

University of Pune

S.Y.B.A Political Science

G-2 General Paper

POLITICAL THEORY & CONCEPTS

(80-20 Pattern to be implemented from 2014-2015)

Course Objectives:

This is an introductory paper to the concepts, ideas and theories in political theory. It seeks to explain the evolution and usage of these concepts, ideas and theories with reference to individual thinkers both historically and analytically. The different ideological standpoints with regard to various concepts and theories are to be critically explained with the purpose of highlighting the differences in their perspectives and in order to understand their continuity and change. Furthermore there is a need to emphasize the continuing relevance of these concepts today and explain how an idea and theory of yesteryears gains prominence in contemporary political theory.

Term-I

Unit: 1 - Introducing Political Theory

- a) Definitions, Nature & Scope
- b) Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal & Conservative

Unit: 2 - State

- a) Definitions Meaning and Elements
- b) Perspectives on State (Liberal, Marxist)

Unit: 3 - Power & Authority

- a) Conceptions of Power, Power as Exploitation, Authority, Hegemony, Foucault on Power
- b) Authority: Meaning, Nature & its forms

Unit-4 - Right and Justice

- a) Meaning, Nature & Kinds of Rights
- b) Dimensions of Justice (Social, Economic Political)

Term-II

Unit: 5 – Liberty and Equality

- a) Liberty: Meaning, Nature, Classification: Negative & Positive Liberty
- b) Equality: Meaning, Nature, Types of Equality: Equality OF Opportunity; political Equality, Affirmative Action

Unit: 6 – Democracy

- a) The Concept of Democracy, Direct Participatory & Liberal Democracy
- b) Perspectives on Democracy, Merits and demerits

Unit: 7 – Sovereignty

- a) Meaning & Characteristics of sovereignty**
- b) Theory of Popular Sovereignty**

Unit 8: Globalisation

- a) Definition, Meaning**
- b) Impact of Globalisation**

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General Paper G-2 (OR)

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF U.K., U.S.A

(80-20 Pattern to be implemented from 2014-2015)

Course Objectives:

This paper studies the major constitutions of the World by adopting a comparative approach. The constitutional and legal provisions, the ideological basis, the institutional arrangement and their social and economic background are to be explained, analyzed and evaluated critically. The historical backgrounds to individual constitutions are to be emphasized to gain an understanding of its evolution. The comparative perspective enables the student to understand the differences and similarities between the various constitutional arrangements. Furthermore the political institutions are to be studied in light of the political process to gain an understanding of the dynamics of actual politics and policy making.

Term-I

Weightage

Unit: 1 - Constitutions

12

Nature and Evolution (U.S.A, U.K)

Unit: 2 - Legislature

12

Parliament (UK): Structure, powers & Role
Congress (USA): Structure, powers & Role

Unit: 3- Executive

12

Prime Minister & Cabinet (U.K),
President and Cabinet (U.S.A)

Unit: 4- Judiciary

12

Nature, Power & Functions of Judiciary (U.K & U.S.A)

Term-II

Unit: 5- Political Parties

12

Political Parties: Relation between political parties & government.
Two party system, features and role of parties in UK, USA

Unit: 6- Interest groups

12

Interest groups: their roles and performance in UK and USA

Unit: 7- State Governments

12

State Governments in UK and USA

Unit: 8- social movements

12

Social Movements: Human Rights, Women's Movement,
Ethnic Movements

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Special Paper-I

WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

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Course Objectives:

This paper studies the classical tradition in political theory from Plato to Marx with the view to understand how the great Masters explained and analyzed political events and problems of their time and prescribed solutions. The texts are to be interpreted both in the historical and philosophical perspectives to understand the universality of the enterprise of political theorizing. The limitations of the classical tradition, namely its neglect of women's concerns and issues and the non-European world are critically examined. The legacy of the thinkers is explained with the view to establish the continuity and change within the Western political tradition.

Term-I

Weight age

Unit: 1 - Plato

12

- a) Ideal State & Philosopher King
- b) Views on Education
- c) Views on Justice & Communism

Unit: 2 - Aristotle

12

- a) Views on State
- b) Views on Property, Views on Slavery
- c) Views on Revolution

Unit: 3 - Machiavelli

12

- a) Views on Human Nature
- b) Views on Religion & Morality
- c) Theory of Statecraft

Unit: 4 - J.S.Mil

12

- a) Views on Utilitarianism
- b) Views on Liberty
- c) Views on Representative Government & State

Term-II

Unit: 5 - Karl Marx

12

- a) Historical Materialism
- b) Theory of Class & Struggle
- c) Theory of State & Revolution

Unit: 6 - Hobbes

12

- a) State of Nature
- b) Views on Human Nature
- c) Theory of Social Contract

<u>Unit: 7 – John Locke</u>	12
a) Theory of Social Contract	
b) Views on natural Rights	
c) Views on civil society & State	
<u>Unit: 8 - Rousseau</u>	12
a) State of Nature & Views on Human Nature	
b) Theory of General Will	
c) Theory of Social Contract	

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Special Paper-II

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

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Section I

1. Definition, Nature and Scope of Political Sociology

2. Intellectual Foundation of Political Sociology

a) Marx b) Max Weber c) Behavioral Approach

3. Political Culture.

a) Meaning and Nature
b) Types of Political Culture

4. Political Socialization

a) Process and Agencies of Socialization

Section II

5. Political Ideology

a) Meaning and Nature

6. Political Participation

a) Meaning and Nature
b) Levels of Participation
c) Agencies of Recruitment

7. Legitimacy and Influence

a) Meaning and Nature
b) Types

8. Political Change, Political Development.

a. Meaning and Nature
b. Types of Political Change
c) Concept of Political Development

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