name, session, roll number, the topic selected and the title of the answer *clearly on the top*.
  2. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 800 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
  3. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
  4. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
  5. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on clean, foolscap sheets, or A-4 sized paper.
  6. In case you prefer to submit type-written answers, make sure that there are no typing errors which will deduct from the overall impression.
  7. Do not submit commercially purchased answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
  8. Please submit your assignment by **30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013**.
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**Paper V: Political Theory**

1. Write a note on socialism. 10  
(Structure: Introduction, meaning of socialism, types of socialism, conclusion)
2. Discuss the concept of multiculturalism. 10  
(Structure: Introduction, Meaning, views of Charles Taylor, Bhiku Parekh, Will Kymlicka on multiculturalism, conclusion)

**Paper VI: International Relations in the Contemporary Period**

1. What is cold war? Discuss the phases of cold war. 10  
(Structure: Introduction, meaning of cold war, phases of cold war, conclusion)
2. Write a note on SAARC. 10  
(Structure: Introduction, meaning of SAARC, objectives and principles of SAARC. Relevance of SAARC, conclusion)

## **Paper VII: Politics in India –II**

1. Discuss the role of Congress party in Indian politics. 10  
*(Structure: Introduction, emergence and evolution of Congress party, dominance and decline of Congress party, conclusion)*
  
2. What do you mean by voting behaviour? Discuss the determinants of voting behaviour. 10  
*(Structure: Introduction, meaning of voting behaviour, determinants of voting behaviour)*

## **Paper VIII: Indian Administration**

1. Write a note on structure of Indian administration. 10  
*(Structure: Introduction, constitutional framework of Indian administration: central, state, district, conclusion)*
  
2. Discuss corruption as a challenge to Indian administration. 10  
*(Structure: Introduction, meaning of corruption, modes and causes of corruption, conclusion)*

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