



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

**HOME ASSIGNMENT**

**M.A. in Political Science**

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

**Guidelines for Submission:**

1. Learners who have been admitted in the Academic Session (2023-24, January) 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 : 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024.**

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

**Answer the following questions**

**2 x 10 = 20**

**Q. No. 1.** Why is Machiavelli known as the Child of Renaissance? Briefly discuss his suggestions to Prince. **10**

*Or*

Compare and contrast the political philosophies of Hobbes and Locke. **10**

**Q. No. 2.** Discuss critically Mill's view on Representative government. **10**

*Or*

Marx's concept of 'alienation' is an essential part of reality in capitalism. Discuss. **10**

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

**Answer the following questions**

**2 x 10 = 20**

**Q. No. 1.** Examine the changes initiated during the social reform movement of the 19<sup>th</sup> century with special reference to the initiatives of Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Pandita Ramabai. **10**

*Or*

What did Gandhi mean by a civilization? Discuss Gandhi's critique of modern civilization. **10**

**Q. No. 2.** How does Jawaharlal Nehru weave in the concepts of Socialism and Secularism in his national philosophy? **10**

*Or*

Discuss the contribution of the Indian socialists to the emergence and spread of socialism in the country. **10**

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

**Answer the following questions**

**2 x 10 = 20**

**Q. No. 1.** “While liberalism offers an optimistic view of the international order, it is about what the world ought to be whereas Realism offers a more pragmatic view i.e., about what the world is.” Which theory, in your opinion, provides a more comprehensive explanation for understanding state behavior and foreign policy? **10**

*Or*

“As all states pursue security through the use of military or strategic means, and wherever possible seek to gain advantage at the expense of other states, international politics is characterized by an irresistible tendency towards conflict”. Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer. **10**

**Q. No. 2.** “The Marxist approach to international relations provides a framework for understanding global politics through the lens of class struggle, capitalism and imperialism”. Analyse the statement. **10**

*Or*

What is “feminism”? What are different “types” of feminism in international relations? **10**

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

**Answer the following questions**

**2 x 10 = 20**

**Q. No. 1.** “The science of Administration is the latest fruit of that study of the science of politics”. (Woodrow Wilson) – Evaluate. **10**

*Or*

“Development administration is essentially a public administration to maintain the general activity of the government.” Do you agree? Evaluate. **10**

**Q. No. 2.** Discuss the goals and features of new public administration. Differentiate between new public administration and new public management. **5 + 5 = 10**

*Or*

Max Weber has used the term ‘bureaucracy’ in a positive sense. In the light of this sentence discuss Weber’s bureaucratic theory. **10**

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