

Savitribai Phule Pune University Syllabus for the MA (Political Science)
Online Entrance Examination 2025-26

Section: A: General Aptitude

20 questions for 1 Mark Total Marks: 20

- I) General Knowledge
- II) Logical Reasoning
- III) Comprehension
- IV) Current Affairs

Section: B: Subject Specific

40 questions for 2 Marks Total Marks:80

UNIT 1

INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Topic 1: Background and Salient Features of the Indian Constitution

- a) Formation of the Constituent Assembly
- b) Philosophy of the Preamble to the Indian Constitution
- c) Major Features: Parliamentary Democracy, Federalism, Independent Judiciary, Social Justice and Social Transformation

Topic 2: Fundamental Rights, Duties and the Directive Principles of State Policy

- a) Nature of Fundamental Rights –Major Fundamental Rights-Right to Equality, Right to Liberty, Right to Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Rights
- b) Importance of Fundamental Duties
- c) Nature and Significance of Directive Principles of State Policy

Topic 3: Federalism

- a) Salient Features of Indian Federalism
- b) Centre –State Relations
- c) Issues of Conflict-Water Issues, Border Issues and Sharing of Resources

Topic 4: Structure of the Union Government – Legislature, Executive, Judiciary

- a) Union Legislature – Structure, Powers and Role
- b) Union Executive – President, Prime Minister and the Cabinet: Role and Functions
- c) Judiciary – Nature of the Judiciary, Supreme Court: Powers and Functions

Topic 5: Structure of State Government – Legislature, Executive, Judiciary

- a) State Legislature – Structure, Powers and Role

- b) State Executive – Governor, Chief Minister and the Cabinet: Role and Functions
- c) Judiciary- Nature of the Judiciary, High Court: Powers and Functions

Topic 6: Party System and Elections

- a) Nature and Changing Pattern of the Party System
- b) Elections – Election Commission: Major Features of the Electoral System and Patterns of Voting Behavior
- c) Rise and Role of Regional Parties

Topic 7: Role of Caste and Religion in Indian Politics

- a) Caste and Politics of Identity
- b) Rise of OBCs
- c) Religion and Politics of Communalism

Topic 8: Issues of Regionalism and Development

- a) Causes and Patterns of Regionalism
- b) Issues of Development – Uneven Development Leading to Regional Imbalance, Poverty Eradication, Health and Education

UNIT 2 MODERN INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Topic 1: Jotiba Phule (1827-1890)

- a) Radical liberalism
- b) Critique of Brahmanism and money lenders
- c) Views on emancipation of Shudra-Atishudra and Women
- d) Doctrine of Sarvajnik Satyadharma

Topic 2: M.G.Ranade (1842-1901)

- a) Liberalism
- b) Understanding of British Rule in India
- c) Views on State and Economy
- d) Views on Social Reforms

Topic 3: B.G.Tilak (1856-1920)

- a) Tilak's theory of Nationalism
- b) Views on 'Swarajya'
- c) Critique of Social Reformism
- d) Doctrine of 'Loksangraha'

Topic 4: M.K.Gandhi (1869-1948)

- a) Theory of Satyagraha-Meaning of Non Violence, Ends and Means Debate, Forms of

Satyagraha

- b) Critique of Western Civilization
- c) Views on Sarvodaya
- d) Views on Communal Harmony

Topic 5: B.R. Ambedkar (1891-1956)

- a) Critique of the Caste System and Ways to Annihilate the Caste System
- b) Theory of Social Democracy
- c) Views on State Socialism
- d) Doctrine of Dhamma

Topic 6: M.N.Roy (1887-1954)

- a) Understanding of Marxism
- b) Understanding and Critique of Indian National Movement
- c) Radical Humanism

Topic 7: V.D.Savarkar (1883-1966)

- a) Theory of Hindutva
- b) Understanding and Critique of British Rule in India
- c) Views on Eradication of Caste Discrimination
- d) Savarkar's views on Religion and Science

Topic 8: Abul Kalam Azad (1888-1958)

- a) Theory of Nationalism
- b) Interpretation of Islam
- c) Views on Communal Harmony
- d) Pan –Islamism

UNIT 3 POLITICAL THEORY& CONCEPTS

Topic 1: Introducing Political Theory

- a) Definition, Nature &Scope
- b) Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal & Conservative

Topic 2: State

- a) Definition, Meaning and Elements
- b) Perspectives on State (Liberal, Marxist)

Topic 3: Power & Authority

- a) Conceptions of Power, Power as Exploitation, Authority, Hegemony, Foucault on Power
- b) Authority: Meaning, Nature & Forms

Topic 4: Rights and Justice

- a) Meaning, Nature & Kinds of Rights
- b) Dimensions of Justice (Social, Economic, Political)

Topic 5: Liberty and Equality

- a) Liberty: Meaning, Nature, Classification: Negative & Positive Liberty
- b) Equality: Meaning, Nature, Types of Equality: Equality of Opportunity, Political Equality; Affirmative Action

Topic 6: Democracy

- a) The Concept of Democracy; Direct, Participatory & Liberal Democracy
- b) Perspectives on Democracy

Topic 7: Sovereignty

- a) Meaning & Characteristics of Sovereignty
- b) Theory of Popular Sovereignty

Topic 8: Globalisation

- a) Definition, Meaning
- b) Impact of Globalisation

UNIT 4 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Topic 1: Definition, Nature and Scope of Political Sociology

Topic 2: Intellectual Foundations of Political Sociology

- a) Marx, b) Max Weber, c) Behavioral Approach

Topic 3: Political Culture.

- a) Meaning and Nature
- b) Types of Political Culture

Topic 4: Political Socialization:

- a) Process and Agencies of Socialization

Topic 5: Political Ideology

- a) Meaning and Nature

Topic 6: Political Participation

- a) Meaning and Nature
- b) Levels of Participation
- c) Agencies of Recruitment

Topic 7: Legitimacy and Influence

- a) Meaning and Nature
- b) Types

Topic 8: Political Change, Political Development.

- a. Meaning and Nature
- b. Types of Political Change
- c) Concept of Political Development

UNIT 5
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Topic 1: International Politics

- a) Nature and Scope
- b) Theories of Idealism and Realism

Topic 2: Approaches to the Study of International Relations

- a) Power Approach
- b) Decision Making Approach
- c) Systems Approach

Topic 3: Power

- a) Meaning b) Elements
- c) Changing Nature of National Power

Topic 4: Balance of Power

- a) Meaning and Nature b) Characteristics
- c) Changing Nature of Balance of Power

Topic 5: Security

- a) Meaning and definition
- b) Regional Security
- c) Collective Security

Topic 6: Diplomacy

- a) Meaning b) Types of Diplomacy
- c) Challenges to Diplomacy

Topic 7: Disarmament

- a) Meaning and Nature b) Types
- c) Issues and Challenges

Topic 8: Issues in International Politics

- a) Human Rights
- b) Terrorism

UNIT 6
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Topic 1: Public Administration

- a) Meaning b) Nature c) Scope and Significance

Topic 2: New Public Administration

- a) Evolution b) Salient Features c) Goals

Topic 3: Approaches to Public Administration.

- a) Traditional Approach b) Behavioral Approach
- c) Systems Approach

Topic 4: Governance

- a) Idea of Good Governance b) E-Governance
- c) Public Private Partnership

Topic 5:- Bureaucracy

- a) Meaning and Definitions
- b) Administrative Reforms

Topic 6: - Personnel Administration

- a) Recruitment b) Training c) Promotion

Topic 7: Budget

- a) Meaning and types b) Budgetary Process in India

Topic 8: Accountability and Control

- a) Administrative Accountability
- b) Legislative Control
- c) Judicial Control