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**M.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026**

**Third Semester**

**M.A Political Science**

**M23PS01DE – Human Rights**

**(2024 July admissions)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. What are human rights?
2. Define the universality of human rights.
3. What is meant by the Magna Carta?
4. What are civil and political rights?
5. What is meant by economic, social, and cultural rights?
6. What is the liberal approach to human rights?
7. What is the central idea of the socialist approach to human rights?
8. What are third-world perspectives on human rights?
9. What is the UDHR?
10. What is the purpose of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)?
11. What does Amnesty International focus on?
12. What is the primary role of Human Rights Watch?
13. What are Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution?
14. What is the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?
15. Identify the basic principles of classical liberalism.

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

**Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.**

16. Explain the significance of the Vienna Declaration (1993) in the evolution of human rights.
17. How do natural rights differ from legal rights?
18. Explain the Western liberal perspective on human rights.
19. How does feminist theory critique mainstream human rights discourse?

20. What is the structure and role of the UN Human Rights Council?
21. How do the ICCPR and ICESCR differ from each other?
22. What are the major functions of the NHRC?
23. How are children's rights protected under Indian law?
24. What is the importance of Directive Principles of State Policy for human rights?
25. How does Human Rights Watch investigate human rights violations?

**(2X5=10)**

### **Section C**

**Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.**

26. Evaluate the role of different UN agencies in promoting human rights.
27. Explain the different types of human rights with suitable examples.
28. Compare and contrast the liberal, socialist, and third-world approaches to human rights.
29. Discuss feminist and Black rights perspectives in the development of human rights theory.
30. Describe the formation, structure, and working mechanisms of the United Nations in the field of human rights.
31. Evaluate the role of international human rights covenants in global governance.
32. Examine the Marxist arguments regarding human rights.
33. Discuss the human rights concerns of women, children, SC/ST communities, minorities, and persons with disabilities.

**(4X5=20)**

### **Section D**

**Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

34. Critically analyze the nature, scope, and philosophical foundations of human rights.
35. Examine the major milestones in the evolution of human rights from the Enlightenment to the post-World War era.
36. Evaluate Western, socialist, third-world, feminist, and Black approaches to human rights with suitable examples.
37. Discuss the role of the United Nations, UDHR, and international covenants in shaping the contemporary human rights regime.
38. Assess the development and challenges of the human rights framework in India with reference to Fundamental Rights, DPSP, and human rights institutions.
39. Elaborate on the major human rights issues faced by women, children, SC/STs, minorities, and disabled persons in India, and evaluate legal and institutional responses.

**(10X3=30)**