

UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD
Entrance Examination-June 2012

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Ph.D (Political Science)

Hall Ticket No.

Marks: 75

Time: 2 Hrs.

General Instructions:

1. All answers shall be written in English.
2. All answers should be written in about three pages each and within this booklet itself.
3. Part A consists of TWO questions on Methodology. Candidate should attempt only ONE question and it carries 25 marks.
4. Part B consists of TEN questions and it carries 50 marks. Candidate should attempt TWO questions. Each question carries 25 marks.
5. This booklet contains 11 pages.
6. Enter your hall ticket number on all the answer books.

PART-A

1. Discuss the debate on the fact-value distinction in social sciences.
2. What is sampling and why sampling? What are the various types of probability sampling? Give suitable examples and state the situations in which different types of sampling are appropriate in survey research.

PART-B

1. Explain the tensions between the values of liberty and equality and discuss the ways, if any, of resolving them.
2. Present the views of Louis Althusser and Antonio Gramsci on the capitalist State. What are the continuities and differences?
3. "The advent of the concept of "roll back the state" since the nineteen eighties has been altering the role of public administration but certainly not diminishing its central place in human society." Discuss.
4. "The weakest aspect of Indian Administrative System is utter disregard for accountability." Examine the current mechanism for enforcing accountability. What steps are necessary to make it more effective?
5. What are the merits and demerits of different electoral systems? Critically evaluate the proposal to replace FPTP with proportional representation drawing examples from India's electoral experience.
6. Critically evaluate civil society and political society as conceptual terms of reference to understand the multiple trajectories of democratization in India.
7. How is the political economy approach helpful in comparative political analysis?
8. Discuss the notion of 'constitutionalism' in the field of politics.

9. Account for the rise of regionalism as a major force in post-Cold War International Relations.
10. Assess either the feminist or liberal critiques of the realist understanding of International Relations.