



INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING
Gauhati University

HOME ASSIGNMENT

M. A. Political Science

(1st 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 500 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 **31st October, 2012**.
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Paper I: Political Theory (1)

1. Critically examine the Plato's theory of Justice.
(Structure: Introduction, Plato's theory of Justice, Criticism, Conclusion)
2. Write a note on Ambedkar's views on Caste and Social Justice.
(Structure: Introduction, Ambedkar's views on Caste and Social Justice, Critical Appreciation, Conclusion.)

Paper II: International Politics: Theoretical Aspects

1. Critically examine the importance and relevance of Realist Approach to the study of International Politics.
(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Realism, Importance and Relevance of Realist approach, Criticism, Conclusion)
2. Define Foreign Policy. Discuss the need of Foreign Policy in International Politics.
(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Foreign Policy, Need of Foreign Policy, Conclusion)

Paper III: Politics in India (1)

1. Define Federalism. Discuss the unique nature of Indian Federation.

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Federalism, Nature of Indian federation, conclusion)

2. Discuss the relationship between Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha. Do you think Loka Sabha enjoys more powers in terms of financial matters?

(Structure: Introduction, Relationship between Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Powers of Loka sabha in Financial matters, conclusion)

Paper IV: Public Administration: Theories and Concepts

1. Critically examine the Bureaucratic theory to the study of Public Administration.

(Structure: Introduction, Basic concept of Bureaucratic Theory, Nature of Bureaucratic Theory, Critical Appreciation, Conclusion.)

2. Define Ombudsman. Write a note on the status of Lokpal in India

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Ombudsman, Indian conception of ombudsman, status of Lokpal in India, conclusion.)

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