

SYBA

Paper II- Political Theory

Syllabus: Semester-III & IV

With Effect From Academic Year 2017-18

Semester III- Principles and Concepts of Political Theory

Module 1 - Introduction to Political Theory	Explanatory Notes
1.1 Definition and Scope of Political Theory	What is Politics? Theorising the 'Political' Definitions of Political Theory Nature and Scope of Political Theory Significance of Political Theory
1.2 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Traditional	Historical Normative Legal-Institutional
1.3 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Contemporary	Empirical Approach Behavioural Approach Post-behavioural Approach
Module 2 – State, Civil Society & Market	
2.1 State: Concept and Perspectives	Theories of Origin of State: Divine Origin theory, Force Theory, Theory of Social Contract, Evolutionary Theory Perspectives of State: Liberal- Individualistic, Welfare
2.2 Nation - State: Meaning and Changing Perceptions	Concept of Nation- State Rise and Growth of Modern Nation- State Challenges to Sovereignty of Nation- States
2.3 State, Civil Society and Market	Concept of Civil Society Emergence of Civil Society Changing Nature of State ,Civil Society and Market

Module 3 – Power, Authority and Legitimacy	
3.1 Power	Concept, Sources and Forms of Power
3.2 Authority	Definitions, Sources and Types of Authority
3.3 Legitimacy	Meaning, Sources and Types of Legitimacy Weberian Classification
Module 4 : Concept of Law and Political Obligation	
4.1 Concept of Law	Meaning, Features and Sources
4.2 Political Obligation	Meaning and Grounds of Political Obligation
4.3 Right to Resist	Liberal and Radical Arguments (with reference to John Locke, T.H. Green and Harold J. Laski) Forms of Resistance Gandhian Techniques of Resistance to Authority

Semester IV- Political Values and Ideologies

Module1 – Rights	Explanatory Notes
1.1 Meaning and Nature of Rights	Definition and Meaning of Rights Positive and Negative concept of Rights
1.2 Theories of Rights	Theory of Natural Rights Historical Theory Legal Theory Idealist Theory
1.3 Classification of Rights	Civil, Political, Economic, Social, Cultural and Group Rights
Module 2 – Basic Political Values	
2.1 Liberty	Negative and Positive Concept of Liberty Types of Liberty Safeguards of Liberty

2.2 Equality	Development of the concept of Equality Dimensions of Equality (Civil, Legal, Political, Economic) Relation between Liberty and Equality
2.3 Justice	Meaning of Justice, Changing nature of the concept , Procedural and Distributive Justice
Module 3 – Democracy	
3.1 Theories of Democracy	Classical, Elitist, Pluralist, Participatory Democracy
3.2 Principles of Liberal Democracy	Salient features, Merits and Demerits
3.3 Conditions for the Successful Working of Democracy	Challenges to Democracy Safeguards of Democracy
Module 4 – Political Ideologies	
4.1 Marxism	Tenets of Marxism Critical Appraisal of Marxism
4.2 Fascism	Basic Tenets Critical Appraisal
4.3 Feminism	Origin and Types Three Waves of Feminism

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Module 1 - Introduction to Political Theory [11 lectures]

- 1.1 Definition and Scope of Political Theory
- 1.2 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Traditional
- 1.3 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Contemporary

Module 2 – State, Civil Society & Market [12 Lectures]

- 2.1 State: Concept and Perspectives
- 2.2 Nation - State: Meaning and Changing Perceptions
- 2.3 State, Civil Society and Market

Module 3 – Power, Authority and Legitimacy [10 Lectures]

- 3.1 Power
- 3.2 Authority
- 3.3 Legitimacy

Module 4 : Concept of Law and Political Obligation [12 Lectures]

- 4.1 Concept of Law
- 4.2 Political Obligation
- 4.3 Right to Resist

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- 2.1 Liberty
- 2.2 Equality
- 2.3 Justice

Module 3 – Democracy [11 Lectures]

- 3.1 Theories of Democracy
- 3.2 Principles of Liberal Democracy
- 3.3 Conditions for the Successful Working of Democracy

Module 4 – Political Ideologies [12 Lectures]

- 4.1 Marxism
- 4.2 Fascism
- 4.3 Feminism

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