

SYLLABUS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Level – 5

B.A. Semester I (2025-26)

Discipline Centric Core (DCC)

Course Code: POL5001T

Basic Concepts of Political Theory



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IMPORTANT

With a view to bring about greater reliability, validity and objectivity in the examination system and also for closer integration of teaching, learning and evaluation.

- (i) The syllabus has been divided into units. Questions will be set from each unit with provision for internal choice.
- (ii) In order to ensure that the students do not leave out the important portion of the syllabus, examiners shall be free to repeat the questions set in the previous examinations.

(Ref. Resolution No. 21 (c) of Academic Council dated 9.2.84)

The examinees be permitted to use their personal transistorized pocket battery operated calculators in the examinations. The calculator to be used by the candidates in the examinations should not have more than 12 digits, 6 functions and 2 memories and should be noiseless and cordless. A Calculator belonging to one candidate shall not be allowed to be used by another candidate. The Superintendent of the centre will have complete discretion to disallow the use of a calculator which does not conform to the above specification.

(Ref. Resolution No. 6/90 of Academic Council dated 20th July, 1990)

In Engineering and any other examinations where the use of calculators is already permitted, it shall remain undisturbed.

NOTIFICATION

In compliance of decision of the Hon'ble High Court all students are required to fulfil 75% attendance rule in each subject and there must be 75 % attendance of the student before he/she could be permitted to appear in the examination.

**REGISTRAR
(Academic)**

POLITICAL SCIENCE
NEW EXAMINATION SCHEME
(Pattern of Question Paper)
Total Marks = 80

PART-A (भाग-अ) (2 x 10 = 20)

भाग अ के सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं। इन प्रश्नों के उत्तर प्रत्येक 30 शब्दों तक सीमित हैं। प्रत्येक प्रश्न 2 अंक का है।

The questions of Part-A are compulsory. The answer of these questions are limited up to 30 words each. Each question carries 2 mark.

Part B (भाग-ब) (12 x 5 = 60)

इस भाग में प्रत्येक इकाई में से एक प्रश्न का चयन करते हुए कुल 5 प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिये। प्रत्येक प्रश्न का उत्तर लगभग 500 शब्दों तक सीमित है। प्रत्येक प्रश्न 12 अंक का है।

Attempt five questions at least one from each unit. The Answer of each question shall be limited up to 500 words. Each question carries 12 marks.

**B. A. Political Science
Level 5 (First Semester)**

Basic Concepts of Political Theory

Discipline Centric Core Course Code: POL5001T

Contact hours per week: 6

Course Credits: 6

Maximum Marks: 100

Examination Duration: 3 hours

Internal: 20 External: 80

Course Objective:

This course helps the student familiarize with the basic concepts of political theory. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding. This exercise is designed to encourage critical and reflective analysis and interpretation of social practices through the relevant conceptual toolkit. This also introduces the students to the important debates in the subject.

Course Outcome:

At the end of the course, students should be able to have clear understanding of normative concepts of political theory. They should also be able to develop critical thinking and understand the important debates in the subject.

Course Contents:

- Unit 1 Meaning, nature and Scope of Political Theory
- Unit 2 State – Its nature, The organic theory of the state, Functions of the State, The concept of Welfare State
- Unit 3 The concept of Sovereignty, it's essential elements and types; Austine's theory of Sovereignty
- Unit 4 Basic Concepts – Power, Authority, Political Culture
- Unit 5 The Concept of Democracy – Its meaning, merits and demerits ; Montesquieu's theory of Separation of Powers

राजनीति सिद्धान्त की मूल अवधारणा

- इकाई 1 राजनीति सिद्धान्त का अर्थ, प्रकृति और क्षेत्र
- इकाई 2 राज्य : उसकी प्रकृति, राज्य का आंगिक सिद्धान्त; राज्य के कार्य; लोक कल्याणकारी राज्य की अवधारणा
- इकाई 3 सम्प्रभुता की अवधारणा : इसके आवश्यक तत्व व प्रकार; ऑस्टिन का सम्प्रभुता सिद्धान्त
- इकाई 4 आधारभूत अवधारणाएँ : शक्ति, सत्ता, राजनीतिक संस्कृति
- इकाई 5 लोकतंत्र की अवधारणा : अर्थ, गुण एवं दोष ; मॉण्टेस्क्यू का शक्ति पृथक्करण सिद्धान्त

Recommended Readings

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- 6 D.Germino, Beyond Ideology : The Revival of Political Theory, New York, Harper and Row, 1967.
- 7 D.Held, Models of Democracy, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1987.
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