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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY  
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**HOME ASSIGNMENT**

**M.A. in Political Science**

**Semester – II (Session: 2024-25 (January) and 2025-26 (July-August))**

**Guidelines for Submission:**

1. Learners who have been admitted in the Academic Session (2024-25 (January) and 2025-26 (July-August)) will write the Home Assignment.
2. Learners should write their **Roll Number, GU Registration Number, Subject, Semester, Paper Title, Paper Code** and **Name of the Study Center** clearly on the first page of the answer script in the space provided.
3. The formats of the answer scripts are available at, and can be downloaded from, the GUCDOE website ([www.gucdoe.in](http://www.gucdoe.in)).
4. There will be 2 (two) compulsory questions in each paper, and each question will have options (Total Marks: 2 questions × 10 marks= 20 marks).
5. **Typed/Computerized answers will not be accepted.** Learners will write the answers neatly in their own handwriting.
6. Answer to a 10 mark question should not exceed 400 words.
7. Learners should not submit any plagiarized answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
8. Learners of different Study Centers under GUCDOE will mandatorily submit the answer scripts at their respective Study Centers.
9. Learners of GUCDOE center will submit their answer scripts at GUCDOE Office.

**10. Last Date of Submission : 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.**

**PAPER: PSC 2016 (Political Theory - I)**

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. Define political theory and explain its nature and scope.

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OR

What is meant by the decline of political theory? Explain the reasons behind it.

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Q. No. 2. Explain the major theories of origin of the state.

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OR

Discuss how globalisation has affected state sovereignty.

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**PAPER: PSC 2026 (Politics in India)**

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. Write a note on Indian Secularism with special emphasis on the provisions relating to secularism in Indian constitutions.

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OR

Discuss briefly the evolution of Indian Nationhood.

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Q. No. 2. Critically analyse the reasons for the emergence of new states in India after independence.

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OR

Examine the relationship between the Union and the states in India federalism.

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**PAPER: PSC 2036 (International Relations - II)**

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. What is Power? Discuss the concept of Balance of Power.

10

OR

Discuss the meaning and significance of International Political Economy.

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**Q. No. 2.** What is Diplomacy? Discuss different types of Diplomacy. **10**

**OR**

Global civil society organizations and initiatives have time and again taken up issues and matters of transnational and global importance and acted upon them – Discuss the role of Global Civil Society in International Relations. **10**

**PAPER: PSC 2046 (Public Administration II)**

**Answer the following questions**

**2 x 10 = 20**

**Q. No. 1.** What is Rationality? Discuss Herbert Simon's concept of Bounded Rationality. **10**

**OR**

What is Administrative Corruption? Discuss the causes of administrative corruption.

**10**

**Q. No. 2.** Discuss the meaning and characteristic features of Good Governance.

**10**

**OR**

Discuss the meaning and parameters of Administrative Culture.

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