

UPSC Mains 2025 Aug 31, 2025 Political Science (Paper 1) Question Paper and Answer Key PDF

Q. No.	Question	Check Solution
Q1 (A)	Explain the Philosophical approach to the study of Political theory.	Check Solution
Q1 (B)	Write a note on the relation between equality and liberty from the multi-cultural perspective.	Check Solution
Q1 (C)	Explain the Macpherson's view on power.	Check Solution
Q1 (D)	Mention the difference between Italian and German brands of facism.	Check Solution
Q1 (E)	Explain briefly the elite theory of democracy.	Check Solution
Q2 (A)	What is the Marxist and liberal approach towards the state? On what grounds the theoretical differences between them are premised? Explain.	Check Solution
Q2 (B)	Karl Popper presents a defence of the open society against its enemies. Elaborate.	Check Solution
Q2 (C)	Explain how Rawls used the liberal and egalitarian perspective to develop his concept of distributive justice.	Check Solution
Q3 (A)	Provide a comparative analysis of behavioural and institutional approach to the study of political theory.	Check Solution
Q3 (B)	"State..... does the greatest harm to mankind by destroying individuality, which lies at the root of all progress." -- Mahatma Gandhi. Elucidate.	Check Solution
Q3 (C)	Explain how the slogan 'the personal is political' addresses the issue of women's oppression and discrimination?	Check Solution
Q4 (A)	The foundational base of western democracy has been shaped by Locke's ideas of constitutionalism, freedom and property. Elucidate	Check Solution
Q4 (B)	Hannah Arendt analysed a few categories of vita activa. Explain.	Check Solution
Q4 (C)	Do you think that legitimacy acquired by consent or manufactured by indoctrination is an essential element in maintenance of political rule? Justify your answer with relevant examples.	Check Solution
Q5 (A)	Explain briefly the role of Peasant Movements after 1857 and before independence.	Check Solution
Q5 (B)	Write a note on the Dalit perspective of Indian National Movement.	Check Solution
Q5 (C)	Land reforms programmes led to some constitutional amendments. Comment.	Check Solution
Q5 (D)	Delineate the key factors that have shaped the evolving political landscape in Jammu and Kashmir post 2019.	Check Solution

Q5 (E)	How far has been the National Human Rights Commission successful in achieving its objectives? Comment.	Check Solution
Q6 (A)	Parliamentary committees are indispensable to the legislative process. It provides for the opportunity for cross-pollination between the two chambers of the Parliament. Discuss.	Check Solution
Q6 (B)	Examine the constitutional provisions and nature of advisory jurisdiction of Supreme Court of India. Evaluate your answer with relevant examples.	Check Solution
Q6 (C)	The recent developments in Indian Politics has not eroded the true spirit of federalism in India. Critically examine this statement with the help of appropriate examples.	Check Solution
Q7 (A)	Enunciate the impediments to women's participation in local governance in the process of political decentralisation.	Check Solution
Q7 (B)	Caste remains a vital axis for political mobilisation in India. How would the caste census address the aspirations of people ? Discuss.	Check Solution
Q7 (C)	There is a debate on the procedure for appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners to the Election Commission of India. Analyse its various aspects.	Check Solution
Q8 (A)	The decision to conduct Population Census-2027 has reopened the debate on delimitation in India. Discuss its various aspects.	Check Solution
Q8 (B)	With reference to Nehruvian perspective of planning and economic development, examine how the early phase of economic planning in India has laid the foundation of modern India's economic growth.	Check Solution
Q8 (C)	Illustrate with examples how political parties in India have played a crucial role in drawing the historically disadvantaged groups into the mainstream political system.	Check Solution