



ASSIGNMENT NO. 1

SUBJECT: POLITICAL SCIENCE CLASS-XII APRIL-MAY'2026

PART A — CONTEMPORARY WORLD POLITICS

Chapter 1: THE END OF BIPOLARITY

2-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Who was Mikhail Gorbachev?
2. Name two Central Asian States formed after the collapse of the USSR.
3. What was the main purpose of Glasnost?
4. What do you understand by Shock Therapy in the context of the disintegration of the USSR?
5. Name any two Central Asian States that emerged after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.
6. What was the Warsaw Pact?
7. Name any two Baltic republics that became independent in 1991.

4-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Explain the features of the Soviet System.
2. Describe Gorbachev's role in the disintegration of the Soviet Union.
3. Explain the causes of the disintegration of the USSR.
4. Discuss the consequences of Shock Therapy in post-Soviet states.
5. Analyse India's relations with Russia after 1991.
6. Explain any four consequences of the disintegration of the Soviet Union.
7. Describe the rise of new entities in world politics after the disintegration of the USSR.

6-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Examine the reasons for the disintegration of the Soviet Union and discuss its consequences.
2. Analyse the political and economic impact of Shock Therapy on newly independent states.
3. Discuss the emergence of new entities in world politics after 1991 with special reference to Russia, Balkan States and Central Asian States.
4. Evaluate India's bilateral relations with post-communist countries after the breakup of USSR.
5. Discuss the emergence of Russia as a successor state of the Soviet Union and its role in world politics.
6. "The disintegration of the Soviet Union marked the end of bipolarity." Explain the statement.

PART B — POLITICS IN INDIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE

CHAPTER 1: Challenges of Nation-Building

2-MARK QUESTIONS

1. What is rehabilitation?
2. What was Operation Polo?
3. Name any two princely states that posed difficulty in integration after independence.

4-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Explain the three major challenges faced by India after independence.
2. Discuss the consequences of partition on India.
3. Explain how princely states were integrated into the Indian Union.
4. Analyse the role of the government in the reorganisation of states.
5. Explain the consequences of Partition on newly independent India.

6-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Discuss how the Indian government approached the problems of princely states like Hyderabad and Manipur.
2. Analyse the importance of the States Reorganisation Act in the political consolidation of India.
3. Discuss the process of integration of princely states and the problems associated with it.
4. Analyse the consequences of Partition on India's political and social life.
5. "The integration of princely states was a great achievement of Indian leadership." Justify the statement.
6. How did India successfully deal with the challenge of diversity in the early years of independence?

CHAPTER 2: ERA OF ONE-PARTY DOMINANCE

2-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Why was the Congress party dominant after independence?
2. What is meant by ideological coalition?
3. Name any two opposition party that emerged during the era of one-party dominance.
4. Give one reason for the dominance of the Congress Party in the early years after independence.
5. Who led the Socialist Party after independence?

4-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Explain the nature of Congress dominance in the first three Lok Sabha elections.
2. What do you understand by factionalism in the Congress party?
3. Discuss the emergence of opposition parties during the era of one-party dominance.
4. Explain any four reasons for the dominance of the Congress Party in the first three general elections.

6-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Analyse the challenges of building democracy in India during the era of one-party dominance.
2. Discuss the factors that sustained the Congress party's dominance in the first three Lok Sabha elections.
3. "Congress dominance did not mean absence of democracy." Justify the statement.
4. Discuss the role of opposition parties in strengthening Indian democracy despite Congress dominance.
5. Evaluate the Congress party as a broad social and ideological coalition.

CHAPTER 3: POLITICS OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

2-MARK QUESTIONS

1. What is Planning Commission?
2. What were the ideas of development in the early years?
3. Define rapid industrialisation.
4. What were the main priorities of the First Five-Year Plan?

4-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Explain the idea of development as a political contestation.
2. Discuss the features of the First Five-Year Plan (1951–56).
3. Why was the Planning Commission formed?
4. Explain any four objectives of the First Five-Year Plan.

6-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the role of planning in India's economic development and its political implications.
2. Analyse the early initiatives of planned development in India with special reference to the First Five-Year Plan and rapid industrialization.
3. Examine the role of the Planning Commission in shaping India's development strategy.