

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
5. নিমাই প্রামাণিক : ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থার ও রাজনীতি
6. নির্মল কান্তি ঘোষ - ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি

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

		Total		= 100