

## **M. A. I Political Science**

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## **PS111 Traditions of Political Thought and Comparative Political Analysis**

### **1. Ancient Era**

#### **1. Confucius**

- a. Life and Works
- b. Ruling through Virtue
- c. Rituals and Filial Piety

#### **2. Plato**

- a. Life and Works
- b. Plato's concept of Ideal State
- c. Platonic Theory of Justice

### **2. Modern Era**

#### **1. Niccolo Machiavelli**

- a. Life and Works
- b. Suggestions to the "Prince"
- c. Relationship between Ethics and Politics

#### **2. Jean-Jacques Rousseau**

- a. Life and Works
- b. Social Contract Theory
- c. General Will

### **3. Industrial Era**

#### **1. John Stuart Mill**

- a. Life and Works
- b. Liberty
- c. Representative Government

#### **2. Karl Marx**

- a. Life and Works
- b. State and Class
- c. Historical Materialism

### **4. Colonial Era**

#### **1. M. K. Gandhi**

- a. Life and Career
- b. Views on the State
- c. Critique of Western Civilization

#### **2. Frantz Fanon**

- a. Life and Career
- b. Africana Phenomenology
- c. Theory of Decolonization

**5. Nature of Comparative Analysis**

- a. Old and New Comparative Politics
- b. Nature and Scope

**6. Approaches to the Study of Comparative Politics**

- a. New Institutional
- b. Structure-Functional

**7. Theories of Development**

- a. Modernization
- b. World System Theory

**8. Security Apparatus and Concerns**

- a. Military
- b. Violence

**9. Parties and Pressure Groups**

- a. Parties and Party System
- b. Pressure Groups in Politics

**10. Non State Political Actors**

- a. Social Movements
- b. Non-Governmental Organizations

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## **PS112 Administrative Theory and Theory of International Politics**

### **1. Public Administration**

- a. Evolution of the Discipline
- b. Changing Nature of Public Administration
- c. Changing Role of Public Administration in Developing Societies

### **2. Major Approaches to Public Administration**

- a. Bureaucratic Approach
- b. Decision Making Approach
- c. Ecological Approach

### **3. Theories of Public Administration**

- a. Rational Choice Theory
- b. Comparative Public Administration
- c. Development Administration

### **4. Principles of Organization**

- a. Hierarchy, Unity of Command,
- b. Span of Control – Centralization and Decentralization
- c. Line- Staff Agencies

### **5. New Trends in Public Administration**

- a. New Public Management
- b. Challenges of Liberalization, Privatization

### **6. Governance**

- a. Problems of Administrative Corruption
- b. Ombudsman
- c. Lok Pal, Lok Ayukta

### **7. Introduction to International Politics**

- a. Meaning
- b. Nature
- c. Scope

### **8. Changing International Political Order since World War II**

- a. Rise of super powers; cold war & Détente
- b. Non-aligned movement: aims and achievements, relevance
- c. Collapse of the Soviet Union; Rise of American hegemony

### **9. Approaches to International Politics**

- a. Idealism
- b. Realism

- c. Liberalism
- d. Marxism

### **10. Geopolitical Issues**

- a. Theories of Geopolitics, Alfred Mahan, Harry Mackinder and Robert Kohen
- b. Contemporary Geopolitics

### **11. Positivist and Post Positivist Framework**

- a. Positivism
- b. Critical Theory
- c. Constructivism

### **12. Contemporary concerns**

- a. Terrorism
- b. Environment
- c. Gender
- d. Human Rights

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## **PS113 Political Institutions in India and Public Policy**

### **1. Nationalist legacies**

- a. Unity and Integrity
- b. Democracy
- c. Development and Social Transformation

### **2. Federal institutions**

- a. Strong Centre' framework
- b. Autonomy and devolution
- c. Multilevel federalism

### **3. Executive**

- a. President and prime minister
- b. Principle of collective responsibility and accountability to the legislature
- c. Role of governor

### **4. Legislature**

- a. Composition and powers
- b. Norms of representation
- c. Legislative supremacy

### **5. Judiciary**

- a. Composition
- b. Judicial review and judicial activism
- c. Judicial interpretations of Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles, basic structure doctrine

### **6. Welfare, Regulation and Security**

- a. UIDAI
- b. TRAI
- c. AFSPA

### **7. Public Policy**

- a. Nature and Scope
- b. Evolution of Discipline

### **8. Major Approaches**

- a. Group
- b. Incremental
- c. Policy Network

### **9. Public Policy in Action**

- a. Implementation
- b. Evolution
- c. Bureaucracy

### **10. Shaping of Public Policy**

- a. Agenda
- b. Public formulation and adoption



c. Role of legislature

## 11. Public Policy Development

a. Health

b. Agriculture

c. Environment

## 12. Globalization and Public Policy

a. Global Policy Process

b. Role of Transnational Actors

c. Impact of Globalization on Public Policy making.

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## **PS115 Political Process in Maharashtra and Human Rights**

### **1. Making of Maharashtra**

- a. Politics before 1960 – Non Brahman Movement
- b. Formation of Maharashtra State

### **2. Socio-Economic Bases of Politics in Maharashtra**

- a. Religion, Caste, Language, Region
- b. Agriculture, Industry, Co-operative & Service Sectors

### **3. Emerging Issues in Politics of Maharashtra.**

- a. Regionalism and Sub-Regionalism
- b. Backwardness and Regional Imbalances
- c. Demand for Separate State
- d. Demand for New Districts

### **4. Politics of Castes and Communities.**

- a. Politics of Maratha's
- b. Politics of Dalit's
- c. Politics of OBC's
- d. Politics of Adiwasi's

### **5. Major Political Parties and Elections in Maharashtra**

- a. Congress, BJP, Shiv Sena, NCP, RPI and Bharip Bahujan Mahasangh - Ideologies and Roles
- b. Election Performance after 1957 to Present (Loksabha, Vidhansabha)

### **6. Contemporary Concerns in Politics of Maharashtra**

- a. Reservation Policy
- b. Women's Participation in Politics
- c. New Issues of Development- Water and Border Disputes, Health, Education

### **7. Human Rights: Historical Traditions**

- a. Human Rights: Meaning and Nature
- b. Evolution of Human Rights
- c. Universalist and Relativist Conceptions of Rights

### **8. Understanding Human Rights**

- a. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- b. Civil and Political Rights
- c. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

## **9. Specific Human Rights**

- a. Major Human Rights Conventions
- b. Right to Self-determination
- c. Right to Development: Food, Health and Shelter

## **10. Human Rights of Groups**

- a. Women's Rights
- b. Rights of the Child
- c. Rights of Dalits and Tribes
- d. The Rights of Persons Belonging to Minorities
- e. Rights of Refugees and Migrant Workers

## **11. Human Rights: Implementation**

- a. The U.N. Machinery: Charter and Treaty Bodies
- b. Regional Arrangements
- c. National Institutions and Laws
- d. Non-Governmental Organizations

## **12. Human Rights Concerns And Challenges**

- a. Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- b. Human Rights: International Concerns - Vienna and other UN Conferences
- c. Human Rights: Terrorism and Fundamentalism
- d. Human Rights in 21st Century: Challenges of Globalization

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