

SYLLABUS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Level – 5

B.A. Semester Second (2025-26)

Discipline Centric Core (DCC)

Course Code: POL5002T

Understanding Indian Constitution and Government



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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
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Contact hours per week: 6

Course Credits: 6

Maximum Marks: 100

Examination Duration: 3 hours

Internal: 20 External: 80

Course Objective:

This paper attempts to introduce students to the basic concepts of Indian Political System. Its attempt is to equip students with the major approaches to the study and to provide a detailed understanding of the Indian Constitution, Governmental institutions and its inter-relationships.

Course Outcome:

At the end of the course the students should have acquired a good understanding of Indian Political System as well as major constitutional ideas that shape and influence Indian political system. They should also be able to comprehend the contemporary issues and changing dynamics of Indian Political System and be able to find a solution to them.

Course Contents

- Unit 1 Constituent Assembly and Framing of Indian Constitution; Main Issues and Approaches; The Preamble, Salient Features of the Indian Constitution, Fundamental Rights and Duties; Directive Principles of State Policy.
- Unit 2 Union Executive : The President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers – Powers, Functions and Relationship.
- Unit 3 Parliament : Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Composition and Powers; Supreme Court : Composition, Powers, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism, The Election Commission and electoral reforms.
- Unit 4 Federalism – Place of States in the Indian Union; Centre-State Relations, New Trends and Development; Demand for Autonomy : Governor – Powers and Its Role in Federal Polity.
- Unit 5 Indian Parliamentary System ; Multi-Party System ; Regional Parties and Coalition Governments; Criminilisation of Politics, Caste in Politics, Poverty Alleviation, Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Process.

भारतीय संविधान और शासन की समझ

- इकाई 1 संविधान निर्मात्री सभा और भारतीय संविधान का निर्माण – प्रमुख मुद्दे एवं दृष्टिकोण; उद्देशिका, भारतीय संविधान की प्रमुख विशेषताएं, मौलिक अधिकार एवं कर्तव्य, राज्य के नीति निर्देशक तत्व
- इकाई 2 संघीय कार्यपालिका – राष्ट्रपति, प्रधानमंत्री और मंत्रीपरिषद्-शक्तियां, कार्य एवं परस्पर संबंध
- इकाई 3 संसद : लोक सभा एवं राज्य सभा – गठन एवं शक्तियां, उच्चतम न्यायालय-गठन, शक्तियां, न्यायिक पुनरावलोकन एवं न्यायिक सक्रियता, निर्वाचन आयोग तथा चुनाव सुधार, कृत्रिम बुद्धिलब्धता और लोकतांत्रिक प्रक्रिया
- इकाई 4 संघवाद – भारतीय संघ में राज्यों की स्थिति; केन्द्र राज्य संबंध-नई प्रवृत्तियां और विकास, स्वायतता की मांग; राज्यपाल-शक्तियां व संघीय व्यवस्था में उसकी भूमिका
- इकाई 5 भारतीय संसदीय व्यवस्था – बहुदलीय व्यवस्था; क्षेत्रीय दल एवं गठबंधन सरकारें; राजनीति का अपराधीकरण, राजनीति में जातिवाद, निर्धनता उन्मूलन

Recommended Readings

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