

PSIR Comprehensive Course with Mentorship

Date	Day	Syllabus
PSIR Paper 1 (Part A)		
8 October	Thursday	Orientation Session
9 October	Friday	Political Ideologies: Liberalism
10 October	Saturday	Political Ideologies: Liberalism
11 October	Sunday	
12 October	Monday	Political Ideologies: Marxism
13 October	Tuesday	Political Ideologies: Marxism
14 October	Wednesday	Political Ideologies: Socialism
15 October	Thursday	Political Ideologies: Socialism
16 October	Friday	Political Ideologies: Feminism.
17 October	Saturday	Political Ideologies: Feminism.
18 October	Sunday	Read Monthly PSIR FIX Magazine - October
19 October	Monday	Political Ideologies: Gandhism
20 October	Tuesday	Political Ideologies: Gandhism
21 October	Wednesday	Political Ideologies: Fascism
22 October	Thursday	Political Ideologies: Fascism
23 October	Friday	Theories of state: Liberal
24 October	Saturday	Theories of state: Neo-liberal
25 October	Sunday	
26 October	Monday	Theories of state: Marxist
27 October	Tuesday	Theories of state: Pluralist
28 October	Wednesday	Theories of state: Post-colonial
29 October	Thursday	Theories of state: Feminist
30 October	Friday	Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
31 October	Saturday	Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
1 November	Sunday	Equality: Social, political, and economic; the relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.
2 November	Monday	Equality: Social, political, and economic; the relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.
3 November	Tuesday	Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.
4 November	Wednesday	Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.
5 November	Thursday	Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory and deliberative.
6 November	Friday	Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory and deliberative.
7 November	Saturday	Diwali
8 November	Sunday	Diwali
9 November	Monday	Concept of power: hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy.
10 November	Tuesday	Western Political Thought - Socrates
11 November	Wednesday	Western Political Thought - Socrates
12 November	Thursday	Western Political Thought - Plato
13 November	Friday	Western Political Thought - Plato
14 November	Saturday	Western Political Thought - Aristotle
15 November	Sunday	

16 November	Monday	Western Political Thought - Aristotle
17 November	Tuesday	Western Political Thought - Machiavelli
18 November	Wednesday	Western Political Thought - Machiavelli
19 November	Thursday	Western Political Thought - Hobbes
20 November	Friday	Western Political Thought - Hobbes
21 November	Saturday	Western Political Thought - Locke
22 November	Sunday	Western Political Thought - Locke
23 November	Monday	Western Political Thought - JS Mill
24 November	Tuesday	Western Political Thought - JS Mill
25 November	Wednesday	Western Political Thought - Marx
26 November	Thursday	Western Political Thought - Marx
27 November	Friday	Western Political Thought - Gramsci
28 November	Saturday	Western Political Thought - Gramsci
29 November	Sunday	Read Monthly PSIR FIX Magazine - November
30 November	Monday	Western Political Thought - Hannah Arendt
1 December	Tuesday	Western Political Thought - Hannah Arendt
2 December	Wednesday	Indian Political Thought - Dharmashastra, Buddhist Traditions
3 December	Thursday	Indian Political Thought - Dharmashastra, Buddhist Traditions
4 December	Friday	Indian Political Thought - Arthashastra
5 December	Saturday	Indian Political Thought - Arthashastra
6 December	Sunday	Indian Political Thought - Sir Syed Ahmed Khan
7 December	Monday	Indian Political Thought - Sir Syed Ahmed Khan
8 December	Tuesday	Indian Political Thought - Sri Aurobindo
9 December	Wednesday	Indian Political Thought - Sri Aurobindo
10 December	Thursday	Indian Political Thought - M. K. Gandhi
11 December	Friday	Indian Political Thought - M. K. Gandhi
12 December	Saturday	Indian Political Thought - B. R. Ambedkar
13 December	Sunday	
14 December	Monday	Indian Political Thought - B. R. Ambedkar
15 December	Tuesday	Indian Political Thought - M. N. Roy
16 December	Wednesday	Indian Political Thought - M. N. Roy
PSIR Paper 1 (Part B)		
17 December	Thursday	Orientation + Syllabus Mapping
18 December	Friday	Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Noncooperation
19 December	Saturday	Civil Disobedience; Militant and Revolutionary Movements, Peasant and Workers Movements.
20 December	Sunday	
21 December	Monday	Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Liberal, Socialist, and Marxist
22 December	Tuesday	Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Radical Humanist and Dalit.
23 December	Wednesday	Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Radical Humanist and Dalit.
24 December	Thursday	Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule
25 December	Friday	different social and political perspectives
26 December	Saturday	different social and political perspectives
27 December	Sunday	Read Monthly PSIR FIX Magazine - December
28 December	Monday	The Preamble
29 December	Tuesday	Fundamental Rights
30 December	Wednesday	Fundamental Rights + Directive Principles of State Policy
31 December	Thursday	Fundamental Duties
1 January	Friday	Parliamentary System
2 January	Saturday	Amendment Procedures + Judicial Review
3 January	Sunday	
4 January	Monday	Basic Structure Doctrine

5 January	Tuesday	Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and Supreme Court.
6 January	Wednesday	Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and Supreme Court.
7 January	Thursday	Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and High Courts.
8 January	Friday	Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and High Courts.
9 January	Saturday	Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.
10 January	Sunday	
11 January	Monday	Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.
12 January	Tuesday	Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General
13 January	Wednesday	Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Finance Commission, Public Service Commission,
14 January	Thursday	National Commission for Scheduled Castes, Commission for Scheduled Tribes,
15 January	Friday	National Backward Classes Commission. National Commission for Minorities, Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission,
16 January	Saturday	Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of center-state relations;
17 January	Sunday	
18 January	Monday	Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of center-state relations;
19 January	Tuesday	Integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes
20 January	Wednesday	Integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes
21 January	Thursday	Planning and Economic Development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives;
22 January	Friday	Role of planning and public sector;
23 January	Saturday	Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations;
24 January	Sunday	
25 January	Monday	Liberalization and economic reforms.
26 January	Tuesday	Caste in Indian Politics
27 January	Wednesday	Religion in Indian Politics
28 January	Thursday	Ethnicity in Indian Politics
29 January	Friday	Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties;
30 January	Saturday	Patterns of coalition politics;
31 January	Sunday	Read Monthly PSIR FIX Magazine - January
1 February	Monday	Pressure groups, trends in electoral behavior; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators.
2 February	Tuesday	Pressure groups, trends in electoral behavior; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators.
3 February	Wednesday	Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements
4 February	Thursday	Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements
5 February	Friday	Social Movement: women's movements;
6 February	Saturday	Social Movement: environmentalist movements.
PSIR Paper 2 (Part A)		
8 February	Monday	Orientation + Syllabus Mapping
9 February	Tuesday	Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches
10 February	Wednesday	Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches
11 February	Thursday	Political economy and political sociology perspectives;
12 February	Friday	Limitations of the comparative method.
13 February	Saturday	State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.
14 February	Sunday	
15 February	Monday	State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.
16 February	Tuesday	Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties
17 February	Wednesday	Pressure groups
18 February	Thursday	Social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.

19 February	Friday	Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist
20 February	Saturday	Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Marxist
21 February	Sunday	
22 February	Monday	Approaches to the Study of International Relations : Functionalist and Systems
23 February	Tuesday	Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power;
24 February	Wednesday	Balance of power and deterrence;
25 February	Thursday	Transnational actors and collective security
26 February	Friday	World Capitalist Economy and Globalisation
27 February	Saturday	Rise of superpowers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and cold war; Nuclear threat;
28 February	Sunday	Read Monthly PSIR FIX Magazine - February
1 March	Monday	Non-aligned Movement: Aims and achievements.
2 March	Tuesday	Non-aligned Movement: Aims and achievements.
3 March	Wednesday	Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.
4 March	Thursday	Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.
5 March	Friday	Evolution of the International Economic System: From Bretton woods to WTO
6 March	Saturday	Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance);
7 March	Sunday	
8 March	Monday	Third World demand for new international economic order
9 March	Tuesday	Globalisation of the world economy.
10 March	Wednesday	Globalisation of the world economy.
11 March	Thursday	United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; the need for UN reforms.
12 March	Friday	United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; the need for UN reforms.
13 March	Saturday	United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; the need for UN reforms.
14 March	Sunday	
15 March	Monday	United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; the need for UN reforms.
16 March	Tuesday	Regionalisation of World Politics: EU
17 March	Wednesday	Regionalisation of World Politics: EU
18 March	Thursday	Regionalisation of World Politics: ASEAN
19 March	Friday	Regionalisation of World Politics: APEC
20 March	Saturday	Regionalisation of World Politics: SAARC, NAFTA
21 March	Sunday	Read Monthly PSIR FIX Magazine - March
22 March	Monday	Regionalisation of World Politics: SAARC, NAFTA
23 March	Tuesday	Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy
24 March	Wednesday	Human Rights
25 March	Thursday	Environment
26 March	Friday	Gender Justice
27 March	Saturday	Terrorism
28 March	Sunday	Nuclear Proliferation
PSIR Paper 2 (Part B)		
29 March	Monday	Orientation + Syllabus Mapping
30 March	Tuesday	Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy;
31 March	Wednesday	the institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.
1 April	Thursday	India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement Different phases
2 April	Friday	India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement Different phases
3 April	Saturday	NAM - current role.
4 April	Sunday	
5 April	Monday	NAM - current role.

6 April	Tuesday	Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects.
7 April	Wednesday	South Asia as a Free Trade Area.
8 April	Thursday	India's "Look East" policy.
9 April	Friday	Impediments to regional co-operation: River water disputes
10 April	Saturday	Impediments to regional co-operation: illegal cross-border migration
11 April	Sunday	
12 April	Monday	Impediments to regional co-operation: Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies;
13 April	Tuesday	Impediments to regional co-operation: Border disputes
14 April	Wednesday	India and the Global South: Relations with Africa
15 April	Thursday	India and the Global South: Relations with Latin America
16 April	Friday	Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.
17 April	Saturday	Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.
18 April	Sunday	India and the Global Centres of Power: USA
19 April	Monday	India and the Global Centres of Power: EU
20 April	Tuesday	India and the Global Centres of Power: Japan
21 April	Wednesday	India and the Global Centres of Power: China
22 April	Thursday	India and the Global Centres of Power: Russia.
23 April	Friday	India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
24 April	Saturday	India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
25 April	Sunday	Read Monthly PSIR FIX Magazine - April
26 April	Monday	India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.
27 April	Tuesday	India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.
28 April	Wednesday	Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.
29 April	Thursday	Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.
30 April	Friday	Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.
1 May	Saturday	Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.