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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 questions : 1×8=8

(a) In which year was the State of Meghalaya carved out of Assam?

(b) What is Article 244(2) of the Constitution of India related to?

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- (c) Which Act was passed in 1983 by the Indian Parliament to deal with migration?
- (d) Define environmental justice.
- (e) Which Article of the Constitution of India provides for the creation of Autonomous District Councils?
- (f) Name the first political party that raised the demand for a separate State in Karbi Anglong.
- (g) What is the primary objective of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India?
- (h) What is AFSPA?
2. Write short notes on the following (within 150 words each) : $4 \times 4 = 16$
- (a) Geopolitical features of colonial Assam
- (b) The Bodo Accords and their implications
- (c) Ethnic identity and politics in Assam : the recent developments
- (d) Development-induced displacement in Assam

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3. Discuss the factors that led to the dismemberment of the composite State of Assam. 12
- Or
- Examine the colonial legacy and its impact on the socio-political structure of Assam.
4. Evaluate the demand for the Sixth Schedule status in non-scheduled areas of Assam. 11
- Or
- Critically analyze the politics of regionalism and sub-regionalism in Assam.
5. Analyze the impact of migration on ethnic politics and identity movements in Assam. 11
- Or
- Discuss the origins, demands and outcomes of the Assam Movement.
6. Critically examine the historical and political dimensions of Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border disputes. 11
- Or
- Identify the root causes of recurring inter-State border conflicts in the Northeast. Suggest solutions.

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7. Discuss the environmental and socio-political implications of large dams in the Northeast of India. 11

Or

Assess the impact of development projects on the tribal communities in Assam.

Paper : DSE-1B

(Dilemmas in Politics)

1. Analyze the concept of 'moral economy of violence' with reference to contemporary events. Critically evaluate how non-State actors construct moral justification of violence. 6+6=12

Or

What do you understand by the 'politics of social exclusion'? Examine the role of 'caste' in perpetuating 'social exclusion' in India. 6+6=12

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2. Critically examine the contemporary relevance of human rights in a globalized world. 11

Or

Discuss the major points of contentions between Universalists and Relativists. Substantiate your answer in the context of current international events. 6+5=11

3. Analyze the concept of 'political responsibility' in the context of ecological responsibility. How can political actors ensure ecological justice? 6+5=11

Or

Explain the concept of 'capabilities' as developed by Amartya Sen. Analyze the relationship between 'capabilities' and 'empowerment' with suitable examples. 6+5=11

4. What do you understand by the concept of 'cosmopolitanism'? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. 6+5=11

Or

Critically evaluate the concept of 'humanitarian intervention' by focusing on its objectives. Contextualize your answer with examples. 6+5=11

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5. Critically analyze how feminism in the Global South is different from the notions of Western feminism. 11

Or

What do you understand by 'politics of interpretation'? What makes 'interpretation' a political act rather than a neutral one? Explain. 6+5=11

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

(a) When was the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) adopted?

(b) What does the term 'sustainability' imply in ecological politics?

(c) The author of *The Second Sex* is _____.
(Fill in the blank)

(d) What is relativism in human rights?

(e) Define political empowerment.

(f) Who gave the concept of global justice?

(g) What is the seminal text written by Mary Wollstonecraft?

(h) Name one exponent of cosmopolitanism.

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7. Write short notes on any four the following : 4×4=16

(a) Universal Declaration of Human Rights : significance and limitation

(b) Liberal feminism

(c) Indigenous rights and ecological responsibility

(d) Empowerment through education and health

(e) Role of international institutions in ensuring global justice
