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PSC-101 - WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT - I

Unit I - Introduction to Political Thought
Differences between political thought - political philosophy and
political theory
Interpretative theory

Unit II - Greek Political Thought
Plato - Justice and Ideal State
Aristotle - Theory of Form and Theory of State

Unit III - Beginnings of Modern Political Thought
Church - State Controversy
Renaissance and Humanism
Machiavelli

Unit IV - Social Contract Theory
Hobbes - Individualism and Absolutism
Locke - Natural Rights and Property
Rousseau - General Will and Popular Democracy

Unit V - Utilitarianism
Bentham - Utilitarianism
J. S. Mill - On Liberty

Books Recommended:

1. Wood & Wood, Class basis of Greek Political Theory, Verso
2. Sabine, G.H., Political Theory, Oxford UP
3. Betrand Russell, History of Western Political Philosophy, Allen & Unwin
5. Aristotle, Politics, Penguin
6. Karl Popper, Open Society and its Enemies, RKP
10. Sabrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy, A History of Political Thought,
Prentice Hall New Delhi, 1999,
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PSC-102 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - I

Unit – I
International Relations as a Field of Study
• Evolution;
• Scope, Multi-disciplinarity;
• State as an Actor in IR

Unit – II
Theories – I
• Idealist;
• Realist;
• Neo-Realist

Unit – III
Theories – II
• Marxist;
• Gramscian;
• Feminist

Unit IV
Concepts
• War;
• Peace;
• Security;
• Conflict Resolution

Unit – V
Power
• Unipolar, Bipolar and Multi-Polar Scenarios
• Post Cold War Era: Geopolitics and Geo-Economics

Books Recommended:

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PSC-103 - INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

Unit – I
Introduction
1. Approaches to Indian Politics : Liberal & Marxist
2. Making of Indian Constitution
   a. Historical Legacies
   b. Alternative Models

Unit – II
Indian Constitution
1. Basic Philosophy and Ideals of the Constitution

Unit – III
Federation
1. Nature of Indian Federalism
2. Centre – State Relations: Emerging Trends

Unit – IV
Nature and Working of Political Institutions
1. President, Prime Minister and Parliament
2. Working of Coalition Governments

Unit – V
Judiciary
1. Judicial Review, Judicial Activism
2. Constitutional Amendments: Basic Structure, Review of the Constitution

Books Recommended:

1. V.R. Mehta, Ideology, modernization and Politics in India, Manohar
2. Bipin Chandra, Freedom Struggles, NBT
3. Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution – Corner Stone of a Nation, Oxford UP.
8. Rudolph & Rudolph, Modernity and Tradition, Orient Longman
9. Rajni Kothari, Indian Politics, Orient Longman
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## PSC–104 - POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

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### Books Recommended:

6. Mukhopadhyay, *Political Sociology*
7. Ali Ashraf, *Political Sociology*
8. Blac, C.V., *The Dynamics of Modernization*
11. Pye I W and Verba S., *Political Culture and Political Development*
12. Hymen H., *Political Socialization*
13. Milbath I.W., *Political Participation*
17. Putnam, Robert, *Comparative Political Elites*
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PSC-105 - PUBLIC POLICY

Unit – I : Emergence of Policy Science
- Behavioural Foundations of Policy Science
- Political Science as Policy Science
- Public Policy – Meaning, Nature and Scope

Unit – II : Theories of Public Policy - I
- Systems, Structural – Functional Theories
- Communication and Group Theories

Unit – III : Theories of Public Policy - II
- Elite theory, Incremental Theory,
  Rational Comprehensive theory
- Game theory

Unit – IV : Policy Process
- Role of Legislature, Executive, Bureaucracy,
  Political Parties, Pressure Groups and Mass Media.

Unit – V : Policy impact and policy evaluation
- Case studies of the following public policies
  Land Reforms, Irrigation, Education and Health Policies

Books Recommended:
11. D. Ravindra Prasad and others, (Eds), Administrative Thinkers, Sterling, New Delhi, 1990
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PSC-201 - WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT - II

Unit I – The Enlightenment Tradition
Ideas of Reason and Progress
Hegel – Dialectics and State

Unit II - Socialist Thought
Pre-Marxian Socialism;
Marx: Dialectical Materialism; Critique of Capitalism; Theory of State

Unit III-20th Century Socialism
Mao tse Tung – Theory of Contradictions and New Democracy
Gramsci – Hegemony and Passive Revolution

Unit IV - Critical Thinking in the 20th Century
Foucault – History of Ideas, Power/Knowledge
Habermas – Critical theory and Public Sphere

Unit V – 20th Century Liberalism
Nozick and Libertarianism
Rawls – A Theory of Justice

Books Recommended:
2. L. Althusser, *For Marx*, New Left Books
4. V.I. Lenin, *State and Revolution*, Progress
6. O.P. Bakshi, *Crisis of Political Theory*, OUP
8. Leszek Kolakowski, *Main Currents in Marxism*, OUP
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II SEMESTER

PSC-202 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – II

Unit – I  UN System
- Peace and Security;
- Developmental Issues;
- Social and Humanitarian Activities;
- Debates on Reforms

Unit – II  Sources of Conflict
- Religion;
- Culture;
- Ethnicity;
- Energy

Unit – III  Arms Control and Disarmament
- Deterrence;
- Proliferation of WMD;
- Problems of Proliferation: NPT, CTBT and MTCR

Unit – IV  Non-State Actors
- TNCs;
- Terrorist Organisations;
- Diaspora;
- Civil Society

Unit – V  Emerging Issues
- Environment;
- Human Rights;
- Technology

Books Recommended:
2. Susan Strange, The Retreat of the State, Cambridge University.
10. Robert W Co. Production of Power and World Order, Columbia UP
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PSC-203 - INDIAN POLITICAL PROCESS  

Unit – I  Party Politics  
2. National and Regional Parties: Ideology and Social Base  

Unit – II  Emerging Political Trends  
1. Identity Based Parties: Caste and Region – BSP, PMK, JMM & TRS  
2. Coalition Politics: Alliance Formations  
3. Pressure Groups  

Unit – III  Electoral System and Electoral Process  
1. Major Trends in Electoral Politics  
2. Patterns of Voting Behaviour  
3. Electoral Reforms  

Unit – IV  Aspects of Contemporary Politics  
1. Regime Politics and Leadership Patterns  
2. Political Defections  
3. Media and Politics  

Unit – V  Challenges to the Indian State  
1. Regionalism, Communalism and Extremism  
2. Nature of Indian State: Colonial and Post Colonial  

Books Recommended:  
1. Ayesha Jalal, Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia , OUP.  
2. Francine Frankel, India’s Political Economy, OUP.  
3. P. Chatterjee (ed.), State and Politics in India, OUP.  
4. Bhikhu Parekh and Upenra Baxi (eds.), Crisis and Change in Contemporary India , OUP.  
6. Francine Frankel and M.S.A, Rao, State Power and Dominance in Modern India, OUP.2 Vols.  
7. Byres, T. J., The State, Development Planning and Liberalization in India, OUP.  
8. T.V. Satyamurthy, Class Formation and Political Transformation in Post-Colonial India , OUP.  
9. D. Ludden (ed.) Making India Hindu, OUP.  
10. Robert Stern, Changing India  
M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE
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PSC-204 - POLITICAL ECONOMY

Unit I – Introduction to Political Economy
Emergence, meaning and Scope of Political Economy

Unit II- Classical Political Economy
Adam Smith – Founder of Political Economy
David Ricardo – Theory of Value and Rent

Unit III- Critique of Political Economy
Karl Marx – Theory of Surplus Value
Lenin – Theory of Imperialism

Unit IV- Theories of development and under development
A.G. Frank
Gunnar Myrdal

Unit V – Political Economy of globalization
Instrumentalities of Globalisation – World Bank, IMF, WTO
Critique of Globalisation

Books Recommended:
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PSC-205 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Unit-I : Nature, Scope and importance of comparative Govt. and Politics
         Approaches: Traditional
         Modern – Structural-Functional and Systems Approach

Unit-II : Constitutionalism – Evolution, growth and influence on
         Contemporary politics
         Role of military in Politics

Unit-III : Political institutions and their functioning
          Executive - Its rise and authoritarian trends
          Legislature – Emerging trends
          Federalism – Recent trends

Unit-IV : Typology of Political Systems – Traditional and Modern
         Political process in Western and Non-Western societies

Unit-V : Comparative Political Process
         Political Modernisation (David Apter Paradigm)
         Political parties and pressure groups
         Media and Public opinion

Books Recommended:

3. Gabriel Almond & Powell, Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach, New Delhi, 1972
4. Lucian Pye and Sydney Verba (Eds.), Political Culture and Political Development, Princeton Press, 1965
10. S.N. Ray, Modern Comparative Politics, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 2000