GS SCORE

UPSC 2016

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PAPER - I)

Time Allowed: 3 hr.

Max. Marks: 250

SECTION - A

- 1. Comment on the following in about 150 words each:
 - (a) "How would and my fellow human beings behave if we were to find ourselves in a state of nature, and what does this behavior tell us about our innate pre-dispositions?"

(Thomas Hobbes)

- (b) The Post-Behavioural Approach.
- (c) Affirmative Action.
- (d) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's idea of state socialism.
- (e) Gramsci's concept of Hegemony
- 2. (a) "The Political ideology of Globalization is Neo-Liberalism." Comment.
 - (b) Discuss Feminist Theory of the State.
 - (c) Critically examine John Rawl's Argument for democratic equality.
- 3. (a) Discuss Shri Aurobinod's views on Culture Nationalism.
 - (b) Explain Marx's understanding of Human Essence and Alienation.
 - (c) "The implementation of human rights is regarded as a matter of changing the conduct of States. " Comment.
- 4. (a) Discuss Hannah Arendt's analysis of the role of ideology in modern totalitarian regimes.
 - (b) Explicate the features of Representative Democracy.
 - (c) Examine Gandhi's critique of 'Modernisations'.

SECTION - B

- 5. Comment on the following in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Critically examine the Radical Humanist perspective on Indian National Movement.
 - (b) Cultural and Regional differences are the enduring bases on which politics is played out in India.
 - (c) 'Article 368 does not enable Parliament to alter the basic structure or framework of the Constitution'.



- (d) The Purpose of the 42nd Constitutional Amendment was to make the economic and social democracy explicitly visible.
- (e) The philosophy and administration of the distribution of powers between Centre and state is required to be re-assessed.
- 6. (a) Critically examine the politics of Economic growth in India.
 - (b) Comment on the emergence of Backward classes in the Indian politics.
 - (c) Discuss the pattern of Political Parties from one dominant party system to coalition politics in national politics.
- 7. (a) Land reforms have failed in the eradication of rural poverty. Comment.
 - (b) Critically examine the role of Governor in recent times.
 - (c) Discuss the Right to information and underline challenges being posed before it.
- 8. (a) The goal of Good governance will be achieved only by strengthening the grass root level democracy.
 - (b) Examine the objective and role of the National Human Rights Commission.
 - (c) Critical Examine the provisions made in the Constitution for the protection of Environment.

