



INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING
GAUHATI UNIVERSITY

Home Assignment
M.A. In Political Science, 1st Semester
Session: 2013-2014

Guidelines:

The students are given following three options for internal assessment.

1. The students may submit home assignment on the following questions.
Or
2. The students may come prepared and make presentation on the following questions (topics).
Or
3. The students may appear in a test to be conducted in the IDOL building premises.

N.B: *the dates for the presentation and test will be notified later.*

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF HOME ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Write your **NAME, ROLL NUMBER, SESSION, PAPER NUMBER, TOPIC SELECTED** and **EXAMINATION**, clearly on the top of the Front page of each paper.
2. Submit your Assignments **PAPER-WISE** Separately.
3. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 500 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
4. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
5. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
6. **Stick File** not necessary.
7. **Copying** from others including **Xerox** from others strictly prohibited.
8. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on **A-4** sized paper on **One Side** of each page **Only**.
9. Submit Your Assignments strictly on or before the due date as notified. Assignments received after the due date may not be considered for evaluation.
10. The last date of submission is **October 25, 2013**.

N.B. Students are requested to follow the instructions strictly.

Paper I: Political Theory I

1. Discuss briefly Plato's concept of education.
(Structure: Introduction, Plato's concept of education, criticism, conclusion)
2. Discuss critically J.S. Mill's concept on liberty.
(Structure: Introduction, J.S. Mill's concept on liberty, criticism, conclusion)

Paper II: International Politics: Theoretical Aspects

1. Define power? Discuss the relevance of balance of power theory in the contemporary world politics.
(Structure: Introduction, Definition of power, Meaning of Balance of power, relevance of balance of power, Conclusion.)
2. Discuss the role of diplomacy in international politics.
(Structure: Introduction, meaning of diplomacy, role of diplomacy, Conclusion.)

Paper III: Politics in India I

1. Write a note on the socio-economic foundation of Indian state.
(Structure: Introduction, socio-economic basis of Indian state, conclusion)
2. Discuss briefly the centre-state relations in India.
(Structure: Introduction, centre-state relations in India, conclusion)

Paper IV Public Administration: Theories and Concepts

1. Critically examine the Scientific Management Theory.
(Structure : Introduction- Basic Contention of the theory- Background- Salient features of the theory- criticisms- conclusion.)
2. Discuss the relationship between Good Governance and Human Rights.
(Structure : Introduction- Meaning of Governance and Good Governance -- Meaning of Human Rights – their relationship – conclusion.)