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# CSB IAS ACADEMY

## Political Science & International Relations (PSIR) TEST SERIES SCHEDULE-2023

Test No	Date	Syllabus
<b>Test 1</b> (Paper-1 Section-A)	<b>15-06-23</b>	<p><b>(Ch.9) Indian Political Thought:</b> Dharmashastra, Arthashastra, and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.</p> <p><b>(Ch.10) Western Political Thought:</b> Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.</p> <p><b>(Ch.8) Political Ideologies:</b> Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism, and Feminism.</p> <p><b>(Ch.2) Theories of state:</b> Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial, and Feminist.</p> <p><b>(Ch.1) Political Theory:</b> meaning and approaches.</p>
<b>Test 2</b> (Paper-1 Section-A)	<b>26-06-23</b>	<p><b>(Ch.3) Justice:</b> Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.</p> <p><b>(Ch.4) Equality:</b> Social, political, and economic; the relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.</p> <p><b>(Ch.5) Rights:</b> Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.</p> <p><b>(Ch.6) Democracy:</b> Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory and deliberative.</p> <p><b>(Ch.7) Concept of power:</b> hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy.</p>
<b>Test 3</b> (Paper-1 Section-B)	<b>03-07-23</b>	<p><b>(Ch.2) Making of the Indian Constitution:</b> Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.</p> <p><b>(Ch.3) Salient Features of the Indian Constitution:</b> The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.</p> <p><b>(Ch.7) Federalism:</b> Constitutional provisions; changing nature of center-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.</p> <p><b>(Ch.5) Grassroots Democracy:</b> Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.</p> <p><b>(Ch.4) (a) Principal Organs of the Union Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and Supreme Court. (b) <b>Principal Organs of the State Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and High Courts.</p> <p><b>(Ch.6) Statutory Institutions/Commissions:</b> 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</p>

<p><b>Test 4</b></p> <p>(Paper-1 Section-B)</p>	<p><b>13-07-23</b></p>	<p><b>(Ch.8) Planning and Economic Development:</b> Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.</p> <p><b>(Ch.9) Caste, Religion, and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.</b></p> <p><b>(Ch.10) Party System:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>(Ch.11) Social Movement:</b> Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.</p> <p><b>(Ch.1) Indian Government and Politics</b></p> <p>(a) Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and Revolutionary Movements, Peasant and Workers Movements.</p> <p>(b) Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Liberal, Socialist, and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit.</p>
<p><b>Test 5</b></p>	<p><b>18-07-23</b></p>	<p><b>GRAND TEST (PAPER-1)</b></p>
<p><b>Test 6</b></p> <p>(Paper-2 Section-A)</p>	<p><b>24-07-23</b></p>	<p><b>(Ch.1) Comparative Politics:</b> Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method.</p> <p><b>(Ch.2) State in Comparative Perspective:</b> Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p><b>(Ch.3) Politics of Representation and Participation:</b> Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</p> <p><b>(Ch.4) Globalisation:</b> Responses from developed and developing societies.</p> <p><b>(Ch.5) Approaches to the Study of International Relations:</b> Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.</p> <p><b>(Ch.6) Key Concepts in International Relations:</b> National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and Globalisation.</p>
<p><b>Test 7</b></p> <p>(Paper-2 Section-A)</p>	<p><b>04-08-23</b></p>	<p><b>(Ch.7) Changing International Political Order:</b></p> <p>(a) Rise of superpowers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and cold war; Nuclear threat;</p> <p>(b) <b>Non-aligned movement:</b> Aims and achievements.</p> <p>(c) <b>Collapse of the Soviet Union;</b> Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.</p> <p><b>(Ch.8) Evolution of the International Economic System:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>(Ch.9) United Nations:</b> Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; the need for UN reforms.</p> <p><b>(Ch.10) Regionalisation of World Politics:</b> EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA.</p> <p><b>(Ch.11) Contemporary Global Concerns:</b> Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</p>

<p><b>Test 8</b></p> <p>(Paper-2 Section-B)</p>	<p><b>14-08-23</b></p>	<p><b>(Ch.1) Indian Foreign Policy:</b> Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.</p> <p><b>(Ch.2) India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement</b> Different phases; current role.</p> <p><b>(Ch.3) India and South Asia:</b></p> <p>(a) Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects</p> <p>(b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area.</p> <p>(c) India's "Look East" policy.</p> <p>(d) Impediments to regional co-operation: River water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes.</p>
<p><b>Test 9</b></p> <p>(Paper-2 Section-B)</p>	<p><b>21-08-23</b></p>	<p><b>(Ch.4) India and the Global South:</b> Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.</p> <p><b>(Ch.5) India and the Global Centres of Power:</b> USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.</p> <p><b>(Ch.6) India and the UN System:</b> Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</p> <p><b>(Ch.7) India and the Nuclear Question:</b> Changing perceptions and policy.</p> <p><b>(Ch.8) Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy:</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Test 10</b></p>	<p><b>25-08-23</b></p>	<p><b>GRAND TEST (PAPER-2)</b></p>
<p><b>Test 11</b></p>	<p><b>01-09-23</b> <b>(Morning)</b></p>	<p><b>GRAND TEST – 1 (PAPER-1)</b></p>
<p><b>Test 12</b></p>	<p><b>01-09-23</b> <b>(Afternoon)</b></p>	<p><b>GRAND TEST – 2 (PAPER-2)</b></p>