

## **Political Science & International Relations (TLP Phase-II Schedule)**

### **A brief gist of the plan:**

Daily 3-6 questions will be posted depending on breadth and weightage of topic. As you may be aware, there are a total of 4 sections in PSIR optional divided over 2 papers. After the completion of each section, there will be a mini mock covering syllabus of entire section; i.e., there will be mini mocks after Week 2, Week 5, Week 8 and Week 10. The syllabus being covered per day is very less (mostly 1 single topic) so that undue pressure is not created on aspirants, since they have General Studies papers to cover as well. Questions will also be covering Previous Years' UPSC Question papers and Mock tests from various coaching institutes, so that aspirants do not have to look anywhere else. Synopsis will not be posted. However, peer to peer discussion is encouraged. Any changes, if necessary, will be informed well in advance.

### **Sources:**

The sources to be referred are left upto the aspirants' good judgement. However, the aspirants are advised to use standard books such as Andrew Heywood series, OP Gauba, Rajeev Bhargava, M. Laxmikanth, BL Fadia, VL Khanna, David Malone etc., and supplement them with Wikipedia, Quora answers, Government committee reports (ARC, Sarkaria and Punchhi), newspaper and magazine articles (The Hindu, The Indian Express, Economic & Political Weekly). Google political articles by reputed columnists like Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Ashutosh Varshney, Brahma Chellaney, Srinath Raghavan etc. and read them- will be very beneficial. IGNOU materials and Shubhra Ranjan Madam's notes are also recommended.

### **Week 1:**

10-7-17 (Monday) Day 1 – Political theory: Meaning and approaches; Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluiralist, post-colonial and Feminist.

11-7-17 (Tuesday) Day 2 – Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.

12-7-17 (Wednesday) Day 3 – Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action; Rights: Meaning and theories, different kinds of rights, concept of human rights.

13-7-17 (Thursday) Day 4 – Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories, different models of democracy- representative, participatory and deliberative; Concept of power: hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.

14-7-17 (Friday) Day 5 – Political ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.

## **Week 2:**

17-7-17 (Monday) Day 6 – Indian Political thought: Dharmashastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions.

18-7-17 (Tuesday) Day 7 – Indian Political thought: Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar and M.N. Roy.

19-7-17 (Wednesday) Day 8 – Western Political thought: Plato and Aristotle.

20-7-17 (Thursday) Day 9 – Western Political thought: Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.

21-7-17 (Friday) Day 10 – Western Political thought: John S. Mill, Karl Marx, Gramsci and Hannah Arendt.

22-7-17 (Saturday) – Mini mock 1- Revision of Weeks 1 & 2.

## **Week 3:**

24-7-17 (Monday) Day 11 – Indian nationalism: Political Strategies of India's freedom struggle: Constitutionalism to Mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil disobedience, militant and revolutionary movements, peasant and worker movements.

25-7-17 (Tuesday) Day 12 – Indian nationalism: Perspectives on Indian national movement, Liberal, Socialist and Marxist, Radical Humanist and Dalit.

26-7-17 (Wednesday) Day 13 – Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British Rule, different social and political perspectives.

27-7-17 (Thursday) Day 14 – Salient features of the Indian Constitution: Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, DPSP.

28-7-17 (Friday) Day 15 – Parliamentary system and amendment procedures, Judicial review and Basic Structure Doctrines.

## **Week 4:**

31-7-17 (Monday) Day 16 – Principal organs of Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.

1-8-17 (Tuesday) Day 17 – Principal organs of State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of Executive, Legislature and High Courts.

2-8-17 (Wednesday) Day 18 – Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Governments; Significance of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> amendments; Grassroots movements.

3-8-17 (Thursday) Day 19 – Statutory Institutions: Election Commission, UPSC, CAG and Finance Commission.

4-8-17 (Friday) Day 20 – Statutory Institutions: National Commission for STs, National Commission for SCs, National Commission for Women, NHRC, National Commission for minorities, National Commission for backward classes.

### **Week 5:**

7-8-17 (Monday) Day 21 – Federalism: Constitutional Provisions, changing nature of centre-state relations, integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations, inter-state disputes.

8-8-17 (Tuesday) Day 22 – 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.

9-8-17 (Wednesday) Day 23 – Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.

10-8-17 (Thursday) Day 24 – Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties, Patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour, changing socio-economic profile of legislators.

11-8-17 (Friday) Day 25 – Social movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements, women's movements, environmentalist movements.

12-8-17 (Saturday) – Mini mock 2- Revision of Weeks 3, 4 & 5.

### **Week 6:**

14-8-17 (Monday) Day 26 – Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches, Political Economy and political sociology perspectives, Limitations of the comparative method.

15-8-17 (Tuesday) Day 27 – State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.

16-8-17 (Wednesday) Day 28 – Politics of representation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.

17-8-17 (Thursday) Day 29 – Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies.

18-8-17 (Friday) Day 30 – Approaches to study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.

### **Week 7:**

21-8-17 (Monday) Day 31 – 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.

22-8-17 (Tuesday) Day 32 – 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. (...contd.)

23-8-17 (Wednesday) Day 33 – Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers, Strategic and ideological bipolarity, arms race and cold war, Nuclear threat.

24-8-17 (Thursday) Day 34 – Non-aligned movement: aims and achievements; Collapse of Soviet Union.

25-8-17 (Friday) Day 35 – Unipolarity and American hegemony, Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.

### **Week 8:**

28-8-17 (Monday) Day 36 – Evolution of International Economic system: From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual economic Assistance).

29-8-17 (Tuesday) Day 37 – Third world demand for new international economic order, Globalisation of world economy.

30-8-17 (Wednesday) Day 38 – United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record, Specialised UN agencies- aims and functioning, need for UN reforms.

31-8-17 (Thursday) Day 39 – Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA.

1-9-17 (Friday) Day 40 – Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice terrorism, nuclear proliferation.

2-9-17 (Saturday) – Mini mock 3- Revision of Weeks 6, 7 & 8.

### **Week 9:**

4-9-17 (Monday) Day 41 – Indian foreign policy: Determinants of foreign policy, the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change.

5-9-17 (Tuesday) Day 42 – India's Contribution to the Non-Aligned Movement, different phases and current role.

6-9-17 (Wednesday) Day 43 – India and South Asia: Regional co-operation: SAARC- past performance and future prospects; South Asia as a free trade area.

7-9-17 (Thursday) Day 44 – India's "Look East Policy".

8-9-17 (Friday) Day 45 – Impediments of regional co-operation: River water disputes, illegal cross border migration, Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies, Border disputes.

### **Week 10:**

11-9-17 (Monday) Day 46 – India and the global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America, Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.

12-9-17 (Tuesday) Day 47 – India and global Centres of power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.

13-9-17 (Wednesday) Day 48 – India and the UN system: Role in UN-peace keeping, Demand for permanent seat in Security Council.

14-9-17 (Thursday) Day 49 – India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.

15-9-17 (Friday) Day 50 – Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy: India's position on recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.

16-9-17 (Saturday) – Mini mock 4- Revision of Weeks 9 & 10.

**23-9-17 (Saturday) – Full Mock 1.1 (Paper 1)**

**24-9-17 (Sunday) – Full Mock 1.2 (Paper 2)**

**30-9-17 (Saturday) – Full Mock 2.1 (Paper 1)**

**1-10-17 (Sunday) – Full Mock 2.2 (Paper 2)**

**7-10-17 (Saturday) – Full Mock 3.1 (Paper 1)**

**8-10-17 (Sunday) – Full Mock 3.2 (Paper 2)**