



**INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING**  
**Gauhati University**

**HOME ASSIGNMENT**

**M. A. Political Science**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)**

**Session: 2013-2014**

**Guidelines for Submission:**

1. Write your name, session, roll number, the topic selected and the title of the answer *clearly on the top*.
  2. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 800 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
  3. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
  4. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
  5. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on clean, foolscap sheets, or A-4 sized paper.
  6. In case you prefer to submit type-written answers, make sure that there are no typing errors which will deduct from the overall impression.
  7. Do not submit commercially purchased answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
  8. Please submit your assignment by **25<sup>th</sup> April, 2014**.
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**Paper V: Political Theory**

1. Define positive liberty. Distinguish it from negative liberty. 10  
*(Structure: Introduction, meaning of positive and negative liberty, difference between positive and negative liberty, Conclusion)*
2. Write a note on feminism. 10  
*(Structure: Introduction, meaning of feminism, growth of feminism, conclusion)*

**Paper VI: International Relations in the Contemporary Period**

1. Critically discuss the relevance Non-alignment movement in international relations. 10  
*(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of NAM, Relevance of NAM, Criticism, Conclusion)*
2. Discuss the internal Sources of threat to security in Third world countries. 10  
*(Structure: Introduction, Meaning of Third world Countries, Internal Sources of threat, Remedial measures, Conclusion)*

## **Paper VII: Politics in India –II**

1. Write a short note on the powers and functions of the Supreme Court of India.  
(Structure: Introduction, different powers and functions of Supreme Court, Conclusion) 10
2. Discuss the role of AGP in the electoral politics of Assam. 10  
(Structure: Introduction, emergence of AGP, Role of AGP in electoral politics, Conclusion)

## **Paper VIII: Indian Administration**

1. Discuss the role of bureaucracy in bringing about development in independent India. 10  
(Structure: Introduction, the increasing role of bureaucracy in independent India, bureaucracy and development, conclusion.)
2. Discuss Corruption and Favouritism as major challenges to Indian Administration. 10  
(Structure : Introduction, meaning of corruption, meaning of favouritism, both corruption and favouritism working as obstacles in the path of smooth working of Indian Administration, conclusion)

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