



PERIODIC TEST I APRIL 2023

CLASS XII

SUBJECT - POLITICAL SCIENCE

MM: 40

TIME: 90 Mins

General instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- I) This question paper contains 15 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- II) Marks are indicated against each sub question.

SECTION A

($\frac{1}{2}$ X6=3)

1. 17th ASEAN summit was held in_____
2. The transition from an authoritarian socialist system to democratic capitalism was influenced by the IMF and the World Bank. What was this transition known as?
3. When was the European Union established?
4. Why did Boris Yeltsin oppose the coup that took place in the Soviet Union in 1991?
5. In the European Union Flag, what does the symbol of 'twelve gold stars in a circle' signify?
6. Which party dominated the Soviet union's political system?

SECTION B

(3x4=12)

7. Write the objectives of the Asian community.

8. What makes the European Union a highly influential Regional organization?

9. Give any three examples to show that most of the former Soviet Republics were prone to conflicts and tensions

10. 'India and the USSR enjoyed a special relationship during the Cold War, which led critics to say that India was a part of the Soviet camp.' Do you agree? Support your answer with any two arguments.

OR

Why does ASEAN still remain principally an economic community?

SECTION C

10. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

(1X4=4)

The Cold War threatened to divide the world into two alliances. Under these circumstances, many of the newly independent countries, after gaining their independence from the colonial powers such as Britain and France, were worried that they would lose their freedom as soon as they gained formal independence. Cracks and splits within the western and eastern alliances were quick to appear headed by the USA and the USSR respectively. Communist China quarreled with the USSR towards the late 1950s, and, in 1969, they fought a brief war over a territorial dispute.

1. Which country had a brief war with the USSR for territory?
2. Which former superpower headed the eastern alliances?

3. Which event of the world has threatened to divide the world into two alliances?
4. Name two countries that had ruled over the third world countries.
5. What was the effect of the USSR disintegration on the world economy?

11. The value of the Ruble declined dramatically. The rate of inflation was so high that people lost all their savings. The collective farm system disintegrated leaving people without food security, and the government started to import food. The old trading structure broke down with no alternative in its place. The old system of social welfare was systematically destroyed. The withdrawal of government subsidies pushed large sections of the people into poverty.

(i) What is meant by subsidy?

(ii) How did the disintegration of the collective farm system lead to the loss of food security?

(iii) This passage is associated with which country? Why did the government start importing food? 4 marks

12. Analyze the map and answer the questions given on the next page.

A. Name the three Baltic republics that became UN. Members in september 1991, and locate them by marking 1, 2, 3. 3 marks



12. B. On the outline map of the world, locate any 4 central Asian Republics on the map.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

SECTION D

6X2=12

14. In what three ways did the collapse of the Soviet Union affect world politics? Explain.

OR

b) Analyze any three consequences of shocked therapy due to which the economies of second world countries collapsed.

15. Evaluate the role of ASEAN in the contemporary world.

OR

What was the Marshall Plan? How did it pave the way for the formation of OEEC?