WEST BENGAL COUNCIL OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION
SYLLABUS FOR CLASSES XI AND XII
SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

Overview and Objective :

Political Science as a discipline deals with understanding the social structures and methods used to understand a government or a State. It also deals with the historical, philosophical, constitutional, and legal foundation of the political society. It further provides scope to identify the political values and ideas, governing institutions and their policy making processes. The subject enhances the ability to address the functions and processes of government and politics both at the National and International level.

The present WBCHSE curriculum of Political Science is framed in a systematic manner to facilitate students to have an understanding of political ideas, ideologies, institutions, policies, processes, and behaviour. The contents enrich student's writing, communication, data analysis skills and also develop knowledge about current and past political events across the world.

CLASS - XI

SEMESTER – I

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

TOPIC : 1. POLITICAL SCIENCE: THEORIES AND CONCEPTS

2. INDIAN CONSTITUTION

FULL MARKS: 40 **CONTACT HOURS: 100 Hours**

COURSE CODE : THEORY

Sub Topic :

UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
UNIT 1	**Nature and Scope of Political Science as a Discipline** Definition Nature of Political Science Scope of Political Science	15	04
UNIT 2	**State: Definition and Characteristics** Definition of State Characteristics of State	10	05
UNIT 3	**Citizenship** Meaning and Definition of Citizenship Methods of Acquisition of Citizenship Reasons of Loss of Citizenship Citizenship in the Constitution of India	15	07
UNIT 4	**Understanding Constitutions: Definition and types** Definition of Constitution Types of Constitution- Written, Unwritten, Rigid, Flexible- Merits and Demerits	20	06
UNIT 5	**Making and the Philosophy of the Constitution** Functions of the Constitution Framing of the Constitution : Demand for the establishment of a Constituent Assembly, Composition of the Assembly, Methods of deliberation, Role of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Preamble – ideals and significance Incorporating features of the constitutions of the different countries of the world	25	08

UNIT 6	**Salient Features of the Constitution of India** Largest Constitution Written Constitution Partly Rigid and Partly Flexible Parliamentary System Federalism- Quasi-Federal Structure Fundamental Rights and Duties and Directive Principles Independence of the Judiciary Single Citizenship Anti-Defection Law Reservation Minority Rights Secularism Universal Adult Suffrage Supremacy of the Constitution	15	10
	TOTAL	**100 Hours**	**40**

CLASS - XI

SEMESTER – II

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

TOPIC : 1. POLITICAL SCIENCE: THEORIES AND CONCEPTS

2. INDIAN CONSTITUTION

FULL MARKS: 40 **CONTACT HOURS: 80 Hours**

COURSE CODE : THEORY

Sub Topic :

UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
UNIT 1	**Key Concepts of Political Theory:** Law – Source and Classification Liberty – Meaning, Classification, Safeguards Equality- Meaning and Nature, Different forms (Social, political, legal, economic, culture, gender equality) Justice – Meaning, Forms Separation of Powers - Definition, Arguments for and against the notion	15	08
UNIT 2	**Nation and Nationalism** Meaning of Nation and Nationalism Elements of Nationality National Self- Determination Tagore's views of Nationalism	10	06
UNIT 3	**Forms of Government** Definition and Basic Features – Democracy, Authoritarianism, Totalitarianism	15	08
UNIT 4	**Contemporary Indian Political Thought: Selected thinkers** Mahatma Gandhi: *Satyagraha, Non-Violence and Trusteeship* Vivekananda: *Socio-Political reforms* Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: *Freedom and Nationalism* Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: *Freedom and Education*	15	06
UNIT 5	**Fundamental Rights:** Meaning and Types Directive Principles Fundamental Duties of Indian Citizens	10	06
UNIT 6	**Election and Representation**: First Past the Post-System Election Commission of India - Composition and Functions	15	06
	TOTAL	**80 Hours**	**40**

[Note:20 Hours reserved for Remedial classes, Tutorials and Home Assignments.]

CLASS: XI

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

COURSE CODE: PROJECT

FULL MARKS: 20

Sub Topic :

1.	Success and Problems of the Application of Universal Adult Franchise (local area studies)
2.	Right to Education and its Actual Implementation- Problem of Dropouts (Local Area Studies)
3.	Role of Media in Democracy
4.	Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution and Two Case Studies Indicating Violation of any of these Fundamental Rights

CLASS - XII

SEMESTER – III

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

TOPIC : 1. CONTEMPORARY WORLD POLITICS

2. INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICS

FULL MARKS: 40 **CONTACT HOURS: 100 Hours**

COURSE CODE : THEORY

Sub Topic :

UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
UNIT 1	**International Relations in the Post Second World War Period** Cold War Era Bipolarity and End of Bipolarity Non-Aligned Movement	20	08
UNIT 2	**International Organizations and Institutions** United Nations- Aims and Principles General Assembly – Composition and Functions Security Council -Composition and Functions ECOSOC - Composition and Functions International Court of Justice Agencies- UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF)	20	08
UNIT 3	**Security in the Contemporary World**: Traditional Security – Internal and External Non-traditional Security – Human Security, Terrorism, Migration, Poverty, Epidemics Environmental Security	10	07
UNIT 4	**Challenges of Nation-Building** Partition of India Refugee problem Integration of Princely States Linguistic Re-organization of States	20	05
UNIT 5	**Political Parties and Party System** Definition and Features of Political Parties Functions of Political Parties Election Process of India and Electoral Reforms	20	05
UNIT 6	**India's Foreign Policy** India and her Neighbours - Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives Major Powers-US, Russia and China India's Nuclear Policy - Pokhran 1, Pokhran 2, PTBT, CTBT,NPT	10	07
	TOTAL	**100 Hours**	**40**

CLASS - XII

SEMESTER – IV

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

TOPIC : 1. CONTEMPORARY WORLD POLITICS

2. INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICS

FULL MARKS: 40 **CONTACT HOURS: 80 Hours**

COURSE CODE : THEORY

Sub Topic :

UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
UNIT 1	**International Relations -Key Concepts and Political Doctrines** Evolution of IR as a Discipline Realism, Idealism, Liberalism, Marxism- Brief Outline	18	08
UNIT 2	**Major Regional and Sub-regional Organisations** European Union SAARC ASEAN BIMSTEC	10	06
UNIT 3	**Globalisation** Economic, Political and Cultural consequences, India and Globalisation Globalization- Critical Analysis	08	06
UNIT 4	**Organs of the Indian Government:** Executive - Powers and Functions (President, PM, Governor, CM,Bureaucracy) Legislature - Composition and Functions (Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Vidhan Sabha, Vidhan Parishad, Speaker- Power and Functions) Judiciary- Importance and Independence (Supreme Court, High Court, PILs, Consumer Courts, Lok Adalat),	24	08
UNIT 5	**Contemporary Civil Society Movements in India** Brief Outline : Bhoodan Movement CSR Acts and Roles Right to Information: Act 2005	08	06
UNIT 6	**Constitutional Amendments and Local Self-Government** Methods of Amendments (Article 368) 73rd Amendment -Rural Local Self-Governemnt – 3 tier panchayat system- Composition, Functions and Source of Income 74th Amendment -Urban Local Self-Government-Municipality and Corporation – Composition and Functions and Source of Income	12	06
	TOTAL	**80 Hours**	**40**

[Note:20 Hours reserved for Remedial classes, Tutorials and Home Assignments.]

CLASS: XII

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

COURSE CODE: PROJECT

FULL MARKS : 20

Sub Topic :

1.	Survey and observation on the functioning of Gram Panchayat/Panchayat Samiti /Zilla Parishad/ Municipality/ Borough Committee/ Ward Committee etc.
2.	Women's Participation in Local Level Politics
3.	Major Initiatives to Empower Women- *Kanyashree (2013)/ Beti Bachao, Beti Padao (2015)*
4.	Indian Foreign Policy- Analyses of India's relation with any one major power/ South Asian Neighbour
5.	Globalisation– Its impact on India