

Syllabus for Common Entrance Test (2018): M.A. Political Science

B. Subject Related 75 Questions all over the Syllabus:

1. Principles of Political Science

Political Science: Definition, Nature and Scope.

State and Theories of Origin of State, Elements of State..

Sovereignty: Monist and Pluralist; Concept of Welfare State, Liberty, Equality, Rights & Justice.

2. Indian Constitution and Indian Politics

Indian Constitution-Sources and Features, Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy.

Union Executive - President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers; State Executive- Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers.

Union Legislature- Parliament-Composition and Functions; Speaker of Lok Sabha, Amendment Process; State Legislature-Vidhan Sabha; Panchayati Raj Institutions-History, Basic Features and 73rd Amendment.

Judiciary-Supreme Court, High Courts, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.

Federalism and its Working with reference to Centre-State Relations, Demand For State Autonomy.

Election Commission, Electoral Process and its Defects and Voting Behaviour, Electoral Reforms, Problem of Defection.

Party System in India: National and Regional Political Parties, Interest and Pressure Groups.

Role of Caste, Religion, Language and Regionalism in India.

3. Political Theory

Modern concerns of Political Science, Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism.

Political Theory: Definition, Scope, Nature, Characteristics, and Decline & Resurgence of Political Theory.

Political Socialization, Political Culture and Ideology.

4. Political Thinkers

Western Political Thinkers

Plato & Aristotle

Machiavelli

Hobbes, Locke & Rousseau

Bentham, J.S. Mill, Hegel and Karl Marx

Indian Political Thinkers

Mahatma Gandhi

J.P. Narayana

Ram Manohar Lohia

M.N. Roy

5. Comparative Politics

Comparative Politics-Definition, Nature and Scope; Comparative Method.

Approaches to the Study of Comparative Politics: Input-Output (David Easton),

Structural-Functionalism (G. Almond), Political Development (Lucian W. Pye),

Political Culture (G. Almond).

6. International Relations

Definition, Nature and Scope of the International Relations.

Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist.

National Power: Definition, and Elements.

Major Concepts: Balance of Power, Collective Security and Globalization.

United Nations and Its Organs

B. General Awareness 25 Questions Covering the following:

- Current Affairs (National/International)
- Major Social/Economic/Political News
- Who's Who/personalities
- Sports
- Books and Authors
- Awards and Honors
- Science – Inventions and Discoveries
- Popular Abbreviations
- Important Dates
- National/International Organizations