

**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**  
Ph.D. Entrance Examination – 2016  
**Subject : Political Science**  
Model Question Paper

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

**Part A**

Answer any **ten** questions, each question in about **200** words. All questions carry equal marks

1. Write a brief note on value – fact relationship
2. What is objectivity? Explain its relevance in Political Science
3. Explain the extent to which social reality is amenable to scientific explanation
4. What is qualitative research? Examine its relevance in social science research
5. Define 'concept' and explain its nature
6. Examine the relationship between hypotheses and variables
7. Explain the steps involved in the selection and formulation of a research problem
8. What is exploratory design
9. Define descriptive design and bring out the major difference between descriptive and exploratory designs
10. Explain the relevance of diagnostic design in Social Science research
11. What do you mean by experimental design? Show how far it varies from diagnostic design
12. Explain the various types of sampling
13. Discuss the major stages of research
14. Explain the various tools of data collection
15. Bring out the significance of survey research in Political Science

**(5x10 = 50 marks)**

**Part B**

Answer any **ten** questions, each question in about **200** words. All questions carry equal marks

16. Discuss Hobbes' views on social contract
17. Examine J.S. Mills' views on liberty
18. Discuss Karl Marx's notion on dialectical materialism
19. Briefly discuss Habermas' views on public sphere
20. Bring out the major differences between multiculturalism and secularism
21. Examine the significance of right to freedom given under the Indian Constitution
22. Examine the socialist ideas contained in the Directive Principles of State Policy
23. Explain the contemporary challenges in Centre – State relations
24. Explain the meaning of neo-institutionalism
25. Examine, critically, the concept of 'failed state'
26. Bring out F.W. Taylor's views on scientific management theory
27. Examine the meaning and prospects of 'Good Governance'
28. Explain the major elements of national power
29. Briefly discuss the major determinants of a country's foreign policy
30. What is New International Economic order? Bring out its salient features?

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