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6th September 2026 Sunday	Paper I Sectional Test 2	Paper - 1 Political Theory and Indian Politics: Unit 8-10 Indian Government and Politics: Unit 1-4	- Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism. - Indian Political Thought: Dharmashastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy. - Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt. <u>Indian Nationalism:</u> - Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-Cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and Revolutionary Movements, Peasant and Workers Movements. - Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit. - Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British Rule; Different Social and Political Perspectives. - Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, DPSPs; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure Doctrine. - Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court. - Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.
20th September 2026 Sunday	Paper I Sectional Test 3	Paper - 1 Indian Government and Politics: Unit 5-11	- Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements. - Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission. - Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of center-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes. - Planning and Economic Development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms. - Caste, Religion, and Ethnicity in Indian Politics. - Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; Patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behavior; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators. - Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.



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23rd August 2026 Sunday	Paper II Sectional Test 4	Paper - 2 Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics: Unit 1-7	• Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method. • State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies. • Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies. • Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies. • Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory. • Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation. • Changing International Political Order: 1. Rise of superpowers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and cold war; Nuclear threat; 2. Non-aligned movement: Aims and achievements. 3. Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.
6th September 2026 Sunday	Paper II Sectional Test 5	Paper - 2 Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics: Unit 8-11 India and the World: Unit 1-2	• Evolution of the International Economic System: From Bretton woods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy. • United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; the need for UN reforms. • Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA. • Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice terrorism, nuclear proliferation. • Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; continuity and change. • India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement Different phases; current role.
20th September 2026 Sunday	Paper II Sectional Test 6	Paper - 2 India and the World: Unit 3-8	• India and South Asia: 1. Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects. 2. South Asia as a Free Trade Area. 3. India's "Look East" policy. 4. Impediments to regional co-operation: River water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes. • India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations. • India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia. • India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council. • India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy. • Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.



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