CBSE Class 12 Political Science 2017 - Set 59/2

Question Paper

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Time Allowed: 3 Hours **Maximum Marks: 100**

General Instructions

(i) All questions are compulsory.

(ii) Questions number 1 – 5 are of one mark each. The answers to these questions should not exceed 20 words each.

(iii) Questions number 6 – 10 are of two marks each. The answers to these questions should not exceed 40 words each.

(iv) Questions number 11 – 16 are of four marks each. The answers to these questions should not exceed 100 words each.

(v) Questions number 17 – 21 are of five marks each. The answers to these questions should not exceed 150 words each.

(vi) Question number 21 is a map-based question. Write its answers in your answer-book.

(vii) Questions number 22 – 27 are of six marks each. The answers to these questions should not exceed 150 words each.

Questions

1. What was the significance of 'Operation Iraqi Freedom' ?

2. Why is violence between two communities considered as a threat to democracy ?

3. Assess the impact of Valentine's Day on Indian culture.

4. Highlight any one feature of the multi-polar world as visualised by both Russia and India.

5. Why does development have different meanings for different sections of the people ?

6. Match the following meaningfully from the names in Column 'A' with the information in Column 'B' : Column 'A' Column 'B' (a) Indira Gandhi (i) A Member of Parliament from 1952 till his death (b) Ram Manohar Lohia (ii) Symbol of opposition during emergency of 1975 (c) Jai Prakash Narayan (iii) Nationalisation of banks (d) Jagjiwan Ram (iv) Best known for his sharp attacks on Nehru

7. In which way did the policy of Non-Alignment serve India's interests ?

8. Analyse the two political developments of 1940s that led to the decision for the creation of Pakistan.

9. What will happen if the regions are not given their due share in decision-making at the national level ?

10. How far did the Rajiv Gandhi – Longowal Accord succeed in bringing normalcy in Punjab ?

11. Describe Indo-China relations from 1947 to 1962.

12. What is the full form of WTO ? When was it set up ? How does it function ?

13. Explain any four economic consequences of globalisation.

14. What distinguished the dominance of the Congress Party in India from the one-party dominance in other countries ? Explain.

15. Examine the dramatic changes that took place in the party system in India during 1969 to 1977.

16. Highlight any four consequences of the partition of India in 1947.

17. Study the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : Critics of popular movements often argue that collective actions like strikes, sit-ins and rallies disrupt the functioning of the government, delay decision-making and destabilise the routines of democracy. Such an argument invites a deeper question: why do these movements resort to such assertive forms of action ? We have seen that popular movements have raised legitimate demands of the people and have involved large scale participation of citizens. It should be noted that the groups mobilised by these movements are poor, socially and economically disadvantaged sections of the society from marginal social groups. (i) Popular movements resort to which two types of assertive actions ? (ii) How far do you agree with the arguments given by the critics ? (iii) Why are groups involved in popular movements mostly from marginal social groups ?

18. Study the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : The smaller states in the alliances used the link to the superpowers for their own purposes. They got the promise of protection, weapons and economic aid against their local rivals, mostly regional neighbours with whom they had rivalries. The alliance systems led by the two superpowers, therefore, threatened to divide the entire world into two camps. This division happened first in Europe. Most countries of Western Europe sided with the US and those of Eastern Europe joined the Soviet camp. That is why, these were also called the 'western' and the 'eastern' alliances. (i) Name one organisation each related to the 'western' and the 'eastern' alliances. (ii) Why were the smaller states interested in joining the super alliances ? (iii) How did the 'alliance system' threaten to divide the world ?

19. Study the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : The lack of genuine international support for democratic rule in Pakistan has further encouraged the military to continue its dominance. The United States and other Western countries have encouraged the military's authoritarian rule in the past, for their own reasons. Given their fear of the threat of what they call 'global Islamic terrorism' and the apprehension that Pakistan's nuclear arsenal might fall into the hands of these terrorist groups, the military regime in Pakistan has been seen as the protector of Western interests in West Asia and South Asia. (i) What is meant by 'global Islamic terrorism' ? (ii) Why did Pakistan lack genuine international support for democratic rule ? (iii) Why was the military regime in Pakistan considered as the protector of Western interests in West Asia and South Asia ?

20. Study the cartoon given below carefully and answer the questions that follow : (i) Identify and name the person who is holding the balancing beam between the public sector and the private sector. (ii) Why has a big tilt towards the public sector been shown in the cartoon ? (iii) How did the over-emphasis on public sector adversely affect the Indian economy ?

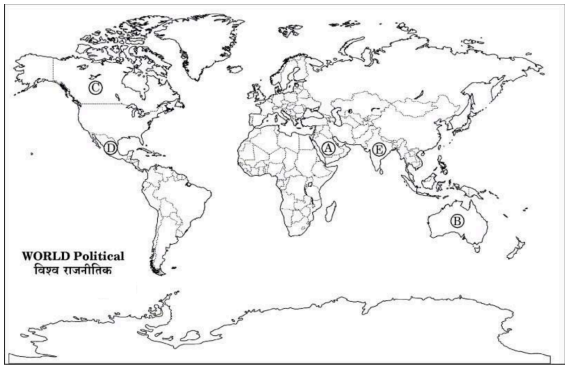


20-VI. **For visually impaired candidates only, in lieu of the corresponding visual question:** (20.1) Distinguish between the public sector and the private sector with the help of at least one example each. (20.2) Keeping in mind the Indian context, which type of economy would you prefer and why ? (20.3) Globalisation has promoted which type of economic sector ?

21. In the given political outline map of the World, five countries have been shown as A, B, C, D and E. With the help of the information given below, identify these countries and write their correct names along with the serial number of the information used and the related alphabet as per the following format in your answer-book :

Serial number of the information used	Concerned alphabet given in the map	Name of the Country
(i)		
(ii)		
(iii)		
(iv)		
(v)		

(i) The county where Montreal Protocol was signed in 1987. (ii) This country is of the view that the major responsibility of curbing gas emissions rests with the developed countries. (iii) This country is known for its forest movements. (iv) The first anti-dam movement aimed to save the Franklin River and its surrounding forests was launched in this country. (v) The largest producer of mineral oil in the world.



21-VI. For visually impaired candidates only, in lieu of the corresponding visual question: (21.1) Mention any two environmental concerns that have a long history. (21.2) Explain the significance of 'Earth Summit' held in 1992. (21.3) Highlight any two features of the Kyto Protocol.

22. Describe any three areas of tension which are yet to be solved to retain unity in diversity in India.

OR

22. Describe any three elements of growing consensus among most of the political parties of India after 1989.

23. "Resistance is the only option available to overcome the U.S. hegemony." Justify the statement by comparing it to other anti-hegemony strategies.

OR

23. "Nepal and India enjoy a very special relationship that has very few parallels in the world." Justify the statement with any three suitable arguments.

24. Trace the evolution of the United Nations since its establishment in 1945. How does it function with the help of its various structures and agencies ?

OR

24. What is meant by global poverty ? Suggest any two ways to reduce disparity between the poor and the rich at the global level.

25. Highlight the circumstances which gave birth to the idea of New International Economic Order (NIEO). Explain any two factors that weakened this initiative.

OR

25. In what three ways did the collapse of the Soviet Union affect the world politics ? Explain.

26. Do you agree with the statement that "the foreign policy of independent India has pursued the dream of a peaceful world" ? Support your answer with any three suitable arguments.

OR

26. Give any three suitable arguments in favour of "India being a staunch supporter of the decolonisation process and in firm opposition to racialism".

27. Highlight the acts of dissent and resistance to the Emergency imposed in 1975. In your opinion, how did these acts affect the public opinion ?

OR

27. Analyse the issue 'Indira vs the Syndicate'. What type of challenges did the issue pose before Indira Gandhi ?

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