

IAS Mains Political Science 2004

Paper I

Section A

1. Comment on any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - a. The authority of the master and that of the statements are different from one another (Aristotle).
 - b. As soon as a nation appoints representatives, it is no longer free, it no longer exists (Rousseau).
 - c. Rulership can be successfully carried out (only) with the help of associates: One wheel alone does not turn (Kautilya).
 - d. The end of law is not to abolish or restrain but to preserve and enlarge freedom (Locke).
2. What is the concept of justice in modern political theory? How is it related to Liberty and Equality?
3. What is the nature of the crisis in political theory? Suggest remedies to overcome it.
4. Critically examine the Marxian theory of social stratification.

Section B

5. Comment on any THREE of the following in about 200 words each:
 - a. Cultural secularisation
 - b. Reverse discrimination
 - c. Public interests litigation
 - d. Tribalism in Africa
6. Trace and analyse the co-operation trends in Indian federalism.
7. Political reforms must precede and not follow social reforms (Tilak). Discuss.
8. How far do regional groupings pose a threat to the stability of Indian political system?