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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY
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HOME ASSIGNMENT

M.A. in Political Science

Semester - IV (Session: 2023-24 (January))

Guidelines for Submission:

1. Learners who have been admitted in the Academic Session (2023-24 (January)) 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).
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 : 20th May, 2026.**

PAPER: PSC 4016: Comparative Political Analysis

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. “Comparative politics is as old as politics itself, yet it is a modern sub-discipline” – Examine the statement by tracing the evolution of comparative politics. **10**

OR

What do you mean by Comparative politics? Discuss its nature and scope. **10**

Q. No. 2. What is a political system? Write a note on different types of political systems. **10**

OR

Critically evaluate the role functions and role of the pressure groups in a political system. **10**

PAPER: PSC 4026 : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY II

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. What is research design? What are the major characteristics of a good research design? **10**

OR

Define hypothesis. Explain the role of hypothesis in research. **10**

Q. No. 2. Discuss sampling. Examine different types of sampling. **10**

OR

Write a note on observation method. **10**

PAPER: PSC 4046 : INDIA AND ITS NEIGHBOURS

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. What is India’s Neighbourhood First Policy? What are the challenges faced by India in implementing the Neighbourhood First Policy? **10**

- OR**
- Examine the major determinants of India's neighbourhood first policy. 10
- Q. No. 2.** Discuss India's strategic interests in the Indian Ocean Region. 10
- OR**
- Critically examine India's Act East policy. 10

PAPER: PSC POL 4066: ENVIRONMENT AND POLITICS

Answer the following questions: 2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. Discuss the meaning and features of Environmentalism. 10

OR

The core principle of Sustainable development is that the present generation should use natural resources responsibly to safeguard the needs of future generation. – Discuss the concept of Sustainable development with reference to the above statement. 10

Q. No. 2. Discuss the provisions of environmental protection under the Constitution of India. 10

OR

Natural disasters can seriously disrupt the functioning of the society and pose significant and widespread threats to life, property and the environment – Discuss. 10

PAPER: PSC 4096: HUMAN RIGHTS

Answer the following questions: 2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. Discuss the meaning and evolution of the concept of Human Rights. 10

OR

The Declaration has worked as a political stimulant, an educator and a moulder of conscience. – Discuss the significance of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in the light of the above statement. 10

Q. No. 2. Discuss about the enforcement of Fundamental Rights under the Indian Constitution. 10

OR

Discuss different issues violating child rights in India. 10

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