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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Discipline Specific Elective)

(For Honours)

Paper : DSE-1

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Paper : DSE-1A

(Contemporary Politics in Assam)

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×8=8

(a) Who introduced the Doctrine of Lapse in India?

(b) In which year was the Treaty of Yandaboo signed?

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(2)

- (c) Write the full form of AIADMK.
- (d) The Sixth Schedule to the Indian Constitution was introduced in the Hill Districts of Assam in the year 1950 / 1952 / 1951.
(Choose the correct answer)
- (e) The Assam Accord was signed in the year 1985 / 1986 / 1990.
(Choose the correct answer)
- (f) Write the full form of NSCN.
- (g) Manipur became a full-fledged State in the year 1970 / 1972 / 1975.
(Choose the correct answer)
- (h) Who wrote the book, *India Against Itself: Assam and the Politics of Nationality*?

2. Write short notes on (within 150 words each) : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) Colonial Legacy in Assam
- (b) Measures for checking regionalism
- (c) IMDT Act
- (d) Causes of displacement in the context of Assam

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3. Explain the geo-political significance of Assam. 12

Or

Discuss the heterogeneous character of societies in North-East India and its impact on the nature of politics in the region. 6+6=12

4. What do you mean by sub-regionalism? Discuss the causes for the growth of sub-regionalism in the context of Assam. 4+7=11

Or

Examine the factors that lead to the demand for Autonomous State by the Bodos of Assam. 11

5. Define Ethnicity. What are the factors responsible for the growth of ethnic clashes in North-East Indian States? 4+7=11

Or

Discuss the politics around the discourse of migration in Assam. 11

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6. Discuss the causes of inter-State conflict between Assam and Nagaland. 11

Or

Discuss the factors responsible for the boundary dispute between Assam and Meghalaya.

7. What is development-induced displacement? Discuss the types of development-induced displacement that occur due to the developmental projects. 4+7=11

Or

Write a note on the issue of big dam and environmental movements in Assam. 11

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Paper : DSE-1B

(Dilemmas in Politics)

1. Critically analyse poverty as a factor of social and political exclusion in India. 12

Or

What do you understand by the concept 'the moral economy of violence'? Can you explain the ethnic clashes in the light of the concept, the moral economy of violence? Give reasons. 3+9=12

2. Critically analyse the national security vs. human rights debates in India in the context of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA). 11

Or

Critically analyse the difference between the universalists and relativists debates on human rights. 11

3. Critically explain the relationship between politics and ecology in the context of developing countries. 11

Or

What do you mean by empowerment? Discuss the challenges towards building capabilities for empowerment. 3+8=11

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4. Critically explain the prospects of cosmopolitanism in the present context. How far do you think nationalism and cosmopolitanism are compatible? Explain.

5+6=11

Or

- Critically analyse the legitimacy of humanitarian intervention. 11

5. "Everything has the potential to be political depending on context and interpretation." Explain critically the concept of politics of intervention and its significance. 11

Or

- Explain the contribution of feminist theory in providing an alternative view to the understanding of 'personal is political' within the context of the politics of interpretation. 11

6. Answer the following as directed : 1×8=8

- (a) Which international relations approach emphasizes the self-interest of the State within a competitive system?

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- (b) The statement "We should recognize humanity wherever it occurs, and give its fundamental ingredients, reason and moral capacity, our first allegiance" is an example of realism/ liberalism/ cosmopolitanism/ universalism.

(Choose the correct answer)

- (c) The book, *Environmentalism and Political Theory* is authored by Steve Vanderheiden/ Robyn Eckersley/ Vandana Shiva/ Mathew Humphrey.

(Choose the correct answer)

- (d) Which feminist perspective has patriarchy as its fundamental concepts in the explanation of gender inequality? (Liberal feminism/ Radical feminism/ Socialist feminism/ Marxist feminism)

(Choose the correct answer)

- (e) Which of the following is the characteristic of human rights?

- (i) Human rights are associated with human dignity
(ii) Human rights are universal, human rights are never absolute
(iii) Human rights are dynamic
(iv) All of the above

(Choose the correct answer)

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- (f) What is humanitarian intervention?
- (g) According to Sen's capability approach, an essential test of progress, development, or poverty reduction is whether people have greater _____.
(freedom/income/utility/commodities)

(Choose the correct option)

- (h) According to sen's capability approach, the term 'process freedom' is used to refer to something that includes
- (i) a capability set
 - (ii) agency
 - (iii) income
 - (iv) a resource

(Choose the correct answer)

7. Write short notes on any *four* topics :

4×4=16

- (a) Politics of Exclusion
- (b) Legitimacy of Humanitarian Intervention
- (c) Necessity of Global Justice
- (d) Is ecology apolitical?
- (e) Politics of Interpretation

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