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**[There shall be 100 lectures per paper carrying 100 marks]**

## Part – I

### Paper – I

### Political Theory

1. The meaning of Political Theory : Present state of Political Theory.
2. Different approaches : (a) Traditional, (b) Marxist and (c) Behavioural with special reference to David Easton's system analysis.
3. The concept of State Sovereignty : (a) Monistic, (b) Pluralistic and (c) Popular.
4. Rights, Liberty and Equality : Meaning and their inter-relationship. Rawl's concept of Justice.
5. Ideology : Meaning and its variants- (a) Anarchism, (b) Fascism and (c) Liberalism and Neo-liberalism.
6. Socialism- its variants : (a) Utopian, (b) Scientific and (c) Democratic (basic tenets).
7. Theories of the State : (a) Idealist, (b) Marxist and (c) Gandhian.
8. Concept of hegemony in Gramsci.
9. Concept of Democracy : Liberal and Marxist.
10. Concept of Political Change : Liberal and Marxist.

### Basic Readings

David Marsh and Gerry Stoker, Theory and Methods in Political Science (Macmillan, London).

Stephen Wabsy, Political Science : The Discipline and Dimensions.

A.R. Ball, Modern Politics and Government.

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S.P. Verma, Modern Political Theory (Vikas, New Delhi)

O.P. Gauba, An Introduction to Political Theory (Macmillan, Delhi).

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David Held, Political Theory and the Modern State (Polity Press, Cambridge, England).

S. Ramaswamy, Political Theory : Ideas and Concepts (Macmillan, Delhi).

L. P. Basadat, Political Ideologies : Their Origins and Impact (Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ).

R.N. Barki, Socialism (John Dent and Sons, London).

C. Funddertunk and R.G. Thobaben, Political Ideologies : Left, Center and Right (Collins College Pub, Harper, New York).

### PAPER – II

### WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. General Features of Greek Political Thought. Sophists and Plato : Justice. Aristotle : The State and its Constitutions.
2. Roman Political Thought : General features with special reference to Citizenship and Law.

3. Mediaeval Political Thought : Church vs State (with reference to St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas and Marsiglio of Padua).
4. Renaissance and Machiavelli : His Concept of Power and Secularization of Politics.
5. Bodin and Hobbes : Concept of Sovereignty.
6. Locke : Foundations of Liberalism : Natural Rights and Limited Government, J.S.Mill : Utilitarianism.
7. Rousseau : General Will.
8. Hegel : State.
9. Marx and Engels : Historical Materialism. Lenin : Imperialism.
10. Isaiah Berlin : Liberty.

### **Basic Readings**

G.H. Sabine & T.L. Thorson, A History of Political Theory (Oxford & IBH Publishing Co., New Delhi).  
 R.N.Barki, The History of Political Thought : A Short Introduction (Dent, London).  
 S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswamy, A History of Political Thought : Plato to Marx (Prentice Hall, New Delhi).  
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Lawrence C. Wanlass, Getell's History of Political Thought (Subject Publications, New Delhi).  
 A.Hacker, The Political Theory (The Macmillan Company, London).  
 E. Barker, The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle (New York).  
 David Mcllellan, The Thought of Karl Marx.  
 David Thompson (ed.), Political Ideas.  
 - do- , Modern Political Thinkers.  
 Q. Skinner, Foundations of Western Political Thought (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge).  
 Michael H. Lessonoff, Political Philosophers of Twentieth Century.  
 নির্মলকুমার সেন, রাষ্ট্রচিন্তার ইতিহাস (প.ব.রা.পু.প., কলকাতা)।  
 অমলকুমার মুখোপাধ্যায়, রাষ্ট্রদর্শনের ধারা (প.ব.রা.পু.প., কলকাতা)।  
 -, পাশ্চাত্য রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা (অনুবাদ : অরুন কুমার রায়চৌধুরী )।  
 হিমাংশু ঘোষ (অনুবাদিত), রাজনৈতিক তত্ত্বের ইতিহাস (প.ব.রা.পু.প., কলকাতা)।  
 অমৃতভ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, পাশ্চাত্য রাষ্ট্রচিন্তার ইতিহাস।  
 শোভনলাল দত্তগুপ্ত, মার্কসীয় রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা - মার্কস থেকে মাও সে তুঙ (প.ব.রা.পু.প., কলকাতা)।

## **PART –II**

### **PAPER – III GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN INDIA**

1. The Constituent Assembly – its character. The Making of the Indian Constitution.
2. The Preamble and its significance.
3. Fundamental Rights and Duties: Directive Principles of State Policy. Special Provisions for S. C. and S.T.
4. Nature of Federalism : Union – State Relations (Legislative, Administrative and Financial), Recent trends. Reorganisation of states.

5. Union Legislature : Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha- organization, functions, and Law-making procedure : Speaker : Procedure of Constitutional Amendment.
6. Union Executive : President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, and Council of Ministers. Emergency Powers of the Indian President.
7. Government in the State : Governor, Chief Minister, and the Council of Ministers. State Legislatures : composition and functions.
8. Judiciary : Supreme Court and the High Courts : Composition and functions – Judicial Activism.
9. Party System in India : features and trends : Political Parties in West Bengal.
10. Electoral Process : Election Commission : composition and functions : need for electoral reforms.

### **Basic Readings**

- Constitution of India (Latest Edition ) (Govt. of India Publication).
- D. D. Basu, An Introduction to the Constitution of India (Prentice Hall, New Delhi).
- Ramesh Thakur, The Government and Politics of India (Macmillan, London).
- J. C. Johari, Indian Government and Politics (2 vols.) (Vishal Pub., Delhi).
- P. R. Brass, The Politics of India Since Independence (Foundation Books, Delhi).
- S. Kaviraj (ed.), Politics in India (Oxford University Press, Delhi).
- J. Hasan (ed), Politics and the State (Sage).
- M . V. Pylee, Introduction to the Constitution of India.

### **References (Latest Edition)**

- J. R. Siwath, Dynamics of Indian Government and Politics (Sterling Publication, New Delhi).
- R. Kothari, Politics in India (Orient Longman, New Delhi).
- A. Kohli (ed), The Successes of India's Democracy (C.U.P. Cambridge).
- P. Chatterjee, State and Politics in India (O.U.P., Delhi).
- A. G. Noorani, Constitutional Question in India (Oxford University Press, New Delhi).
- W. H. Morris Jones, The Government and Politics of India (BI Publications, New Delhi).
- R. L. Hardgrave & L.S. Kochanek, India : Government and Politics in a Developing Nation (Harcourt Brace and World, New york, U.S.A.)
- S. C. Kashyap (ed) , Perspectives on the Constitution.
- নিমাই প্রামাণিক, ভারতীয় শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতির রূপরেখা (ছায়া প্রকাশনী, কলকাতা)।
- নির্মলকান্তি ঘোষ ও পিতম ঘোষ, ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি।
- অনাদি মহাপাত্র, ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি।
- হিমাংশু ঘোষ, ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি (ক্যালকাটা বুক সিভিকিট, কলকাতা)।

### **PAPER – IV      COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

1. Comparative Government and Politics as a Field Study : Methodology and Objectives.
2. Conventions and Rule of Law in U.K., Administrative Law(Droit Administratif) in France.
3. Federal and Unitary Systems : Federalism in U.S.A. Nature of Unitarianism in France and U.K.

4. Parliamentary and Presidential Systems : Systemic Similarities and Dissimilarities between British, French and American Systems.
5. Party Systems in U.K., U.S.A. France and P.R.C. Role of Pressure Groups in U.K. and U.S.A.
6. Legislatures in U.K., U.S.A , France and P.R.C. : composition and functions of the Legislative Chambers, Inter-chamber comparisons. The Committee Systems in U.K. and U.S.A.
7. The British Crown, the French and American Presidents as heads of their respective States and Governments. The Presidency in U.S.A. France and P.R.C.
8. The Prime Ministers of U.K. France and P.R.C. The British Cabinet System, French and American counterparts , Relation between the Executive and the Legislature in U.K., U.S.A., France and P.R.C.
9. Judicial System : Structure and functions in U.K., U.S.A. France and P.R.C. Judicial Review in U.S.A. ; Procuratorial System in P.R.C
10. Rights and Duties of the Citizens : Bill of Rights in U.S.A. The Rights and Duties of the Citizens of P.R.C.

### **Basic Readings**

Rod Hague, Martin Harrop and Shaun Breslin, Comparative Government and Politics  
- An Introduction (Macmillan, London).

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J. Harvey and L.Bather, The British Constitution.

Dorothy Pickles, The Fifth French Republic : Institutions and politics.

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### **References (Latest Edition)**

Rakhahari Chatterjee, Comparative Politics : History, Methods and Approaches (Sarat Book House, Kolkata).

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D.J.Waller, The Government and Politics of Communist China.

Arun Kumar Banerjee, People's Democracy in China : Socialist System, State Structure.

K.K. Ghai, Major Governments (Kalyani Pub., New Delhi).

S.R. Ray, Modern Comparative Politics – Approaches, Methods and Issues.

নিমাই প্রামানিক, নির্বাচিত আধুনিক শাসনব্যবস্থার রূপরেখা (ছায়া প্রকাশনী, কলকাতা)।

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## **PART – III**

### **PAPER –V**

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

1. International Relations : Nature and Scope of International Relations, Approaches to the Study of International Relations : Realist and Systems.
2. Actors of International Relations : State and Non-State Actors.

3. National Power ; Concept, constituents and measurability.
4. Balance of Power: Meaning, techniques and effectiveness; Concepts of bipolarity, unipolarity and multipolarity; Balance of Power vs. Collective Security
5. Contemporary Issues : (A) Globalization, Human Rights and Global Terrorism : Meaning and impact on International Relations. (B) Human Right : Rights and Human Rights - Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
6. United Nations : Its emergence; General Assembly and the Security Council; Secretariat; Political role of the Secretary General; Collective Security under the U.N. Charter; Pacific Settlement of Disputes under the U.N. Charter.
7. Nuclear Arms Control : N.P.T. and C.T.B.T. : India's Position.
8. Political Economy of International Relations : Neo-colonialism : New International Economic Order; South- South Cooperation.
9. Regional Cooperation : South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (S.A.A.R.C.)-objectives and problems.
10. Foreign Policy and Diplomacy; India's Foreign Policy : Basic tenets and recent developments.

### **Basic Readings**

Coulombus and Wolfe, Introduction to International Relations (Prentice Hall of India, New Delhi).

Peter Calvocoressi, World Politics Since 1945 (Longman, London).

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H. Hartmann, The Relations of Nations (Macmillan, New York).

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Evan Luard, A History of the United Nations (Macmillan, London).

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## **PAPER – VI                      SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICS**

1. Sociology, Sociology of Politics and Political Sociology.
2. State and Civil Society : meaning and inter- relationship.
3. Culture : meaning and nature; Political culture : meaning and components.
4. Socialization : meaning and agencies; Political Socialization : nature and role.
5. Social Stratification : Class, Caste and Power; Political significance of social stratification.
6. Concepts of power and Authority; Types of authority.
7. Feminism : meaning and significance; Gender Politics and its different facets.
8. Politics, Environment and Human Rights : Environmental and Human Rights Movements in India.
9. Religion in Society and politics . Concept of Secularism; Secularism and Communalism in India.
10. Globalization and its components, Politics of ethnicity in the context of globalization.

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Dipankar Gupta, Political Sociology in India (Orient Longman, Delhi).  
Michael Rush, Politics and Society .  
A. Vincent, Political Ideologies.  
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### **References (Latest Edition)**

- A. Giddens, Sociology (Polity Press, Cambridge).  
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Dipankar Gupta, The Context of Ethnicity (C. U. P. , New Delhi).  
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G. Forbes, Women in Modern India (C. U. P., Cambridge).  
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## **PAPER – VII                      PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

1. Public Administration : Nature and Scope; Private and Public Administration; Evolution of Public Administration as discipline; Public Administration in the context of Globalization.
2. Concepts and Principles of Administration : Hierarchy; Unity of Command; Span of Control; Line and Staff; Centralization. Decentralization and Delegation of Authority; Planning and Performance Budgeting.

3. Bureaucracy : concept, nature and role; Generalist and Specialist.
4. Development Administration : meaning and importance; Ecology and sustainable development : Riggsian model.
5. All-India Services : I.A.S. : I.P.S. Central Services : I.F.S. – recruitment and training Union and State Public Service Commissions : composition, functions and role.
6. Union Administration : P.M.O. Cabinet Secretary and the Secretariat; Relationship between the Secretariat and the Directorate.
7. Administrative Reforms in India : Problems and Perspective.
8. State Administration in West Bengal : Chief Secretary, Divisional Commissioner and District Magistrate.
9. Local Administration in West Bengal : Panchayats with special reference to Zilla Parishads, Role of the Sabhadhipati, Municipalities and Corporations-legal institutional framework and role in development.
10. Decentralisation : State, District and Block Level Planning.

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A. Avasthi and S. Maheshwari, Public Administration (Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Agra).

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S.N. Jha and P.C. Mathur (ed), Decentralisation and Local Politics in India (Sage Publications, New Delhi).

Rumki Basu, Public Administration : Concepts and Theories (Sterling Pub.Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi)

Mohit Bhattacharyya, Indian Administration (The World Press Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata).

C P. Bhambhri, Public Administration, Theory and Practice (Jai Prakash Nath & Co, Merrut City)

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Asok Mukhopadhyay, Municipal Government.

Provat Dutta, The Second Generation Panchayats in India

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তপন বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, জন প্রশাসনের রূপরেখা (আরামবাগ বুক হাউস, কলকাতা)।

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1. Ancient Indian Political Thought : Features ; Kautilya's theory of Saptanga and the concept of 'Dandaniti'.
2. Main features of medieval Muslim Political Thought.
3. Rammohun Roy, Syed Ahmed Khan : their perception of British Colonial Rule and role as Modernizers.
4. Bankim, Vivekananda, Aurovindo : Nationalism.
5. Gandhi : Satyagraha
6. Savakar and Jinnah ; Religious Nationalism.
7. Tagore ; State, Society and Nation.
8. M. N. Roy : Neo- humanism.
9. Nehru, Subhas and J. P. : Socialism.
10. Ambedkar ; Social Justice.

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কল্যাণ কুমার সরকার, ভারতীয় রাষ্ট্রচিন্তার ইতিহাস।

বিপান চন্দ্র, আধুনিক ভারত ও সাম্প্রদায়িকতা।

কেশব চৌধুরী, জাতীয়তাবাদের ভিত্তি ও স্বরূপ।

সিদ্ধার্থ ভট্টাচার্য, ভারতীয় রাষ্ট্রদর্শন ও জাতীয় আন্দোলন (ভারতী সাহিত্য সংস্করণ)।

তপন বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ভারতীয় রাষ্ট্রচিন্তার রূপরেখা (আরামবাগ বুক হাউস, কলকাতা)।

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Debesh Roy Choudhury and Tarun Banerjee (ed), Colonial India : Ideas and Movements.

Irfan Habib and A. Alzahuddin. Political Theory of Delhi Sultanate.

B.R. Nanda, Gandhi and His Critics.