

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
NIZAM COLLEGE
BA I YEAR SYLLABUS-2010-11

Paper-I: Political Science: Principles and Institutions

Semester - I

1. Political Science: It's Definition, Meaning, Scope and Importance
2. Approaches to the Study of Politics : Liberal(Systems/Structural Functional) and Marxist
3. State , Nation and Civil Society; Theories of Origin of State : Social Contract, Marxist and Evolutionary
4. Sovereignty: Monistic and Pluralistic.
5. Ideologies: Individualism, Anarchism, Fascism and Socialism
6. Rights: Natural Rights, Collective Rights, Rights and Duties; Human Rights.

Paper-II: Political Science: Principles and Institutions

Semester – II

1. Liberty- Concept of Liberty, Positive and Negative
2. Equality- Concept of equality: Dimensions of Equality, Liberty and Equality, their Relationship
3. Justice- Concept and types of Justice; Power, Authority and Legitimacy;
4. Montesque`s Theory of Separation of powers
5. Organs of Government:
Legislature - Unicameralism and Bicameralism,
Executive – Rise of Executive,
Judiciary - Judicial Review;
Forms of Government - Parliamentary and Presidential, Unitary and Federal;
- 6., Constitution: Types - Written and Unwritten; Rigid and Flexible;
Constitutionalism and Rule of Law.

BA. IInd YEAR

PAPER-III: INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

SEMESTER-III

1. Colonialism: Impact of Colonialism on Indian Society. Indian National Movement,
2. Making of the Indian Constitution; Constituent Assembly, Composition and its Functioning.
3. Basic Philosophy of the Indian Constitution, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Amendment Procedures.
4. President, Prime Minister and Parliament.
5. Judiciary: Functions, Independence of Judiciary, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.
6. Indian Federalism; Nature of Indian Federalism, Centre - State Relations, Emerging trends.

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PAPER-IV: INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

SEMESTER-IV

1. Party System: Nature and Changing Dynamics. National and Regional Parties: Ideology and Social Base, Coalition Politics and Alliance Formation.
2. Pressure Groups, Kinds of Pressure Groups, Features and Techniques, Role of Pressure Groups
3. Electoral Process: Electoral Reforms and Patterns of Voting Behaviour.
4. Social Movements: Peasant, Dalit, Women, Environmental and Regional Movements.
5. Caste and Religion in Indian Politics.
6. Nature of the Indian State: Liberal and Marxist perspectives.

BA. III YEAR

PAPER-V: POLITICAL THOUGHT

SEMESTER-V

Indian Political Thought:

1. Ancient Indian Political Thought: Concepts a) Dharma, b) Raja Dharma, c) Varna Dharma d) Danda and Dandaneeti,
2. Kautilya : State and Society; Gautama Budha: Dhamma and Sangha
3. Modern Indian Political Thought: MK Gandhi- Trusteeship and Satyagraha, Jawaharlal Nehru- Democratic Socialism,
4. Ambedkar- Annihilation of Caste.

Western Political Thought:

5. Western Political Thought: Greek Political Thought; Plato`s Ideal State; Aristotle`s–Theory of State, Slavery and Revolutions,
6. Medieval Political Thought: St. Thomas Aquinas- Church – State Controversy

BA. III YEAR

PAPER-VI: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SEMESTER-V

1. International Relations: Meaning, Scope, Evolution and Growth of the Discipline.
2. Approaches: Idealist, Realist, Marxist and Systems
3. Concepts in IR : Power – Meaning and Elements, Balance of Power , Collective Security, National Interest and Security.
4. Cold War , Detente , New Cold War and end of Cold War , Emergence of New World Order. Unipolarity, Bipolarity and Multipolarity
5. International Organisations: The United Nations Organisation; Functions and Performance during the Cold War and post-Cold War period. Issues involved in restructuring the UN.
6. Arms Race, Disarmament, Arms Control with special reference to Nuclear Weapons and their impact.

*Project Work: Project work is compulsory in the VI Semester. Student is requested to choose any topic from any of the subjects that the studied in BA course.

BA. III YEAR

PAPER-VII: POLITICAL THOUGHT

SEMESTER-VI

Western Political Thought:

1. Renaissance and Reformation – Niccolo Machiavelli
2. Modern Thought, Social Contract Theory- Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.
3. Utilitarianism Bentham, JS Mill
4. Hegel- Theory of State and Dialectics; Karl Marx – Economic Interpretation of History (Materialistic Interpretation), Theory of Class War, Dictatorship of the Proletariat.
5. Post Marxian Developments; Mao`s Theory on Contradictions; Gramsci on Civil Society and Hegemony.
6. 20th Century Liberalism; John Rawls` Theory of Justice; Nozick`s Minimal State.

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PAPER-VIII: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SEMESTER-VI

1. IR and Third World: Colonialism and Decolonisation
Neo- Colonialism, , Developmental issues of Third World States.
2. International Political Economy: Role of the International Monetary Fund(IMF) and the World Bank (IBRD).
3. General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), World Trade Organisation(WTO). Globalisation and its Features.
4. Contemporary Issues in IR: Environmental Concerns, Role of non-state actors- Terrorist Organisations and MNCs: Human Rights as Foreign Policy Instrument.
5. India`s Foreign Policy: Determinants and Features- Changing contours of India`s Foreign Policy; NAM and the SAARC.
6. India`s Relations with Pakistan, China and USA .

