

The University of Burdwan



Syllabus for B.A. General (1+1+1 Pattern) in Political Science with effect from 2015-2016

Part I Paper I Political Theory

Part II Paper II & III : Paper II Indian Government and Politics

Paper III Comparative Government

Part III Paper IV Contemporary Issues in India

Paper I Political Theory

Full Marks-100

1. Subject-matter of Political Science. Political Theory : its meaning. Different approaches :
(a) Normative (b) Marxist and (c) Behavioural, 10 Lectures
2. Power and Authority : meaning and attributes—relation between power and authority.
10 Lectures
3. Theories of the state : (a) Metaphysical (Hegel) (b) Marxist and (c) Gandhian. 10 Lectures
4. Concept of sovereignty : (a) Monistic, (b) Pluralist and (c) Popular. 10 Lectures
5. Rights, Liberty and Equality : meaning and their interrelationship 10 Lectures
6. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism : Basic tenets. 10 Lectures
7. Concept of Democracy : (a) Liberal, (b) Marxian and (c) Democratic Socialist. 10 Lectures
8. State and Nation : Nationalism and Internationalism. 10 Lectures
9. Political Parties and Pressure Groups : concept and role. 10 Lectures
10. Concept of political change : (a) Liberal, (b) Marxist and (c) Gandhian. 10 Lectures

References (latest edn.)

- R. Bhargava and A. Acharya eds. *Political Theory* (Delhi : Longman, 2008)
- O. P. Gauba. *Introudction to Political Theory* (New Delhi : Macmillan, 2011)
- J. C. Johari. *Contemporary Political Theory* (New Delhi : Advent Books)
- S. Ramaswamy. *Political Theory: Ideas and Concept* (New Delhi : Macmillan)

Paper II Indian Government and politics

Full Marks-100

1. The Constituent Assembly and the Making of the Indian Constitution 8 Lectures
2. Preamble to the Constitution and its significance : Fundamental Rights and Duties: Directive Principles of State Policy : special provisions for SC, ST and OBCs. 12 Lectures
3. Nature of the Indian Federal System : legislative, administrative and financial relations between the Centre and the States. Reorganization of States. 12 Lectures
4. Union Legislature - Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha: composition and functions ; relations between the chambers. Union Executive : (a) President - election, removal, and powers. Relation with the Council of Ministers, (b) Vice-President, (c) Prime Minister - powers and position. 12 Lectures
5. State Legislature - Vidhan Sabha and Vidhan Parishad : composition and functions. State Executive : role of the Governor and the Chief Minister. 10 Lectures
6. Party system in India : features and trends. 6 Lectures
7. Election Commission - Composition and function : Electoral Reforms. 8 Lectures
8. Organization of Indian Judiciary : composition, function and role of the Supreme Court and High Court. 12 Lectures
9. Procedure of amendment of the Indian Constitution. 6 Lectures
10. Urban and rural self-government in West Bengal : Corporations (with special reference to Kolkata Municipal Corporation), Municipalities and Panchayats. 1 4 Lectures

References (latest edn.)

- P.M. Bakshi . *The Constitution of India* (New Delhi : Prentice-Hall of India)
- J. C. Jojari. *Indian Government and Politics* (New Delhi : Vishal Publications)
- Romesh Thakur. *The Government and Politics of India* (New Delhi : Macmillan)

Paper III Comparative Government

Full Marks-100

1. Comparative Government - basis of comparison of political systems. 6 Lectures
2. Conventions and the Rule of Law in UK. 6 Lectures
3. Unitary Systems : U K and France : Federal Systems - USA 12 Lectures
4. Parliamentary and Presidential Systems : UK and USA : role of the British monarchy.
12 Lectures
5. Party system in UK and USA 8 Lectures
6. Legislatures in UK and USA : composition and function of the Second Chamber.
Committee systems in UK and USA 12 Lectures
7. Cabinet system in UK and USA 12 Lectures
8. Judiciary in UK, USA and France. 12 Lectures
9. Rights of the Citizens : Bill of Rights in the USA. 8 Lectures
10. Local Government in UK and France. 12 Lectures

References (latest edn.)

Almond, G and others, eds. *Comparaitve Politics Today: A World View* (New Delhi : Pierson, 2004, 8th edn).

Chatterjee, R. *Introduction to Comparative Political Analysis* (Kolkata Levant Books, 2008)

Rod Hage and others. *Comparative Government and Politics* (London : Macmillan, 1992)

A.C. Kapur and KK Mishra. *Select Constitutions* (New Delhi : S Chand and Co Ltd 1995).

Paper IV Contemporary Issues in India

Full Marks-100

1. Secularism and Communalism 10 Lectures
2. Caste and Politics in India – politics of reservation 10 Lectures
3. Human rights in India – violence against women and children : remedial measures.
12 Lectures
4. Environment and Politics in India 10 Lectures

5. Political Corruption in India - Role of media and civil society. Right to Information.	10 Lectures
6. Gender and politics—state of women’s empowerment in India	10 Lectures
7. India’s foreign policy - basic tenets.	8 Lectures
8. Regional Co-operation : SAARC - objectives, problems and prospects.	10 Lectures
9. Nuclear Arms Control : NPT and CTBT—India’s Position.	10 Lectures
10. Globalization : role of the IMF, World Bank and WTO with special reference to India.	10 Lectures

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Chris Beasley, *What is Feminism? An Introduction to Feminist Theory* (London : Sgae Publications, 1999).

R. Chatterjee, ed. *Politics India : State-Society Interface* (New Delhi: South Asian Publishers, 2000).

A.R. Desai. Ed. *Violations of Democratic Rights in India* (Bombay : OUP).

Siddartha Guha Roy, *Human Rights, Democratic Rights and Popular Protest*

Sneh Mahajan, *Issues in Twentieth Century World History* (New Delhi : Macmillan 2010).

Chapters 10-13.

Asok Kumar Mukhopadhyay ed. *Right to Information* (Kolkata: Governmnt of West Bengal. 2007).

A.K. Pillai, *National Human Rights Commission of India : formation, function and future prospects* (New Delhi : Atlantic Publishers, 1998).

B. Sen Gupta. *South Asion Perspeptive : Seven Nations in Conflict and Co-operation* (New Delhi: B.R. Publications, 1988).

V. Shiva, *Ecology and the Politics of Survival* (London : Sage Publications, 1991) (as e-book 2011).