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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) Which was the first State to be carved out of Assam?
- (b) Which Act or Policy was instrumental in the creation of new States from Assam?
- (c) When was the 'Bodoland Territorial Region' (BTR) agreement signed?

- (d) Mention one significant impact of the demands for autonomous States in the politics of Assam.
- (e) Which Article of the* Constitution of India provides for the settlement of inter-State disputes?
- (f) Which Commission was instituted to settle border disputes between the States of Assam and Nagaland in 1971?
- (g) In which year was the 'Assam Official Language Act' enacted?
- (h) What are 'tribal belts and blocks' in the context of Assam?

2. Write short notes on the following : 4×4=16

- (a) Social heterogeneity and its impact in the politics in Assam
- (b) Existing demands for Sixth Schedule in Assam and their implications in politics
- (c) Role of insurgent groups in Assam's politics
- (d) Root causes for inter-State border disputes in North-East India

3. Assess the major factors leading to the creation of new States from Assam, focusing on the historical and political contexts.

Or

Evaluate the impact of Assamese nationality question on regional politics and identity formation in Assam.

4. Analyze the factors leading towards the demand for separate State within Assam. 11

Or

Assess the success and challenges of implementing autonomy-related demands in Assam. How have these demands affected the socio-political stability of the region?

6+5=11

5. Examine the Foreign National Movement in Assam, focusing on its origins, objectives and impact on the political and social fabric of the region. 11

Or

Analyze the role of language movements in shaping the politics of ethnicity in Assam. How have these movements influenced regional identity and political demands?

8+3=11

6. Analyze the factors contributing to the inter-State border dispute between Assam-Meghalaya and the measures taken to resolve these. 7+4=11

Or

Discuss the role of the State in managing and resolving inter-State border disputes between Assam-Nagaland. What are the impacts of the role of the State in this context?

7+4=11

7. Analyze, with suitable examples, the impact of development-induced displacement in Assam.

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Or

Discuss the environmental challenges associated with large dams in Assam. How have these challenges been addressed by the policy-makers?

8+3=11

Paper : DSE-1B

(**Dilemmas in Politics**)

1. Examine critically how the complex interplay between morality, cultural norms and power dynamics influences the acceptance or rejection of violence in a particular cultural setting. Substantiate your answer with a suitable example.

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Or

Examine critically the question of identity politics and social exclusion in India's North-East with a suitable example.

2. Evaluate critically the challenges and prospects of human rights in the context of the digital age.

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Or

"Rights are based on value judgements made by culturally and socially situated human beings, drawing on the social norms and the critical perspectives on those norms that are culturally available to them."

Evaluate critically the above statement in the context of relativist approach to human rights.

3. Analyze critically the political responsibility towards ecology in the context of development and environmental degradation in developing countries.

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Or

Critically evaluate the relationship between capabilities and empowerment.

4. Evaluate the legitimacy of humanitarian intervention in the context of sovereignty and human security.

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Or

Examine the practicality of global justice in a heterogenous world.

5. Evaluate critically the challenges and prospects of feminism in the 21st century. 11

Or

What do you understand by the politics of interpretation? Substantiate your answer in the context of Marxist and liberalist interpretation of the State.

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

(a) Write one example of universality in human rights.

(b) Give one example of relativism in human rights.

(c) What is humanitarian intervention?

(d) _____ is an international agreement which focuses specifically on protecting the environment and was adopted in 1997.

(Fill in the blank)

(e) Name one exponent of cosmopolitanism.

(f) Who gave the concept of global justice?

(g) Write one weakness of radical feminism.

(h) The author of *Sexual Politics* is _____.

(Fill in the blank)

(7)

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

- (a) Gender as Exclusion
- (b) Cosmopolitanism
- (c) Moral Economy of Violence
- (d) Standpoint Feminism
- (e) Universalist Approach to Human Rights

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