

West Bengal State University

Syllabus for Political Science General Course

Part – I Paper – I [Political Theory]

**UNIT I**

1. Different Approaches to Political Science: Normative, Behavioral, Marxist
2. Theories of State: a) Contract Theory, b) Idealist Theory, c) Liberal and Neo-liberal theory, d) Marxist Theory, e) Gandhian Theory

**UNIT II**

1. Sovereignty of the state: Monistic and Pluralistic theories; Doctrine of popular sovereignty.
2. Some representative concepts: a) Nationalism and Internationalism: Meaning & Features; b) Democracy : Meaning & Features; c) Fascism: Meaning & Features

**UNIT III**

1. Law: a) Meaning, b) Sources, c) Nature; International Law: Meaning & Nature
2. a) Rights: Meaning & Nature, b) Liberty: Meaning & Nature, c) Equality: Meaning & Nature, d) Relation between Liberty and Equality, e) Safeguards of liberty, f) Right to resistance

**UNIT IV**

1. a) Political Parties and Interest Groups: Their Function and Role in Modern states, b) Methods of representation: Territorial, Functional, Proportional.

**UNIT V**

1. Marxism: a) Dialectical materialism, b) Historical materialism, c) Concept of class and class-struggle, d) Marxian concept of Freedom, e) Marxian concept of democracy, f) Marxian concept of Revolution, g) Marxian concept of Party

Reading List

1. D. C. Bhattacharya – Political Theory
2. S. P. Verma : Modern Political Theory
3. J. C. Johari : Political Theory
4. Anadi Kr. Mahapatra : Rastravigayan
5. Mohit Bhattacharya and Biswanath Ghosh – Adhunik Rastravigayan
6. Debasish Chakraborty – Rastratya O Pratisthan

Part – II Paper – II [Comparative Politics and Government]

**UNIT I : Political System**

1. a) Liberal, b) Democratic, c) Authoritarian, d) Socialist
2. Forms of Political systems: a) Unitary: Features, b) Federal: Features, c) Comparison between Unitary and Federal Systems, d) Parliamentary system: Features, e) Presidential system: Features, f) Comparison between Parliamentary and Presidential system

**UNIT II U.K.**

1. a) Basic Features of British Constitution with special reference to Conventions and Rule of Law,
2. a) Legislature : Composition and function, b) Committee System , c) Speaker – Powers and Functions , d) The concept of Parliamentary sovereignty in Britain
3. Executive : a) Composition and function of the cabinet, b) The Prime Minister – Power, Functions and Role, c) The Concept of cabinet Dictatorship in Britain
4. The role of the Crown
5. Party system: Role of the Opposition

**UNIT III USA**

1. a) Basic Features of US Constitution , b) Features of US Federalism, c) Bill of Rights
2. a) Legislature : Composition and functions with reference to the Presiding officers, b) Committee System
3. The Executive: The President: a) Election procedure, b) Powers and Role
4. Judiciary – Supreme Court : Composition and Functions, b) Process of Judicial Review.
5. Party System in USA

**UNIT IV PRC (1982 constitution)**

1. a) Basic Features with special reference to general principles, b) Role of Communist Party: Structure, Functions and Role, c) Rights and Duties of the Citizen
2. Legislature – a) NPC, b) Standing Committee
3. Executive – a) President , b) Premier, c) State Council
4. Judiciary

**UNIT V FRANCE, RUSSIA AND BRAZIL**

1. Salient features of the Constitutions
2. Political Culture – Comparison

**Reading List**

1. J. C. Johari : Major Political Systems
2. D. C. Bhattacharya – Modern Political Constitutions
3. G. Almond et. al. : Comparative Politics Today – A World View
4. অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র : নির্বাচিত শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি
5. নিমাই প্রামাণিক – নির্বাচিত আধুনিক শাসনব্যবস্থার রূপরে
6. নির্মল কান্তি ঘোষ - নির্বাচিত তুলনামূলক শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি

### UNIT I

1. The Preamble
2. a) Fundamental Rights, b) Directive Principles, c) Fundamental Duties

### UNIT II

1. Union- State Relations : Legislative, Administrative and Financial
2. Evaluation of nature of federalism in India

### UNIT III

1. Union Legislature: a) Organization of Parliament : Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha – Composition, Powers and Functions, b) Speaker - Powers and Functions, c) Committee System
2. Union Executive: a) President - Powers and Functions, b) Vice President - Powers and Functions, c) Prime Minister : Powers, Functions and Role
3. Federal Judiciary: Supreme Court- Composition, Powers and Functions

### UNIT IV

1. Government in the States –Legislature: Assembly - Powers and Functions
2. Executive – a) Governor - Powers and Functions, b) The Chief Minister - Powers and Functions
3. Party System – a) Major National Political parties: Ideologies and Programme, b) Regionalism: Roots, Nature and Types

### UNIT V

1. Constitution of India – Amendment : Procedure & Evaluation
2. Election Commission - Composition, Functions and Role
3. Major issues in Indian Politics: a) Cast, b) Tribe, c) Religion
4. Development

### Reading List

1. J. C. Johari : Indian Government and Politics
2. D. C. Bhattacharya – Indian Government and Politics
3. S. L. Sikri – Indian Government and Politics
4. অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র : ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি
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**UNIT I : Organization of the Government of India:**

1. Prime Minister's Office,
2. Cabinet Secretariat: Cabinet Secretary
3. Union Civil Service: Recruitment and Training
4. Union Public Service Commission: Composition and Functions

**UNIT II : Foreign Policy**

1. Major Determinants of foreign policy
2. Foreign Policy of India: Basic Characteristics and recent trends

**UNO**

1. Purposes and Principals
2. Peace-keeping activities of the UNO
3. UN declaration of Human Rights

**UNIT III: Local Government**

1. Concept, nature and Types
2. Rural government: Zilla Parisad – a) Composition and Functions b) Role of Sabhadhipati
3. Panchayat Samiti: a) Composition and Function b) Role of Sabhapati
4. Gram Panchayat: a) Composition and Function b) Composition of Gram Sabha and Gram Samsad, c) Role of Gram Sabha and Gram Samsad
5. Representation of Women in Rural Government

**UNIT IV: Urban Government**

1. Municipal Corporation : a) Mayor-in-Council – Composition and Functions b) Role of Mayor and Deputy Mayor c) Borough Committee and Ward Committee – Composition and Functions
2. Municipality : a) Chairman-in-Council : Composition and Functions b) Role of Chairman c) Borough Committee and Ward Committee – Composition and Functions
3. Representation of Women in Urban Government

**UNIT V : Parliamentary Procedure (West Bengal)**

1. Questions – Types of Questions
2. a) Adjournment motion b) Cut Motions c) Calling Attention c)No- confidence motions d) Mention and Resolutions e) Zero hour

**Reading List**

1. অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র : ভারতের রাজনীতিক ব্যবস্থা : প্রকৃতি ও প্রয়োগ
2. অমল কুমার মুখোপাধ্যায় ও ভোলানাথ বন্দোপাধ্যায় : সাম্প্রতিক ভারতীয় রাজনীতি ও প্রশাসন
3. নির্মল কান্তি ঘোষ : সমকালীন ভারতীয় রাজনীতি ও প্রশাসন
4. রুমকি বসু ও অঞ্জনা ঘোষ : সম্মিলিত জাতিপুঞ্জ

### **QUESTION PATTERN**

- 1) 4 questions of marks 2 will be set up from each unit out of which students have to answer any 2 within 50 words.
- 2) 4 questions of marks 3 will be set up from each unit out of which students have to answer any 2 within 75 words.
- 3) 2 questions of marks 10 will be set up from each unit out of which students have to answer any 1 within 200 words.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS**

	<u>No of questions</u>		<u>Marks</u>		
1)	10	X	2	=	20
2)	10	X	3	=	30
3)	5	X	10	=	50
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		Total		=	100