CBSE Class 12 Political Science 2025 - Set 59/1/3

Question Paper

Conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours **Maximum Marks: 80**

General Instructions

(i) This question paper contains 30 questions. All questions are compulsory.

(ii) Question paper is divided into five sections – Sections A, B, C, D and E.

(iii) Section A – question numbers 1 to 12 are Multiple Choice type questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

(iv) Section B – question numbers 13 to 18 are Short Answer type questions. Each question carries 2 marks. Write answer to each question in 50 to 60 words.

(v) Section C – question numbers 19 to 23 are Long Answer Type-I questions. Each question carries 4 marks. Write answer to each question in 100 to 120 words.

(vi) Section D – question numbers 24 to 26 are Passage, Cartoon/Picture and Map-based questions. Answer each question accordingly.

(vii) Section E – question numbers 27 to 30 are Long Answer Type-II questions. Each question carries 6 marks. Write answer to each question in 170 to 180 words.

(viii) There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions has to be attempted.

(ix) In addition to this, NOTE that a separate question has been provided for Visually Impaired candidates in lieu of questions having visual inputs, Map etc. Such questions are to be attempted by Visually Impaired candidates only.

Section A

1. Given below are two statements: Statement-I: The Maldives was a Sultanate till 1965. In 1965, it was transformed into a republic with a presidential form of government. Statement-II: The Maldivian Democratic Party dominates the political affairs of the island and it won the 2018 elections.

(A) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are true.

(B) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are false.

(C) Statement-I is true, but Statement-II is false.

(D) Statement-I is false, but Statement-II is true.

2. Which statement among the following is correct about the planning ideology of left wing?

(A) The Left supports a free-market economy.

(B) They support government policies which are for the benefit of poor sections.

(C) They do not want unnecessary intervention of government in the economy.

(D) They advocate for progressive policies.

3. In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R). Choose the correct option as answer. Assertion (A): The entry and the increased role of multinational companies all over the world leads to a reduction in the capacity of governments to take decisions on their own. Reason (R): The state continues to discharge its essential functions and consciously withdraws from certain domains from which it wishes to.

(A) Both the Assertion (A) and the Reason (R) are correct and the Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).

(B) Both the Assertion (A) and the Reason (R) are correct, but the Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).

(C) The Assertion (A) is incorrect, but the Reason (R) is correct.

(D) The Assertion (A) is correct, but the Reason (R) is incorrect.

4. Identify the main reason for the split in Congress Party in 1969.

(A) Change in the ideology of Congress Party

(B) Dominance of the Congress Syndicate

(C) Difference of opinion among the opposition parties

(D) Opposition parties came together

5. Which of the following events made the South Asian region a sudden focus of global attention after the cold war period?

(A) Bangladesh War of 1971
(B) Ethnic conflict of Sri Lanka
(C) India and Pakistan both became nuclear power
(D) Kargil conflict between India and Pakistan

6. Identify and choose the incorrect pair:

(A) Lal Bahadur Shastri – Jai Jawan Jai Kisan
(B) Indira Gandhi – Garibi Hatao
(C) Syndicate – A group of powerful opposition leaders against Indira Gandhi
(D) Grand Alliance – Formed by all Non-Congress Parties

7. The NITI Aayog acts in the spirit of _____ as it ensures equal participation of all the states of India.

(A) regulating body
(B) cooperative federalism
(C) policy advisor
(D) voluntary body

8. Match the terms given in Column-'A' correctly with Column-'B' and choose the correct answer from the codes given below: Column-'A': I. Human Rights Watch; II. International Monetary Fund; III. World Health Organisation; IV. General Assembly. Column-'B': i. An organ of the United Nations; ii. An agency of the United Nations; iii. An international organisation that oversees financial institutions; iv. An international NGO.

(A) I-iii, II-i, III-iv, IV-ii
(B) I-iv, II-i, III-iii, IV-ii
(C) I-iv, II-iii, III-ii, IV-i
(D) I-ii, II-iv, III-iii, IV-i

9. Arrange the following in chronological order of their formation: I. The World Trade Organisation; II. World Bank; III. The International Atomic Energy Agency; IV. United Nations Organisation. Choose the correct option:

(A) I, II, III, IV
(B) II, IV, III, I
(C) IV, I, III, II
(D) III, I, II, IV

10. Institutional safeguards to minimize the negative effects of globalization on those who are economically weak are known as _____.

(A) Welfare measures
(B) Social safety nets
(C) Economic liberalization
(D) Voluntary services

11. Name the alliance that formed the government in March 1998.

(A) United Front
(B) NDA
(C) UPA
(D) National Front

12. Name the founder leader of Bahujan Samaj Party.

(A) B.R. Ambedkar
(B) Mayawati
(C) Mulayam Singh
(D) Kanshi Ram

Section B

13. "Regionalism is not as dangerous as communalism." Justify the statement.

14. Explain any two political consequences of globalisation.

15. Can Shock Therapy be called the best way to make transition from authoritarian socialist system to liberal capitalist system after the disintegration of Soviet Union? Explain.

16. Name any four Green House gases.

17. Describe any two circumstances that favoured Indira Gandhi to become Prime Minister after the death of Lal Bahadur Shastri.

18. Explain the two commonly agreed upon goals of the national movement which were achieved after independence.

Section C

19. Explain any four consequences of the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

20(a). Describe the role of Jaya Prakash Narayan in Indian National Politics.

OR

20(b). Describe any two reasons for the victory of Janata Party in 1977 Lok Sabha elections.

21. Highlight any two threats to the survival of Indigenous people.

22(a). How is the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) a major regional initiative by South Asian states to evolve co-operation through multilateral means? Assess.

OR

22(b). "Despite the mixed record of democratic experiences, the people of South Asian countries share the aspiration for democracy." Justify the statement with two suitable arguments.

23. "One party dominance did not affect the very essence of Indian democracy." Justify the statement with any two arguments.

Section D

24.



Study the given cartoon and answer the questions that follow:

24(I). What does the cartoon depict?

(A) Influence of UNO on the World
(B) Influence of USA on UNO
(C) Relevance of UNO
(D) Influence of USA on the World

24(II). What message is given by the cartoon?

(A) If UN fails then the US can control the world by its military power.
(B) Economic superiority of US
(C) Veto power of permanent members of UN
(D) US is the largest contributor to UN

24(III). Why this cartoon is not relevant today?

(A) UN has become more powerful.
(B) Many new powerful international organisations have emerged.
(C) Countries are not having faith in UN.
(D) Now many new centres of power have emerged.

24(IV). What is the primary objective of UNO?

(A) To foster economic ties of the developed nations
(B) To promote international peace and co-operation
(C) To eradicate terrorism
(D) To promote health care

24-VI. For visually impaired candidates only, in lieu of the corresponding visual question:

(i) State the reason for the formation of League of Nations.

(ii) Write full form of UNESCO.

(iii) How many member countries did sign on United Nations Charter to set up United Nations?

(iv) Name the most visible public figure and the representative head of the United Nations.

25. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: India adopted a democratic approach to the question of diversity. Democracy allows the political expressions of regional aspirations and does not look upon them as anti-national. Besides, democratic politics allows parties and groups to address the people on the basis of their regional identity, aspiration and specific regional problems. Thus, in the course of democratic politics, regional aspirations get strengthened. At the same time, democratic politics also means that regional issues and problems will receive adequate attention and accommodation in the policy making process.

25(1). Which period in India is seen as a period of grooming regional aspirations for autonomy?

(A) 1960s
(B) 1970s
(C) 1980s
(D) 1990s

25(2). Which type of diversity is dominant in India?

(A) Social diversity
(B) Political diversity
(C) Cultural diversity
(D) Regional diversity

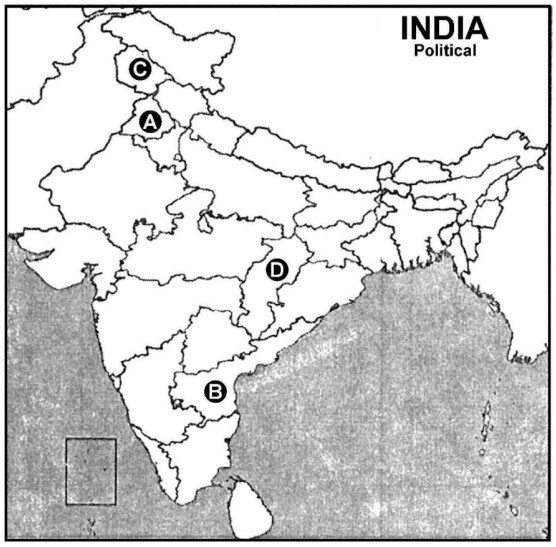
25(3). How does democracy deal with the regional problems?

(A) Through regular negotiations
(B) Through strong steps
(C) Through elections
(D) Through economic measures

25(4). Which one of the following joined Indian Union in 1975?

(A) Goa
(B) Sikkim
(C) Puducherry
(D) An Island

26.



In the given Political outline map of India, four states have been marked as (A), (B), (C) and (D). Identify these states on the basis of the information given below and write their correct names in your answer book along with the respective serial numbers of the information used and the concerned alphabets shown in the map as per the format that follows:

Answer format: serial number of the information used, concerned alphabet in the map, and name of the state.

Information no.	Map letter	State
(i)		
(ii)		
(iii)		
(iv)		

(i) The Princely State whose ruler resisted its merger with India.

(ii) The State that was most affected by the partition of the country.

(iii) The State carved out from Madhya Pradesh.

(iv) The State that was formed in 1952.

26-VI. For visually impaired candidates only, in lieu of the corresponding visual question:

(i) Name the Union Territory which earlier was a state.

(ii) Name any one state that was most affected by the partition of the country.

(iii) Which state was carved out from Madhya Pradesh?

(iv) Which state was formed in 1952?

Section E

27(a). "The foreign policy of Independent India has pursued the dream of a peaceful world." Support the statement with three suitable arguments.

OR

27(b). "India played an important role in maintaining Afro-Asian Unity." Support the statement with three suitable examples.

28(a). Explain health epidemics and terrorism as the two new sources of threat under the non-traditional sources of threat to security.

OR

28(b). Suggest the type of security that India should prefer to fight the threats like poverty and epidemics.

29(a). Describe any three major developments that took place in Indian politics in the last decade of the 20th century.

OR

29(b). Describe any three recommendations of the Mandal Commission to solve the problems of the other backward classes.

30(a). Explain any two contentious issues between China and India. Suggest any two measures to resolve these issues for greater cooperation.

OR

30(b). "ASEAN took steps to establish an ASEAN community on the basis of its three pillars." Explain the importance of these three pillars.

- End of Question Paper -