Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC)

1st Year Syllabus

SYLABUS FOR HIGHER SECONDARY FIRST YEAR COURSE 2023-2024

Political Science

One paper Time: Three hours Marks: 100(80+20)

Unit wise Distribution of Marks & Periods

Unit	Contents	Marks	Periods
A. Political Theory			
Unit I:	An Introduction to Political Theory	06	12
Unit II:	Freedom	06	12
Unit III	Equality	06	12
Unit IV:	Social Justice	06	12
Unit V	Rights	06	12
Unit VI:	Citizenship	06	12
Unit VII:	Nationalism		06
Unit VIII:	Secularism	04	06
B. Indian Constitution at work			
Unit I:	Constitution: why and how	04	12
Unit II:	Rights in the Indian Constitution	06	12
Unit III:	Election and Representation	03	08
Unit IV:	Executive	06	12
Unit V:	Legislature	06	12
Unit VI:	Judiciary	06	12
Unit VII:	Federalism	03	10
Unit VIII:	Local Government	03	10
Unit IX:	The Constitution as a Living Document and its Philosophy	03	08
C. Project work		**20**	
	Total Marks	**100**	**180**

UNIT WISE DISTRIBUTION OF COURSE CONTENTS

A. Political Theory

Unit I: An Introduction to Political Theory

What is Politics- Necessity of studying Political Theory-Scope and utility of Political Theory.

Unit II: Freedom

Meaning of Freedom-Constraints and its necessity - concept of harm principle, Negative & Positive Liberty-Freedom of Expression

Unit III: Equality

Meaning of Equality and its significance- Equality of Opportunities- Natural and Social inequalities – Three dimension of equality - Political Equality, Social equality, Economic equality - Feminism- Socialism- liberalism - Promotion of Equality- equality through differential treatment -Affirmative Action.

Unit IV: Social Justice

Meaning of Justice- Means of establishing Justice- Equal treatment for equal- Proportionate justice - John Rawls' theory of Justice- Recognition of special needs- Just distribution - Concept of Social Justice- Pursuing Social Justice-Free market vs. state intervention.

Unit V: Rights

Rights and its origin- Kinds of rights- Legal Right and the state; Right and responsibilities.

Unit VI: Citizenship

Meaning of Citizenship- Free and equal –Membership-Equal Rights-Citizen and Nation-Universal and Global citizenship.

Unit VII: Nationalism

Concept of Nation and Nationalism - Elements of Nation - National Self-determination- Nationalism and Pluralism.

Unit VIII: Secularism

Meaning of secularism; Inter-religious domination-Intra religious domination- Secular State - Western and Indian Secularism; Criticism of Indian Secularism.

B. Indian Constitution at work

Unit I: Constitution: Why and How

Necessity and functions of the Constitution – Authority of Constitution. Framing of Indian Constitution and its legacy.

Unit II: Fundamental Rights

Significance of Rights - Fundamental Rights in India and its significance - National Human right commission; Directive Principles of State Policy and its Relation with Fundamental Rights.

Unit III: Election and Representation

Election and Democracy- Indian Election System and its Various types- Reservation of Constituencies. Universal Adult franchise and right to contest – Election commission; – Electoral reforms

Unit IV: Executive

What is an Executive? Different Types of Executive-Parliamentary Executive in India Powers and position of the President of India, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers; Permanent Executive-Bureaucracy.

Unit V: Legislature

Why do we need a Parliament? Unicameral /Bicameral Legislature, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Parliamentary control over executive; Parliamentary committees and Legislative Procedure.

Unit VI: Judiciary

The meaning and need of Independent Judiciary- Appointment and removal of the Judges of the Supreme Court of India Composition and Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India -Structure of the Judiciary-Judicial Review- Judicial Activism Judiciary and Parliament.

Unit VII: Federalism

What is Federalism? Federalism and Indian Constitution-Centralizing tendency - Conflicts in Indian Federal System – Central State Relationship

Unit VIII: Local Government

Needs of Local Government-Growth of Local Government in India-73rd and 74th Amendments - Implementation of 73rd and 74th Amendment Acts- State Election Commission - State finance commission.

Unit IX: The Constitution as a Living Document and its Philosophy

Basic structure of the Constitution- Philosophy of the Constitution of India - Constitution as a Living Document and Amendment of the Indian Constitution of India.

C. Project Work - 20 Marks
Sample Project

- National self –determination and its implication.
- Ambedkar and social justice
- Necessity of reservation
- Citizenship in globalized world.
- Legislative Relations
- Secularism- Indian vs. Western
- Implementation of 73rd and 74th armament and its implications
- Basic Structure of Indian Constitution Etc.

Study Materials

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Model Papers

Sample Papers

Half Yearly Sample Papers

Important Resources

Periodic Table

Writing Skills / Formats

Maps of India / World

Notes

- Class 6 Notes
- Class 7 Notes
- Class 8 Notes
- Class 9 Notes
- Class 10 Notes
- Class 11 Notes
- Class 12 Notes

Books and Solutions

NCERT Books

NCERT Book Solutions

HC Verma Chapter Wise Solutions

RD Sharma Solutions

CGBSE Solutions