

**Question Paper for Entrance Examination**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

(Maximum 100 Marks

- Time 2hrs)

**PART-A**

Answer any 10 questions. Each question carries 3 marks

1. Write a note on 'Conventions of the constitution'
2. How the president of India is elected Write a note on Rawls theory of justice
3. Discuss the provisions for the amendment of the constitution
4. Explain how independence of judiciary is ensured in India
5. Write a note on Committee system in parliament
6. Discuss how the president of India can be impeached
7. Write a note on vice president of India
8. Discuss Public Interest Litigation
9. Explain the emergency provisions in Indian constitution
10. Define Subjectivity in research
11. Discuss snow ball sampling
12. Statistical method
13. Write a note on review of literature
14. Define Plagiarism

(10X3=30 marks)

**PART-B**

Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 5 marks

1. Discuss the concept of Justice in Plato
2. Explain the concept of 'Withering away of state' in Marx
3. Discuss philosophy of Indian Constitution
4. Bringout the major Problems faced by Social science Research In India
5. Write a note on the process of Research
6. Discuss major postulates of Scientific Research
7. Examine the relation between power and free will in Foucault
8. Discuss how Milton Friedman views government intervention in economy
9. Define 'civil society' and examine its link with political economy
10. Identify the difference between questionnaire and schedule
11. Define experimental method
12. Write a note on observation method

(8X5=40 marks)

**PART-C**

Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

1. "A state is known by the rights it maintains". Examine the statement in the context of Fundamental rights in the Indian Constitution
2. Describe a research design. Elaborate its importance in social science research
3. Discuss the role of Governor as a link between the state and Central government
4. Examine the sources of data in social science.
5. Discuss how a research problem is formulated.

(2X15=30 marks)

# **SYLLABUS FOR PhD Entrance**

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

### **UNIT-1: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE**

- a) Definition-Meaning and scope of Political Science ,
- b) Approaches Traditional –Philosophical, Historical, Legal, Institutional , Behavioural, Post-Behavioural , System analysis, Marxian
- c) State- Definitions, Elements of State, Theories of Origin of State (Social Contract, Evolutionary ,Marxian ),
- d) Sovereignty-monism and pluralism, Changing nature of Sovereignty in Globalization

### **UNIT – 2 POLITICAL THEORY**

- a) Ancient Tradition-Plato, Aristotle,
- b) Medieval and Modern-Machiavelli, Hobbes , Locke Rousseau
- c) Utilitarianism, Marxism, Post Marxism

### **UNIT -3: INDIAN POLITICS AND CONSTITUTION**

- a) Indian Constituent Assembly
- b) Philosophy of Constitution, Secularism, Federalism
- c) Fundamental rights and Directive Principles
- d) Executive, Legislature and Judiciary
- e) Recent trends in Indian Politics

### **UNIT-4: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH**

- a) Research- Meaning and nature , Objectivity and subjectivity , Different types of Research
- b) Scientific Research: features and limitations, Positivism, Behaviouralism and Post Behaviouralism
- c) Concepts, Constructs and variables
- d) Hypothesis: Type of Hypothesis, functions a

### **UNIT – 5 RESEARCH DESIGN and DATA COLLECTION**

- a) Research design: Meaning and importance, Components, Research process
- b) Exploratory, Descriptive, Experimental Research
- c) Meaning of Data, Source of data-Primary and secondary data,Sampling, Types of sampling.
- d) Primary Data Collection-Survey, interview, observation

### **UNIT -6: REPORT WRITING**

- a) Report Writing: Types of reports, Qualities of good report,
- b) Referencing and styles
- c) Role of Internet and computers in Research,
- d) Research Ethics, Plagiarism

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