

B.A. (Liberal Arts)
CORE COURSE (CC): POLITICAL SCIENCE

SEMESTER – II
(BLAB31204T) POLITICAL THEORY – II

MAX. MARKS:100

EXTERNAL:70

INTERNAL:30

PASS:35%

Objective: Credits:6 The objective of this course is to further enrich student with the major concepts of the discipline of political theory. It will help the students to understand and engage with key issues of contemporary world.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

SECTION – A

1. Political Theory: Meaning, Definition, Characteristics and Significance
2. Approaches to Political Theory: Historical, Normative and Empirical.
3. Rights and Duties: Definition and Types of Rights, Relationship between Rights and Duties.
4. Liberty: Meaning, Definition, Types and its safeguards.
5. Equality: Meaning, Definition, Types and its relationship with Liberty.

SECTION – B

1. Justice: Meaning and its various Dimensions.
2. Democracy: Meaning, Characteristics; Liberal and Marxist Theories.
3. Political Socialization: Meaning, Definition, Characteristics and its Agencies.

4. Political Culture: Meaning, Definition, Characteristics and its Types.
5. Political System: Meaning, Definition, Characteristics, Functions and its distinction from State.

Recommended Readings:

1. J.C. Johri: Principles of Political Science, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2009.
2. S.P. Verma: Political Theory, Geetanjali Publishing House, New Delhi, 1983.
3. A.C. Kapoor: Principles of Political Science, S.Chand & Company, New Delhi, 2009.
4. Robert A. Dahl & Bruce: Modern Political Analysis, Sixth Edition, Pearson, Education, 2003.
5. M.P. Jain: Political Theory, Authors Guild Publication, Delhi (Punjabi & Hindi), 1990.
6. Andrew Heywood: Political Theory: An Introduction, MacMillan Press, London, 1999.
7. Andrew Heywood: Politics, Macmillan, London, 1997.
8. O.P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan India Ltd. New Delhi, 2009.
9. Frank Bealey, Richard: Chapman and Michael Sheehan : Elements in Political Science, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh, 1999.
10. David Easton: The Political System: An Inquiry into the State of Political Science, Wiley, New York, 1953.
11. E.Ashirvatham: Political Theory, S.Chand & Company, New Delhi, 2010.