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B.A. Political Science (CBCS)

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I st Semester Paper - I

Understanding Political Theory

Unit- I: Political Theory

- What is Political Theory?
- Political Theory: Evolution, Nature & Significance
- Debates on Political Theory
 - a) Normative
 - b) Empirical

Unit-II: What is Political?

- State: Theories of origin of the State, Divine, Social Contract, Evolution Theories
- Power and Authority
- Authoritative Allocation of Values
- Sovereign State : Challenges
- Policy Analysis and Governance

Unit- III: Political Values and Theoretical Perspective

- Liberty :- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- Equality :- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- Justice :- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- Political Decision Making

Unit-IV: Political Ideologies

- Liberalism
- Nationalism
- Multiculturalism
- Identity Politics

Unit-V: Political Institutions and Functions

- Legislature, Executive and Judiciary
- Role of Bureaucracy
- Political Parties, Pressure Groups,
- Media and Cyber Security

Reading list : -

1. Rajeev Bhargava & Ashok Acharya , editions , Political Theory : An Introduction , Pearson ,2019
2. Sushila Ramaswamy, Political Theory : Ideas and Concept , PHI Learning Pvt , Ltd .2015
3. O.P. Gauba, An Introduction to Political Theory , Macmillan, 2019
4. Michael G. Roskin , Robert L. Cord, James A. Medeiros , Walter S. Jones , Political Science : An Introduction , Pearson ,2018
5. Hoveyda Abbas , Ranjay Kumar , Political Theory , Pearson ,2019
6. John Hottman , Paul Graham , Introduction to Political Ideologies , Pearson ,2014
7. A. Appadorai, (2000), *Substance of Politics*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, India.
8. George H Sabine, Thomas L Thorson, (1973), A History of Political Theory, Oxford & IBH Publishing Co., New Delhi.
9. Heywood, Andrew, (2012) Political Ideologies: An Introduction, Palgrave Macmillan, UK.
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11. Leon P. Baradat, (2011), Political Ideologies, Routledge.
12. Michael Freeden, Lyman Tower Sargent, Marc Stears,(eds) (2013), The Oxford Handbook of Political Ideologies, Oxford University Press, UK.
13. Ernest Barker : Principles of Social and Political Theory (London , Oxford University Press 1951)
14. Norman P. Barry : An Introduction to Modern Political Theory (London Macmillan, 1989)
15. Richard Bellamy (ed) : Theories and Concepts of Politics (New York , Manchester University Press 1993.)
16. Anthoppny H. Birch : The Concepts and Theories of Modern Democracy (London , Routledge ,2001)
17. Martin Carnoy : The State and Political Theory (Princeton , Princeton University Press , 1984)

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IInd Semester Paper - II
Western Political Thought

Unit- I: Greek Political Thought

- Greek Political Thought – Sophists
- Plato:- Concept of Justice, Ideal State, Education and Communism.
- Aristotle:- Forms of Governments, On Revolutions, Slavery, Best state

Unit- II: Medieval and Early Modern Thought

- Thomas Aquinas :- Christianized Aristotle
- Church – State Controversy, Secularism
- Niccolo Machiavelli – Human Nature, Statecraft

Unit- III: Social Contractualists

- Thomas Hobbes :- Individualism and Absolute (State) Sovereignty
- John Locke :- Natural Rights, Limited Government, Civil Liberties -- Data Privacy Rights
- J. J. Rousseau :- Romanticism, General Will, Popular Sovereignty and Participatory Democracy

Unit- IV: Utilitarianism & Dialectics

- Jeremy Bentham : - Utilitarian Principals , Hedonism
- J. S. Mill :- On liberty , Representative Government
- G.W.F. Hegel:- Dialectics, Geist (Spirit), Theory of State

Unit V: Marxism and Feminist Thought

- Karl Marx:- Historical Materialism, Class Struggle and Proletarian Dictatorship
- Feminist Political Thought:- Mary Wollstonecraft, Simone de Beauvoir; Feminism and Political Representation

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1. . D.Mackenzie Brown, (1959), Indian Political Thought from Manu to Gandhi., University of California Press, Berleley and Los Angeles.
2. George Klosko, (eds), (2011), The Oxford Handbook of The History of Political Philosophy, Oxford University Press, New York.
3. Gregory Claeys, (eds)(2013), Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought, Sage Publication, New Delhi.
4. M.P.Singh and Himanshu Roy, (eds), (2011), Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers, Pearson, New Delhi.
5. N.D.Arora and S.S.Awashthy, (2007), Political Theory and Political Thought, Har-Anand Publications, New Delhi.
6. S.K.Sarma and Urmila Sharma, (2006), Western Political Thought (from Plato to Burke), Atlantic Publishers, New Delhi.
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8. Thomas Pantham, Kenneth L. Deutsch, (1986), Political Thought in Modern India, Sage Publication, New Delhi.
9. The Second Sex,” Simon de Beauvoir, 1949.
10. “Mary Wollstone craft, A revolutionary Life,” Janet Todd, The Collected Works 2004, Columbia University Press.