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ASSIGNMENTS

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SUBMISSION DATES FOR ASSIGNMENTS

COURSE CODE	ASSIGNMENT NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	SUBMISSION DATE
MPS-01	I	Political Theory	Sunday, 10th February 2019
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MPS-02	I	International Relations: Theory and Problems	Sunday, 24th February 2019
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INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Learner,

Welcome to the Master of Arts programme in Political Science offered by Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur.

You are required to submit two numbers of assignment per course within the stipulated time in order to become eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The assignments will be evaluated by the counselors at your Study Centre. Please submit your assignments response to Coordinator of the Study Centre. Before you attempt the assignments, please go through the course materials carefully. Please read the instructions pertaining to an assignment before your start writing your answer. Do not copy from the course material or from any other source. You are advised to read the material carefully, understand the same and write answers in your own language and style so that you will get good marks/grades.

Purpose of Assignments:

- 1. Assignments are part of the continuous evaluation process in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. Due weightage is given to the marks/grades you obtain in assignments. This will help you for better performance in the term-end examination. If you secure good grades/marks in assignments, your overall performance will improve.*
- 2. Assignments are also a part of the teaching-learning process in ODL. Your assignment, after evaluation, will be returned back to you with specific and general comments by the evaluator. This will help you to know your strength as well as your weakness. Thus, it will establish a two-way communication between learner and evaluator.*

How to write assignments:

- 1. Write your name, programme code, course title, enrolment no. and study centre code in the top sheet of the assignment answer booklet.*
- 2. Write the answers in your handwriting. Give sufficient margin in the left side of each page so that the evaluator will give comments on each paragraph/page. Do not cross the word limit given in each question.*
- 3. Your handwriting should be neat and readable.*

Weightage for assignments:

- 1. Assignment carry 25% weightage and term-end examination carry 75% weightage.*
- 2. Each assignment will be of 100 marks.*
- 3. You have to score minimum pass mark i.e. 40% in each assignment. In case you do not submit assignment or get fail mark in assignment you have to re-submit in the next year.*

Assignment - I

Course Title: Political Theory

Course Code: MPS-01

Full Marks: 100

Group-A (1X10 = 10 Marks)

1. Answer all the questions, each within one or two sentences.

- a) What do you understand by Political Theory ?
- b) Cite an example of Cosmopolitan Democracy .
- c) What are various types of Democracy ?
- d) What is Marxist theory of Rights ?
- e) What according Rawls is the primary subject of justice ?
- f) Explain the meaning of Protective Discrimination.
- g) Define Citizenship.
- h) What do you understand by Titular Sovereignty ?
- i) What is Civil Society ?
- j) Why do we obey Government ?

Group-B (5X4 = 20 Marks)

2. Answer any four questions each in 50 words.

- a) Mention the important characteristics of classical Political Theory.
- b) Mention the rights available to modern citizens.
- c) Why is freedom valuable to the individual ?
- d) How do Proletariats define equality ?
- e) Distinguish between legal and political sovereignty.
- f) Explain the concept of political obligation.

Group-C (10 X 4 = 40 Marks)

3. Answer any four questions each in 200 words.

- a) Discuss the evolution and growth of Democracy in 20th century.
- b) How does Rousseau try to link his conceptions of moral and civil freedom with each other?
- c) Write a note on inequality in the contemporary world .
- d) Relate the notion of Swaraj to the notion of Dharma.
- e) Why do the Marxists regard the state as the committee for managing the common affairs of the bourgeois?
- f) Briefly summarize the Contract theory's argument for obeying the laws of the state.

Group-D (15 X 2 = 30 Marks)

4. Answer any two in 250 words for each.

- a) Briefly discuss the various theories of Rights.
- b) Discuss the role of equality in contemporary societies.
- c) Explain the natural significance of citizenship in democratic societies.
- d) Discuss the characteristics of Austin's theory of Sovereignty.

Assignment - II

Course Title: Political Theory

Course Code: MPS-01

Full Marks: 100

Group-A (1X10 = 10 Marks)

1. Answer all questions, each within one or two sentences.

- a) How does Gandhi relate Ahimsa to Satyagraha ?
- b) Why does economic development cause political violence ?
- c) How does Andrew Hacker define Liberalism ?
- d) Define 'Welfare state'.
- e) What do the 'anarcho – capitalists' advocate?
- f) What did Gramsci mean by hegemony ?
- g) Who is a fundamentalist ?
- h) What is the most serious problem before multiculturalism ?
- i) When Mussolini raised the stature of the state as the "Will of wills" what did he wish to propagate ?
- j) What distinction do the feminists make between sex and gender ?

Group-B (5X4 = 20 Marks)

2. Answer any four questions each in 50 words.

- a) What are the general causes of political violence ?
- b) What are the grounds on which the welfare state is justified ?
- c) How does Proudhon differ from Marks on the nature of property and poverty ?
- d) What is the objective of Satyagraha ?
- e) What do you understand by communitarianism ?
- f) Explain the meaning of republicanism .

Group-C (10 X 4 = 40 Marks)

3. Answer any four questions each in 200 words.

- a) Bring out the main features of terrorist violence.
- b) Trace the evolution of positive liberalism.
- c) Critically examine the problem of redistribution.
- d) Explain how does the mind of a fundamentalist work.
- e) Identify the major contours of Political Theory in the era of globalization.
- f) Write a short essay on anti-colonial nationalism.

Group-D (15 X 2 = 30 Marks)

4. Answer any two in 250 words for each.

- a) Explain the concept of power and its various dimensions .
- b) Describe Mao's analysis of class in the Chinese society .
- c) What are the views of Alisan Jaggar on the sex-gender interface ?
- d) Discuss Karl Marx's Theory of Socialism.

Assignment - I

Course Title: International Relations: Theory And Problems

Course Code: MPS-02

Full Marks: 100

Group-A (1X10 = 10 Marks)

1. Answer all questions, each within one or two sentences.

- a) What is Classical Realism ?
- b) What is Neo-Colonialism ?
- c) What is Sustainable development ?
- d) Define “globalization”
- e) What does charter of the SAARC provide for?
- f) What was the basis of formation of NATO?
- g) What are the basic objectives of the WTO?
- h) Why has the demand for New International Economic Order (NIEO) not achieved much success?
- i) What is comparative cost advantage?
- j) What does the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) promote?

Group-B (5X4 = 20 Marks)

2. Answer any four questions each in 50 words.

- a) What is “Political Realism” ?
- b) What distinguishes Neo-realism from Realism ?
- c) What do you mean by “order” in international politics?
- d) What was the impact of the Cuban Missile Crisis on both the super powers?
- e) Why has India so far refused to sign the NPT ?
- f) How was the new cold war different from the old cold war ?

Group-C (10 X 4 = 40 Marks)

3. Answer any four questions each in 200 words.

- a) To what extent do you think is the notion of “national interest” representative of the genuine interests of a nation?
- b) What are the characteristic features of underdevelopment?
- c) What is feminist vision of security?
- d) Comment briefly on the New Cold war.
- e) Why have some of the disarmament initiatives of the United Nations not succeeded?
- f) Briefly sketch the evolution of European economic integration since the end of the Second World War?

Group-D (15 X 2 = 30 Marks)

4. Answer any two in 250 words for each.

- a) How do the liberals approach the issue of resolving conflicts in international relations ?
- b) Highlight the major differences in the world views of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore ?
- c) What is the significance of foreign aid in developmental process ?
- d) What are the major failures of the UN in political field ?

Assignment - II

Course Title: International Relations: Theory And Problems

Course Code: MPS-02

Full Marks: 100

Group-A (1X10 = 10 Marks)

1. Answer all questions, each within one or two sentences.

Define:

- a) Cold war
- b) 'Detente'
- c) Third world countries.
- d) Intervention
- e) Globalism
- f) International Bill of Rights
- g) Uni-polar world
- h) Ethnicity
- i) Indigenous peoples
- j) Refugee

Group-B (5X4 = 20 Marks)

2. Answer any four questions each in 50 words.

- a) What are the objectives of ASEAN ?
- b) Explain the role of the US as the prime mover behind many of the discriminatory regimes.
- c) How did 'self-determination' change the situation in Rhodesia ?
- d) What has been the objective of the NPT ?
- e) Explain what are ethno-national groups ?
- f) Do you think China will emerge as a super power in near future ?

Group-C (10 X 4 = 40 Marks)

3. Answer any four questions each in 200 words.

- a) Briefly sketch the evolution of European economic integration since the end of the Second World War.
- b) What are the salient characteristics of the current phase of globalization ?
- c) Write a brief note on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).
- d) What has been the role of technology in the evolution of international system ?
- e) Why do some analysts consider the US as a hyper power ?
- f) Central Asia has become a hot bed of global terrorism – Explain.

Group-D (15 X 2 = 30 Marks)

4. Answer any two in 250 words for each.

- a) What are the major failures of the UN in political field ?
- b) Write a brief note on the various characteristics of the New World Order.
- c) Explain the rise of NGOs and their relevance and role in International Relations.
- d) What are the major accomplishments of the human security agenda so far ? Does it involve new diplomatic tools?