



INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING
Gauhati University

HOME ASSIGNMENT

M. A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

(FINAL– 2008-2009)

Guidelines for Submission:

1. Write your name, session, roll number, the topic selected and the title of the answer *clearly on the top*.
 2. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 500 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
 3. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
 4. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
 5. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on clean, foolscap sheets, or A-4 sized paper.
 6. In case you prefer to submit type-written answers, make sure that there are no typing errors which will deduct from the overall impression.
 7. Do not submit commercially purchased answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
 8. You are permitted to submit your assignment by 30th June, 2010. Please note that if you submit after 30th June, 2010, it may not be considered.
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Paper V: Modern Political Analysis

First Half:

1. What is Political Culture? Discuss various types of Political Culture.

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning and Definition of Political Culture, Types of Political Culture, Conclusion)

Second Half:

1. Discuss critically the method of Observation in Social Science Research.

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Observation, Different types of observation, criticism and Conclusion)

Paper VI: Comparative Politics

First Half:

1. What is Political Ideology? Discuss Marxian and Liberal Ideologies

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Political Ideology, Marxian Ideology, Criticism, Liberal Ideology, Criticism, Conclusion)

Second Half:

1. Make a Comparative Study of the Prime Minister of UK and the President of USA.

(Structure: Introduction, Similarities and Dissimilarities in powers and function of the Prime Minister of UK and the President of USA, Conclusion.)

Group C

Paper VII: Political Sociology

First half:

1. What is Political Socialisation? Discuss the role of Mass-Media in Political Socialisation.

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Political socialization, Mass-media as an agent of Political socialization, Conclusion)

Second Half:

1. What is Voting Behaviour? Discuss the factors influencing the voting behaviour in India.

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Voting Behaviour, Various Factors, Conclusion)

Paper VIII: Contemporary Indian Society

First half

1. Discuss the problem of untouchability in Indian society.

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Untouchability, Constitutional provisions, untouchability in practice, conclusion)

Second Half

1. What do you mean by urbanization? Discuss briefly the consequences of urbanization.

(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Urbanization, Consequences—positive and negative, Conclusion)

Group B

Paper VII: Comparative Public Administration

First half:

1. Analyze the nature of Comparative Public Administration and indicate some factors leading to the growth of Comparative Public Administration.

[Structure: Introduction (basic concept of CPA), Nature of CPA, Factors of growth (For Example: Emergence of Comparative Administrative Group), Recent Trends, and Conclusion.]

Second half:

1. Examine the emergence and role of Ombudsman system in India.

[Structure: Introduction, Ombudsman in India, Historical Background, Evolution, Role, Functions, Present Status, Criticism and Conclusion.]

Group B

Paper VIII: Public Personnel Administration

First half:

1. Define Promotion? Analyze the promotional system of India. 4+6=10

[Structure: Introduction, Meaning and definition. Promotional system in India, Methods, Merits, Demerits, Conclusion]

Second half:

1. What is Classification in Civil Service? Explain the Advantages and disadvantages of classification system in India. 4+6=10

[Structure: Introduction, Meaning, Definition. Classification in India (nature, origin), Advantages, Disadvantages, Present Status, Conclusion.]