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M. A. in Political Science

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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 × 2 essays = 20 marks).
 5. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
 6. **Stick File** is 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 **28th October, 2014**.
- N.B. Students are requested to follow the instructions strictly.**
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Paper IX: Comparative Politics

1. Write a note on the traditional approaches to Comparative Politics.
(Structure : Introduction, traditional approaches, features and defects of the traditional approaches, conclusion.)
2. Critically analyse the Structural-Functional Approach to comparative politics.
(Structure : Introduction, basic assumption of structural-functionalism, Input and Output functions, criticisms, conclusion.)

Paper X: Rural Development in India

1. Discuss about the different programmes launched from time to time to initiate the process of rural development.
(Structure : Introduction, concept of rural development, different rural development programmes, conclusion.)
2. Elaborate the concepts of Democratic Decentralisation and Gandhian concept of Gram Swarajya.
(Structure : Introduction, concept of Democratic Decentralisation, Gandhian concept of Gram Swarajya, conclusion.)

Paper XI : Political Sociology

1. Discuss briefly the nature and scope of Political Sociology.
(Structure: Introduction, nature of Political Sociology, scope of Political Sociology, conclusion)
2. Define authority. Discuss its relationship with leadership.
(Structure: Introduction, meaning and definition of authority, relationship between authority and leadership, conclusion)

Paper XII: Government and Politics in North East India

1. Discuss the role of regional political parties in Northeast India with special reference to Assam
(Structure: Introduction, role of regional political parties in Northeast India, role of regional political parties in Assam, conclusion)
2. Discuss the Role of AGP in Assam Politics.
(Structure: Introduction, role of AGP, conclusion)