

The University of Burdwan



Syllabus for 3- yr. B.A. Honours in Political Science

(1+1+1 pattern)

w.e.f. 2015-16

Part I: Paper I – Political Theory

Paper II – Western Political Thought

Part II: Paper III – Government and Politics of India

Paper IV – Comparative Government and Politics

Part III: Paper V – International Relations

Paper VI – Political Sociology

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Paper VIII – Indian Political Thought

[There shall be 100 lectures per paper]

Part - I

Paper - I

Full Marks: 100

Political Theory

- 1. The meaning of Politics and Political Theory; Importance of Political Theory: Decline and Resurgence** 8 lectures
- 2. Different Approaches: (a) Normative (b) Behavioural and Post-Behavioural (c) Marxist (d) Institutional and Neo-Institutional** 10 lectures
- 3. The Concept of Sovereignty: (a) Monistic (b) Pluralist (c) Popular** 10 lectures
- 4. Law, Rights, Liberty and Equality: Meaning and their Inter-relationship** 10 lectures
- 5. Theory of Justice – Rawls** 8 lectures
- 6. Ideology – Meaning and Variants: (a) Anarchism (b) Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism (c) Fascism; The End of Ideology Debate – Daniel Bell and Francis Fukuyama** 12 lectures
- 7. Socialism – Meaning and Variants: (a) Utopian (b) Scientific (c) Democratic (Basic Tenets)** 12 lectures

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| 8. Theories of State: (a) Metaphysical (b) Liberal (c) Marxist (d) Gandhian | 12 lectures |
| 9. The State, Civil Society and Hegemony – Antonio Gramsci | 8 lectures |
| 10. Concept of Democracy and Different Models. | 10 lectures |

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2. N.P. Barry, *Introduction to Modern Political Theory*. (Macmillan, London)
3. Tom Bottomore, *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*. (Worldview Publications, Delhi)
4. O.P. Gauba, *An Introduction to Political Theory*. (Macmillan, Delhi)
5. David Held, *Political Theory and The Modern State*. (Polity Press, Cambridge, England)
6. David Held, *Models of Political Democracy*. 3rd Edition (Cambridge: Polity Press)
7. Andrew Heywood, *Key Concepts in Politics*. (London: Palgrave Macmillan)
8. Andrew Heywood, *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*. (London: Palgrave Macmillan)
9. David Marsh and Gerry Stoker, *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. (Macmillan, London)
10. S.P. Verma, *Modern Political Theory*. (Vikas, New Delhi)
11. A.G. Vincent, *Modern Political Ideologies*. (Sussex: John Wiley- Blackwell and Sons)

Paper -II

Full Marks: 100

Western Political Thought

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| 1. Ancient Greek Political Thought: Plato – Justice; Aristotle – The Nature and End of the State, Classification of Government | 12 lectures |
| 2. Roman Political Thought: General features with special reference to Citizenship and Law | 5 lectures |
| 3. Medieval Political Thought: Main features | 5 lectures |
| 4. Renaissance and Machiavelli: Concept of Power and Secularization of Politics | 10 lectures |
| 5. Bodin and Hobbes: Concept of Sovereignty | 12 lectures |
| 6. Locke: Foundations of Liberalism, Natural Rights and Limited Government | 12 lectures |
| 7. Rousseau: General Will | 8 lectures |

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| 8. Hegel: State; T H Green: Positive Freedom | 12 lectures |
| 9. Marx and Engels: Historical Materialism, Revolution; Lenin: Imperialism | 12 lectures |
| 10. J.S. Mill and Isaiah Berlin: Problems of Liberty. | 12 lectures |

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2. Maurice Cranston, *Western Political Philosophers*. (Chester Springs, PA)
3. O.P. Gauba, *Western Political Thought*. (New Delhi, Macmillan)
4. Lawrence C Getell, *History of Political Thought*. (New Delhi, Subject Publications)
5. B.A. Haddock, *A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx*. (Cambridge, Polity Press)
6. Michale H. Lessonoff, *Political Philosophers of Twentieth Century*. (Oxford, Blackwell)
7. David McLellan, *The Thought of Karl Marx*. (London, Macmillan)
8. David McLellan, *Modern Political Thinkers*. (London, Macmillan)
9. S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx*. (New Delhi, Prentice Hall)
10. David Thompson (ed.), *Political Ideas*. (London, Penguin)
11. A.K. Mukhopadhyay, *Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx*. (Calcutta, K.P. Bagchi)

Part - II

Paper - III

Full Marks: 100

Government and Politics of India

1. The Constituent Assembly: its Composition and the Making of the Indian Constitution
6 Lectures
2. The Preamble and its Significance
5 Lectures
3. (a) Fundamental Rights and Duties (b) Directive Principles of State Policy (c) Special Provisions for the SCs, STs, OBCs, Women and Minorities
14 Lectures
4. Nature of Indian Federalism: Centre-States relations – Legislative, Administrative and Financial; Regional tensions in Indian Federalism
14 Lectures

5. **Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Organization, Functions and Law-making Procedures; the Speaker; Procedure of Constitutional Amendment** 12 Lectures
6. **Union Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers; Emergency Powers of the President** 12 Lectures
7. **Government in the States: Governor, Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers; State Legislature: Composition and Functions** 10 Lectures
8. **Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts – Composition and Functions; Judicial Activism** 10 Lectures
9. **Party System in India: Features and Trends; Coalition Governments** 9 Lectures
10. **Electoral Process: Election Commission – Composition and Functions; Electoral Reforms.** 8 Lectures

References:

1. D.D. Basu, *An Introduction to the Constitution of India*. (New Delhi, Prentice Hall)
2. P. Bakshi, *Constitution of India*. (New Delhi, Prentice Hall)
3. P.R. Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence*. (Delhi, Foundation Books)
4. R.L. Hardgrave & L.S. Kochanek, *India: Government and politics in a Developing Nation*. (New York, USA, Harcourt Brace and World)
5. Z. Hassan et al (eds.), *The State, Political Process and Identity: Reflections on Modern India*. (New Delhi, Sage)
6. M.V. Pylee, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. (New Delhi, Vikash)
7. S.C. Kashyap (ed.), *Perspectives on the Constitution*. (Delhi, Shipra Publications)
8. J.C. Johari, *Indian Government and Politics* (2 vols.). (Delhi, Vishal Pub.)
9. P.R. Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence*. (Foundation Books, Delhi)
10. W.H. Morris Jones, *The Government and Politics of India*. (B I Pub., New Delhi)
11. R. Kothari, *Politics in India*. (Orient Longman, New Delhi)
12. A. Kohli (ed.), *The Success of India's Democracy*. (C.U.P. Cambridge)
13. A.G. Noorani, *Constitutional Question in India*. (Oxford University Press, Delhi)
14. Ramesh Thakur, *The Government and Politics of India*. (London, Macmillan)
15. Sibranjan Chatterjee *Governor's Role in the Indian Constitution*. (New Delhi, Mittal Publications)

Paper- IV

Full Marks: 100

Comparative Government and Politics

- 1. Transition from Comparative Government to Comparative Politics - Scope and Objectives of to Comparative Politics** **10 Lectures**
- 2. Conventions and the Rule of Law in UK** **6 Lectures**
- 3. Unitary Systems: UK and France; Federal Systems: USA** **12 Lectures**
- 4. Parliamentary and Presidential Systems: UK and USA; Role of the British Monarchy** **12 Lectures**
- 5. Party System in UK and USA** **10 Lectures**
- 6. Legislatures in UK and USA: Composition and Functions of the Second Chamber; Committee Systems in UK and USA** **12 Lectures**
- 7. Cabinet System in UK and USA** **8 Lectures**
- 8. Judiciary in UK, USA and France** **10 Lectures**
- 9. Rights of the Citizens: Bill of Rights in the USA** **8 Lectures**
- 10. Local Government in UK and France** **12 Lectures**

References:

- 1. G. Almond et al, *Comparative Politics Today : A World View*. (Delhi, Pierson)**
- 2. Gabriel Abraham Almond, G. Bingham Powell, *Comparative politics: system, process, and policy*, (Little, Brown and Co)**
- 3. Rod Hague, Martin Harrop and Shaun Breslin, *Comparative Government and Politics – An Introduction* (Macmillan, London)**
- 4. S.N. Ray, *Modern Comparative Politics – Approaches, Methods and Issues*. (New Delhi, PHI)**
- 5. J.C. Johari, *Major Modern Political Systems* (New Delhi, Sterling).**
- 6. Rakhahari Chatterjee, *Comparative Politics: History, Methods and Approaches* (Sarat Book House, Kolkata).**

Part III

Paper -V

Full Marks: 100

International Relations

1. **Nature and Scope of International Relations: Realist, Systems and International Society Approaches** **12 Lectures**
2. **National Power: Concepts and Elements** **6 Lectures**
3. **Balance of Power and Collective Security** **8 Lectures**
4. **Origin and End of the Cold War** **10 Lectures**
5. **Post Cold War global issues: (a) Globalization (b) Human Rights (c) Terrorism** **12 Lectures**
6. **United Nations: its Emergence; General Assembly and Security Council; Secretariat; Secretary General; International Court of Justice: Composition and Functions** **14 Lectures**
7. **Disarmament: PTBT, NPT and CTBT** **8 Lectures**
8. **Regional Cooperation: SAARC and ASEAN – Goals and Functioning** **8 Lectures**
9. **Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Concepts, Determinants and Objectives** **8 Lectures**
10. **Indian Foreign Policy: Basic Tenets; India's relations with neighbours: (a) Sino-Indian ; (b) Indo-Pakistan; (c) Indo-Bangladesh; (d) Indo-US Relations** **14 Lectures**

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1. **Coulombis and Wolfe, *Introduction to International Relations* (Prentice Hall of India, New Delhi).**
2. **Peter Calvocoressi, *World Politics Since 1945* (Longman, London).**
3. **H. J. Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations* (Scientific Book Agency, Kolkata).**
4. **K. J. Holsti, *International Politics : A Framework for Analysis***
5. **K. J. Holsti, *International Politics : A Framework for Analysis* (Prentice Hall International)**
6. **Joseph Frankel, *International Relations in a Changing World*. (Oxford, OUP)**
7. **J. Bandyopadhyay, *The Making of India's Foreign Policy* (Allied, New Delhi)**
8. **Appadorai and Rajan, *India's Foreign Policy and Relations* (South Asian Pub., New Delhi)**

9. R. Chakraborty, *U.N.O.: A Study in Essentials* (K.P. Bagchi & Co., Kolkata).
10. J. C. Johari, *International Relations and Politics* (New Delhi, South Asian Pub.)
11. Debendra Kr. Das (ed.), *SAARC: Regional Cooperation and Development*. (New Delhi, Deep and Deep)

Paper -VI

Full Marks: 100

Political Sociology

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| 1. Political Sociology and Sociology of Politics: Nature and Scope | 6 Lectures |
| 2. Political Culture: Meaning, Components and Types; Political Socialization: Meaning, Role and Agencies | 12 Lectures |
| 3. Political Participation: Meaning and Components | 8 Lectures |
| 4. Political Development and Modernization: Theoretical Issues | 10 Lectures |
| 5. Concepts of Power and Authority; Types of Authority | 10 Lectures |
| 6. Feminism: Meaning, Significance and Different Schools | 12 Lectures |
| 7. Environment and Politics; Environment Movements: An Overview; Eco-Feminism | 12 Lectures |
| 8. Religion and Politics; Concept of Secularism | 8 Lectures |
| 9. State and Civil Society: Media, Society and Politics | 10 Lectures |
| 10. Ethnicity and Nationalism: Concepts; Impact of Globalization on Ethnic Politics. | 12 Lectures |

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1. T. Bottomore, *Political Sociology* (New Delhi, B. I. Pub.)
2. A. K. Mukhopadhyay, *Political Sociology* (K. P. Bagchi, Kolkata).
3. Michael Rush and Phillip Althoff, *An Introduction to Political Sociology*. (London, Thompson Nelson and Sons)
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5. B. Axford and R. Huggins, *New Media and Politics*. (London, Sage)
6. J. Connolly and G. Smith, *Politics and Environment: From Theory to Practice*. (London, Routledge)

7. Dipankar Gupta, *Political Sociology in India* (Orient Longman, Delhi)
8. Dipankar Gupta, *The Context of Ethnicity* (Delhi, C. U. P.)
9. S. Kaviraj and S. Khilnani (ed) , *Civil Society : History and Possibilities* (Cambridge, CUP)
10. Robin Jeffrey, *Media and Modernity: Women, Communications and the State in India* (Ranikhet, Permanent Black)
11. Mary Evans, *Introducing Contemporary Feminist Thought*, (Cambridge, CUP)
12. Harris Barbara, *White, Globalization and Insecurity*, (Palgrave, New York)

Paper -VII

Full Marks: 100

Public Administration

1. **Public Administration: Nature and Scope; Private and Public Administration; Evolution of Public Administration as a Discipline** **10 Lectures**
2. **Concepts of Administration: Hierarchy; Unity of Command; Span of Control; Line and Staff; Centralization, Decentralization and Delegation** **8 Lectures**
3. **Bureaucracy: Nature and Functions; Generalists and Specialists** **8 Lectures**
4. **Development Administration: Meaning and Scope; Ecology and Sustainable Development; Riggsian Model** **12 Lectures**
5. **All-India Services and Central Services: Recruitment and Training; Union and State Public Service Commissions: Composition, Functions and Role** **12 Lectures**
6. **Union Administration: Cabinet Secretariat; Cabinet Committees and PMO** **8 Lectures**
7. **Administrative Reforms in India: Impact of Globalization – RTI, Lokpal and Lokayukta** **10 Lectures**
8. **State Administration in West Bengal: Chief Secretary; Divisional Commissioner; District Magistrate and Block Development Officer** **12 Lectures**
9. **Rural Administration in West Bengal: Panchayati Raj Systems** **10 Lectures**
10. **Urban Administration in West Bengal: Municipalities and Municipal Corporations.** **10 Lectures**

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1. F.A. Nigro and L.G. Nigro, *Modern Public Administration*. (New York: Harper and Row)
2. Ramesh K. Arrora and Rajni Goyal, *Indian Public Administration: Institutions and Issues*. (New Delhi, Wishwar Prakashan)
3. Mohit Bhattacharya, *New Horizons of Public Administration*. (New Delhi, Jawahar Publishers)
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5. S. Maheshwari, *Indian Administration* (New Delhi, Orient Longman)
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8. S.N. Jha and P.C. Mathur (ed), *Decentralisation and Local Politics in India* (New Delhi, Sage)
9. Pravat Dutta, *The Second Generation Panchayats in India*. (Kolkata, NBA)
10. C P. Bhambhri, *Public Administration, Theory and Practice* (Meerut City, Jai Prakash Nath & Co)
11. Mohit Bhattacharya, *Indian Administration* (. Kolkata, The World Press Pvt. Ltd)

Paper -VIII

Full Marks: 100

Indian Political Thought

1. **Early Indian Ideas on State and Government: Kautilya's Concept of "Dandaniti" and the Theory of "Saptanga"** **10 Lectures**
2. **Main Features of Medieval Political Thought** **6 Lectures**
3. **Rammohun Roy: Perception of British Colonial Rule and Role as a "Modernizer"** **8 Lectures**
4. **Bankimchandra and Vivekananda: Views on Nationalism and Social Regeneration** **12 Lectures**
5. **Gandhi: Non-Violence and Satyagraha** **12 Lectures**
6. **Tagore: State, Society and Nation** **12 Lectures**
7. **Savarkar: Concept of *Hindutva*** **8 Lectures**
8. **Syed Ahmed Khan and M.A. Jinnah: Religion-Nationalism Interface** **10 Lectures**

9. Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose and Jay Prakash Narayan: Socialist Ideas;
M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism 16 Lectures
10. Ambedkar: Concept of Social Justice. 8 Lectures

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1. T. Pantham and K. Deutsch (ed), *Political Thought in Modern India*, (New Delhi, Sage publications)
2. B.R. Nanda, *Gandhi and His Critics*. (Delhi, OUP)
3. Mohammad Habib, *Politics and Society during the Early Mediaeval Period*. Collected Works, Volume 2 (Delhi, People's Publishing House)
4. K.N. Kadam (ed), *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and the Significance of his Movement*. (New Delhi, Popular Prakashan).
5. V.R. Mehta, *Foundations of Indian Political Thought* (Manohar, New Delhi)
6. B. Parekh, *Gandhi*. (Oxford, O.U.P.)
7. H. Bhattacharyya and A. Ghosh (eds.), *Indian Political Thought and Movement*. (Kolkata, K. P. Bagchi)
8. V.P. Verma, *Modern Indian Political Thought*. (Agra, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal Educational Publishers)
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10. R.S. Sharma, *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*. (Delhi, Motilal Banarasidass Publishers)
