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BA SYLLABUS

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B.A. PART-I

PAPER I

POLITICAL THEORY

UNIT- I

DEFINITION : Nature and Scope of Political Science. Political Science as study of State and Government, as study of Power, as study of Political System.

NOMENCLATURE : Political Science, Politics, Political Theory, Political Philosophy, Comparative Politics.

POLITICAL SCIENCE - Its relations with other Social Sciences.

APPROACHES : Different Approaches to the study of Political Science, e.g. Historical, Philosophical, Behavioural and Post-Behavioural.

UNIT-II

STATE:

- i) Meaning and Elements, Dominant Perspectives
-Idealistic, Individualistic, Liberal, Social Welfare,

Contemporary Libertarian Concept, Gandhian concept and Marxian view of the State.

- ii) Origin of the State - different theories, e.g. Divine-origin, force, social contract , evolutionary.

UNIT -III

SOVEREIGNTY: Concept; Attributes, Different Theories : Monistic, Pluralistic and Philosophical. Nation and Nationalism, Challenges before the Nation-state, Globalisation, and Emergence of Civil Society.

UNIT-IV

CONCEPTS : Liberty, Equality, Rights, Law, Justice, Punishment and Citizenship

UNIT-V

Evolutionary Socialism, Marxism, Fascism Democracy and Communitarianism

BOOKS RECOMMENDED:

Andrew Heywood : Political Theory -An Introduction
C.E.M. Joad : Modern Political Theory
(English & Hindi)

Eddy Asirvatham and K. K. Misra : Political Theory (English & Hindi Versions)

G.C. Field : Political Theory

John Hoffman & Paul Graham : Introduction to Political Theory

M.P. Jain : Marxism and Liberalism (English & Hindi)

Catriona Mckinnon : Issues in Political Theory

O.P. Gauba : An Introduction to Political Theory (English & Hindi Version)

Pant, Gupta, Jain : Rajniti Shastra ke Adhar (Hindi)

Rajeev Bhargava and Ashok Acharya : Political Theory - An Introduction

Robert Dahl : Modern Political Analysis

M.J. Vinod & Deshpande : Political Theory

Sushila Ramaswamy : Political Theory Idea & Concept.

B.A. PART I

Paper II

Theory and Practice of Modern Governments (with special reference to U.K., U.S.A., China and India)

UNIT-I

Constitution of U.K.: Salient features, Conventions, Monarchy, Cabinet, Prime Minister, Parliament- organization, powers and functions, Reform of the House of the Lords, Organs of the higher judiciary- powers and functions, Party System.

UNIT- II

Constitution of U.S.A.: Salient features, Federalism, Constitutional Amendments, President, Vice President, Cabinet, Congress- organization, powers and functions, Supreme Court- organization, powers and functions, Judicial Review, Party System.

UNIT- III

Constitution of People's Republic of China: Main features, Communist Party of China, President, Premier, State Council, National People's Congress, Central Military Commission, Supreme People's Court-

organization, powers and functions.

UNIT-IV

Constitution of India (A): - The Constituent Assembly - organization, powers and functions, Objectives and Philosophy of the Indian Constitution- Preamble, Main Features, Procedure of Amendment, Federalism, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Duties.

UNIT- V

Constitution of India (B): President, Emergency Provisions, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Parliament- organization, powers and functions, Judiciary- Supreme Court and High Court- organization, powers and functions, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism, Governor, Chief minister and Council of Ministers, State Legislature- organization, powers and functions, Panchayati Raj and Urban Local Bodies, Party System in India - basic features.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED:

A.C. Kapur : Select Constitutions
C. F. Strong : Constitution and Constitutionalism

C. F. Strong : Major Contemporary Political Systems

Colin Padfield : British Constitution Made Easy

D.D. Basu : An Introduction to the Constitution of India (English & Hindi)

H.M. Jain : Panch Samvidhan

Harvey & Bather : British Constitution

K.R. Bombwall : Modern Constitutions

Ogg. Ray and Young : Essentials of American Government

R.M. Punnet : British Constitution

Rupa Manglani : Bhartiya Shasan aur Rajniti

M.V. Pylee : Indian Constitution

Qianfan Zhang : The constitution of China : A Contextual Analysis Constitutional systems of the world)