

FACULTY OF ARTS
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BA SYLLABUS

SECOND YEAR

2023-24

B.A. PART- II

PAPER I

WESTERN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

UNIT- I

Meaning and Nature of Political Thought -
Characteristics of Ancient Greek Political Thought.

Plato: Justice, Communism, Education, Ideal State,
Sub- Ideal State.

Aristotle: Method, Origin, Nature and End of State,
Property and Slavery, Revolution, Law and Justice and
Citizenship.

UNIT-II

FEATURES OF MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THOUGHT

Aquinas: Scholasticism, State-Church Relationship, Law,
his importance.

Machiavelli: Life and Times, Views on Religion,
Morality, State, Diplomacy, his importance.

Bodin : Theory of State and Sovereignty, his importance.

UNIT -III

Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau: State of Nature, Social
Contract, Sovereignty, State, Rousseau's concept of
General Will.

UNIT- IV

Bentham: Utilitarianism, Idea of State, Law and
Punishment, his importance.

Mill: Revision of Utilitarianism, Liberty, Democracy, his
importance.

Green: Idealism, Individualism, State, Liberty, Rights,
General Will, War and Property.

UNIT- V

Hegel: Dialectics, State, his importance.

Marx: Dialectical Materialism, Economic Analysis of
History, Theory of class conflict , Revolution and
Communism, importance of Marx.

Lenin: State, Revolution, Party and Imperialism.

Mao : Peasantry, Revolution, Guerilla Warfare,
Importance of his Philosophy.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED:

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| Brian R Nelson | : Western Political Thought
(Second Ed) |
| B.R. Purohit | : Rajnitik Chintan Ka Itihas |
| C.L. Wayper | : Political Theory |
| D.R. Bhandari | : A History of European
Political Thought |
| David Mc Lellan | : Political Thought of
Karl Marx. |
| Ernest Barker | : Plato and Aristotle |
| G H Sabine and Thorson | : History of Political Ideas |
| John Marrow | : History of Western Political
Thought - A Thematic
Introduction |

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- J.P. Suda : Adhunik Rajnitik Vichar (4 volumes)
- K.L. Kamal : Pashchatya Rajnitik Chintan
- Murray Forsyth & Maurice : A Guide to the Political Classics Plato Keens Sopor to Rousseau
- Martin Cohen : Political Philosophy from Plato to Marx
- Mukherjee and Ramaswamy : A History of Political Thought (English & Hindi)
- Newton : Western Political Thought
- O.P. Gauba : Rajnitik Chintan ka Itihas
- R.S. Chaurasia : History of Western Political Thought
- Ram Chandra Sharma : Rajnitik Chintan, Vol. I & II
- Samuel Enoch Stumpf : Socrates to Sartre
- Sukhbir Singh : History of Political Thought
- William A Dunning : A History of Political Theories, Vol. I, II

B.A. PART- II

PAPER-II

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

UNIT- I

Approaches to the study of Comparative Government

- (i) Meaning of Comparative Government and Comparative Politics.
- (ii) Nature and Scope
- (iii) Traditional and Modern Approaches.

UNIT- II

Constitution and Constitutionalism

- (i) Constitution -Meaning and Making
- (ii) Amendments and Revision.
- (iii) Constitutionalism: Meaning, Nature, Kinds of Constitutionalism
- (iv) Rule of Law
- (v) Legislature
- (VI) Executive
- (VII) Judiciary.

UNIT- III

Organisation of Governments:

- (i) Unitary and Federal

- (ii) Parliamentary and Presidential
- (iii) United Front and Coalition Government.
- (iv) Democracy and Dictatorship.
- (v) Local Self Government.

UNIT-IV

I. Political Culture and Socialisation

II. Political Parties

Organisation and Functions of Political Parties.

Types of Party System: Liberal Democratic, models and Communist Model with special reference to China.

Role of Parties in Modern States.

- (III) Pressure Groups: Meaning, importance and kinds of Pressure Groups.

Role and Techniques of Pressure Groups in democracy.

UNIT- V

Electoral Process :

- (I) Electoral System and Voting Behaviour.
Direct democracy, Referendum, Initiative and Recall (with special reference to Switzerland)
Electoral Reforms

- (II) Public Opinion and Mass Media, Meaning, Nature. Role and importance.
- (III) Bureaucracy.

Judith Barand : Comparative Politics
 Mark Pennington
 J Blondel (1995) : Comparative Government
 Almond G.A. : Comparative Politics today. A World view 1996

BOOKS RECOMMENDED:

Almond and Powell : Comparative Politics A Developmental Approach
 Alan R Ball : Modern Politics and Government
 C.B. Gena : Tulnatmak Rajniti Avam Sansthain
 Apter and Eikstein : Comparative Politics A Reader
 J.C. Johri : Comparative Politics (English & Hindi)
 O.P. Gauba : Tulnatmak Rajniti
 Parmatarna Sharan : Comparative Politics (English & Hindi) R.H.
 Chilcote Ronald : Theories of Comparative Politics
 S.P. Verma : Modern Political Theory
 Harihar Das : Comparative Government
 Vidya Bhushan : Comparative Politics