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Test 12

Time Allowed: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Max Marks: 120

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Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. All questions are for **15 marks** each.
3. Word limit for each question is **200 words**.
4. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the admission Certificate, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the booklet in the space provided.
5. Content of the answer is more important than its length.
6. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.
7. All parts of the question should be written at one place itself.
8. **Filling all the details in BLOCK LETTERS is mandatory.**

Q. No.	Marks	Q. No.	Marks
Q1		Q5	
Q2		Q6	
Q3		Q7	
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	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Understanding of Questions					
Structure & Flow					
(a) Introduction					
(b) Conclusion					
(c) Overall					
Subject Knowledge					
Presentation					
(a) Underline					
(b) Paragraph					
(c) Overall					

Overall Remarks:

Dear Student,



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Que.1

Is the rise of social movements a sign of opening up of popular space in political process or decline of representative politics? Examine.
(200 words, 15 Marks)

Social Movement characterised by collective participation for the Rights, liberties and voice in the decision making power.

Social movements historically were representative of the everyday issue of like for example,

Social Movement during colonial Rule by tribals and peasants were related to bread and butter, land rights and non-interference in their cultural practices.

Social movements in developed societies pre world wars time were of decline of representative politics or lack of it in the



first place.

With emergence of Progressive liberal ideas the Nature of social movement had also been changed.

Attributing to increased awareness, connectivity and free flow of knowledge through Information & communication technology social movement had led to opening up of public space.

The global issues like climate change, loss of species and forests due to deforestation, Human Rights and Individual liberties like Rights of LGBT have now become the issues of public discourses.



The Rise of social movements thus, can be attributed to both the facts of opening up of popular space as well as decline in the representative politics.

In contemporary times we see protests and movements against climate change and lack of actions towards it as a sign of responsiveness towards social cause in the wide audience around the world.

Social movements are the bullocks of democracy, they work towards making the governments accountable for the sake of themselves as well as for ~~the~~ those of future generations.



Que.2

Examine the relevance of political economy approach to comparative politics. (200 words, 15 Marks)

Political economy approach tries to understand the political system by the economic policies enacted and practised in such systems.

Adam Smith in his book 'wealth of Nations' argues about laissez faire

Model of political system.

where he talks about an invisible hand of market forces that drives the political system.

The relevance of his model can be understood from the Aphoristic statement — 'good economics is good politics'.



The collapse of socialism in the end of cold war due to lack of economic might also suggest that economy plays a bigger role in the political system.

Karl Marx has given the idea that state is part of epiphenomenon that rest on the Basic structure of society i.e. economy or mode of production.

Political economy approach had been eyed ~~for~~ for criticism from Marxist scholars attributing the fact that politics is just the puppet of dominant class of bourgeois.



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Political economy approach had been also criticised for economic Reductionism reducing the complex process of state to just economic way of Analysis.

dependency school have criticised the approach for development of underdevelopment in the developing societies.

That can be seen from world system model of Immanuel Wallerstein.

Importance of Political economy can be understood from the work of James Robinson's book 'Why Nations fail?' where he attribute bad economic policies lead to state failure.



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Que.3

Discuss the impact of pandemic on the nature of states in advanced industrial societies. (200 words, 15 Marks)

Advanced Industrial societies were the colonial superpowers which had developed industrialised economies by supplying industrial goods to colonies.

In contemporary time the Nature of state in developing societies can be understood from the works of Robert Dahl where he gives pluralist theory of state being run by pressure groups and interest groups.

Impact of pandemic on the Nature of states in this developed societies can be discussed as below —



- ↳ there is rise of Neo-Rightism and Authoritarian ideas of self reliance.
- ↳ Pandemic has exposed the shortcomings of globalised economy that had led to change in these states towards increasing of domestic policies for production.
- ↳ Post Pandemic there has been an trend of decrease in democratic value as highlighted by freedom house in their freedom index 2022.
- ↳ there has been rise of Authoritarianism in some parts of European countries, as seen in Hungary, Greece etc.



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post pandemic world has exposed the
close of 'ideal western state' in
industrialized societies.

The study of state in this societies
can be recalibrated with changing power
Relation amidst emerging global order.



Que.4

Discuss the strength of political sociology approach. (200 words, 15 Marks)

Political Sociological Approach is an hybrid approach to study Political system from sociological point of view.

Historically Aristotle has given the sociological understanding of politics and stated that the cause of Revolution is the injustice and inequality in society.

The strength of political sociology approach is that it can help in understanding the politics from the attributes of societies like Religion, caste, ethnicity, culture etc.



This feature help in understanding of post-colonial ~~see~~ states and their political systems where there is difference between the text and Context of the system.

Another strength of this approach is that it explains the change in social structure and it's impact on political structure. which Political theories failed to do so.

on this account, Political sociology Approach is criticised for Not accounting the fact that politics can also become cause of social change.

Indian Constitution can be an example of such revolutionary document

that is leading to a social change in traditional society by political methods.

Political sociological approach has also been criticised for being society centric that had led to dilution of discipline of political science.

Over sociological determinism had threatened the existence of political science as an independent discipline of study of state.

Political sociological Approach has given insights in Better Understanding of political system from social point of view,



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Que.5

Traditional form of globalization is in partial retreat and new agendas are morphing into the new forms of globalization. Analyse.
(200 words, 15 Marks)

Globalization is the interlinking of economies, societies and government through movement of goods, investments and people to people connect.

Traditional form of globalisation based on the idea of 'global village' had shown a dark side to the world of overt dependency on single source of production and lack of diversification.

In Covid-19 Pandemic it had been observed that, an impact on one geography can not be only limited to the locality but has global consequences.



Critical dependency on any one place in case of any disaster, climate event, war etc. can create ripple effect that could place whole world into risk.

The new agenda of globalisation can stand from need for diversification of supply chains and creating multiple sources for production to de-risk the global economy.

The new emerging globalisation is also subject to the ideological rivalry and trust deficit created due to weaponization of supply chain by some countries.

In the words of Semir Samir,



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The new emerging globalisation is moving from global village towards 'gated globalisation' where there is idea of trusted partners and geographies is present.

This can also be seen in recent data protection legislations like GDPR in European Union where 'trusted partners' is used.

Globalisation had been changing its forms but with recent tectonic impacts like Covid-19 Pandemic & war in Ukraine world is moving towards decentralised globalisation. PM Modi in his remarks said that there is need for human-centric globalisation which is inclusive and fair for all.



Que.6

Differentiate between the role of political parties and pressure groups with suitable examples. (200 words, 15 Marks)

Political parties and pressure groups are bedrock of democracy, without them whole democratic system would collapse.

Political parties

Political Parties

→ They perform the task of Interest Aggregation

→ Political parties acts as an actor contesting for direct control of political system.

Pressure groups

→ they perform the task of Interest Articulation

→ Pressure groups use the invisible techniques of lobbying, influence etc. to further their interest



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Political Parties

- Political parties represent wider constituency of differing interests.
- Political parties can be ideologically driven, professionally managed.
- Political parties have open membership systems for all citizens.
- Political parties examples are
 - 1) democrats → left ideology or progressivism.

Pressure groups

- Pressure groups generally represented by same cause or interest.
- Pressure groups are driven by interest of its members or community.
- Pressure groups are restricted in their membership ~~for~~ on the basis of concern or community.
- Pressure groups examples include -
 - 1) Institutional.
 - group of Bureaucrats.



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2) Republican → Right ideology or Conservatism.

~~2) Congress~~

3) Bahujan Samaj Party
→ for community based

1) Associational
eg → FICCI

3) Non-Associational
eg → RSS

4) Anomie
eg → Jan Andolan
(Public movements)

Political Parties and Pressure groups have their unique role in sharing and shaping of decisions and Agenda in a democracy.



Que.7

Examine the changing trends in the nature of state in advanced industrial societies since the beginning of 21st century. (200 words, 15 Marks)

Beginning of 21st century is marked by Rise of east and decline in the power of west.

Farooq Zakaria state that by stating 'decline of the West and Rise of Rest'.

The changing trends in advanced industrial societies are discussed below —

↳ rise of protectionism from globalisation due to increased dependency on the emerging economies.

↳ the states are facing the humanitarian crisis in form of Refugees coming from war torn Africa and West Asia.



- ↳ There is rise of neo-right powers with focus on conservative values of family and Religion that can be seen from recent election of georgia miloni in Italy.
- ↳ there is rise of environment, human rights and social rights movement led by the middle class.
- ↳ With the ~~to~~ high rate of climate change this societies and states are facing issues of energy, fuel and cost of living.
- ↳ recently with the advent of war in ukraine there had been clear cleavage on the ideological lines in this societies.
- ↳ there has been policies to rollback globalisation.



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The study of state in developing societies from the perspective of dependency school with scholar like Immanuel wallerstein, Abi Frank and Samir amin suggest that the core is trying to protect its hegemony in the world economy and affairs.

hence study of this societies is about the study of power politics in the world.



Que.8

Globalisation has been too complex and too contradictory process.
Discuss. (200 words, 15 Marks)

globalisation is the process of integration and interdependence of world economy, societies and government owing to increased trade, investment and people to people movement crossing national boundaries.

The process of globalisation which started with the idea of comparative Advantage to shift the labour intensive industries to economies having cheap labour in order to reduce the cost of production.

with increased interconnectness between world, the idea of 'global village' was established.



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But as can be seen from recent development - weather Covid-19 Pandemic, war in Ukraine or increased frequency of climate disasters like floods in Pakistan or Heat wave in Europe.

The centralized dependency puts the global economy at the risk of standstill as seen in the example of chip shortage that disrupted global economies.

The process of globalisation is contradictory in a sense that it creates specialised centres of production and critical dependency on them.

That can be leveraged by the opportunist actors for personal interests.



It Also puts the economies at the risk of weaponisation of supply chains.

As Samir Saman stated the world is moving from global village to gated globalisation where there would be diversification of centers of production, and idea of trusted partners and geographies with similar view on emerging global order.

Shashi Tharoor in his book 'The emerging world disorder' argues that globalisation would ^{become} ~~create~~ more restricted in its impact and world would see more complexity in its interpretation.