

BACHELOR OF ARTS
5th SEMESTER
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE (DSE)
OPTION -I

PS520D1: POLITICAL SCIENCE: WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Theory (4 CREDITS: 60 MARKS)

Minimum Marks: 24

Objectives: This course should enable students to comprehend the Western tradition of Political Thought which has hugely influenced the growth of political processes, institutions and ideas around the world.

Unit I: Historical Context of Western Thought

- 1.1 Political Development of Western Society- From Confessional to Secular State
- 1.2 Western Political Thought: Evolution and Significance
- 1.3 Major Themes of Western Political Thought
- 1.4 Meaning of Classical Tradition in Western Political Thought

Unit II: Citizenship and Virtue

- 2.1 Relation between Politics and Virtue in Greek Political Thought
- 2.2 Plato: The Idea of a Philosopher King
- 2.3 Aristotle: Citizenship and Rule of Law
- 2.4 St. Augustine: Politics as Earthly City

Unit III: State and Rights

- 3.1 Niccolo Machiavelli: Politics as Statecraft
- 3.2 Thomas Hobbes: State as the Condition of Freedom
- 3.3 John Locke: Rights and Constitutional Government
- 3.4 Jeremy Bentham: Government as a Utility

Unit IV: Freedom and Democracy

- 4.1 J. S. Mill: Concept of Liberty
- 4.2 J. J. Rousseau: Popular Democracy
- 4.3 Karl Marx: Communist Society
- 4.4 Mikhail Bakunin: Anarchy and Freedom

Tutorials (2-Credits: 30 Hrs.)

[Assignments, Presentations, Viva-voce]

Maximum Marks: 30

Unit 1: Debate-I

- 1.1 Is Western the Modern?
- 1.2 Reformation, Enlightenment and Reason in the West.

Unit II: Debate-II

- 2.1 Aristotle on Slavery: A Critical Analysis
- 2.2 Alexis d Tocqueville: Tyranny of Majority:

Readings:-

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OPTION -II

PS520D2: POLITICAL SCIENCE: INDIAN THOUGHT – THINKERS AND THEMES

Theory (4 CREDITS: 60 MARKS)

Minimum Marks: 24

Objectives: This Course would introduce students to the major thinkers and themes of Indian Political Thought. This thought has been shaped by the peculiar political, cultural and Civilizational ethos of India.

Unit: I (Introduction)

1.1. Modern Indian Political Thought: An Introduction

1.2. Indian State:

a) Marxist Perspective

b) Gandhian Perspective

c) Liberal Perspective **Unit: II**

(Justice)

2.1. B.R. Ambedkar on Social Justice

2.2. Pandita Ramabai on Women Empowerment

2.3. R.M. Lohia on Justice & Equality

2.4. M.N Roy on Radical Humanism

Unit: III (Diversity & Democracy)

3.1. Bhikhu Parekh

3.2. Atul Kohli

3.3. Amartya Sen

3.4. Abul Kalam Azad

UNIT: IV (Planning & Economic Development)

4.1. Models of Development

4.2. Gandhi

4.3. Nehru

4.4. Economic Reforms & Globalization

Tutorials (2-Credits: 30 Hrs.)

[Assignments, Presentations, Viva-voce]

Maximum Marks: 30

Unit: I (Debates-I)

1.1. The Ideology of Hindu Nationalism

1.2. Communist Movement in India

Unit: II (Debates-II)

2.1. Dynamics of Muslim Political Thought

2.3. Tagore on Freedom and Nationalism

Suggested Readings:

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