

CLASS-XII
POLITICAL SCIENCE
SESSION 2024-25

SYLLABUS

A. POLITICAL THEORIES

Part-I

Unit 1: Political System

- Meaning, Characteristics
- Functions of Political system
- David Easton's input output model
- Difference between state and political system

Part II

Unit 2: Major Contemporary Political Theories

- Liberalism
- Marxism
- Political ideas of Mahatma Gandhi

Part-III

Unit 3: (i) Bureaucracy (Civil Services)

- Meaning and importance
- Recruitment, Role and Functions
- Distinction between Political Executive and Permanent Executive and their respective roles

(ii) Public opinion

- Role and importance of Public Opinion in a Democratic Polity.
- Agencies for the formulation and expression of Public Opinion

Part-IV

Unit 4: (i) Party System

- Political parties – their functions and importance
- Basis of formation of Political Parties
- Types of Party System
- The Role of Opposition

(ii) Interest and Pressure Groups

- Interest Groups and Pressure Groups – their nature types and functions
- Ways of functioning of pressure groups

B. INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

Part-V

Unit 1: (i) Indian Democracy

- Parliamentary Model.
- Problems and challenges to Indian Democracy & future of Indian democracy

(ii) Democracy at Grass root

- Concept of Panchayati Raj
- Structure and Working of Panchayati Raj (73th Amendment)
- Panchayati Raj – Some problems
- Local Bodies in Urban Areas (74th Amendment)

Part-VI

Unit 2: (i) Party System in India

- Nature of Party System in India
- Study of major 4 national political parties (INC, BJP, CPI, CPI -M) their programs and policies.
- Regional political parties in Punjab (SAD, AAP)
- Problems facing the Indian Party System

(ii) Electoral System

- Adult Franchise Direct and Indirect Elections and people's participation
- Voting behavior – meaning and determinants
- Election Commission and Election Procedure

Part-VII

Unit 3: (i) National Integration

- Problems of National Integration
- Steps taken to promote National Integration

(ii) Foreign Policy of India

- Determinants of Foreign Policy
- Basic principles of Foreign Policy
- India and the United Nations, India and SAARC

Part-VIII

Unit 4: India and the World

- India's relations with her Neighbours: Nepal, Sri Lanka, China, Bangladesh and Pakistan
- India's relation with U.S.A. and Russia
- India's approach to major world issues: Human Rights, Disarmament and Globalisation