

M.A. Political Science
PAPER I
CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY

Unit I

Politics – Definition – Politics as the art of government – Politics as public affairs – Politics as compromise and consensus – Politics as power – Studying politics – Approaches to the study of politics – The philosophical tradition – The empirical tradition – The scientific tradition – Recent developments

Unit II

Governments, systems and regimes – Traditional systems of classification – Why classify political systems? – Classical typologies – The ‘three worlds’ typology – Regimes of the modern Western Polyarchies.

Unit III

Political ideologies – What is political ideology? – Democracy – Liberalisation – Elements of Liberalisation – Classical liberalisation – Modern liberalisation – Conservation – Elements of conservation – Paternalistic conservation – The new right – Neo-liberalism – Socialism – Elements of socialism – Marxism – Elements of Marxism – Orthodox communism – Modern Marxism – Social democracy – Fascism – Anarchism – Feminism – Post modernism – Environmentalism.

Unit IV

The State : What is the state? – Rival theories of the state – The pluralist state – The capitalist state – The Leviathan state – The Patriarchal – The role of the state – Minimal state – Developmental states – Social – Democratic states – Collectivized states – Totalitarian states – The state in a global era – The state and globalization – State transformation.

Unit V

Global Politics : Twenty first century world order – From bi polarity to unipolarity – The ‘war and terror’ – Rise of multipolarity – Dynamics of globalization – Globalising tendencies – Globalization: Theories and debates – Regionalisation – The European Union – Global governance – Towards world Government – The United Nations.

PAPER II
WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit I

Plato-Aristotle

Unit II

Hobbes-Locke- Rousseau

Unit III

St. Thomas Aquinas – St. Augustine- Machiavelli

Unit IV

Bentham-J.S.Mill-Hegal

Unit V

Marx-Lenin-Stalin

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

1. Lawrance C. Wallas, Gettel's: History of Political Thought, Surjeet Publication, New Delhi, 1981.
2. D.R. Bhandari, History of European Political Philosophy, The Bangalore printing and publishing houses, Bangalore, 1998.
3. Williaian Ebentein, Great Political Thinkers, Oxford & IBH, New Delhi, 1980.
4. Sukbir Sigh, History of European Political Philosophy, Rastogi & Company, Meerut, 1987.

PAPER III
INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Unit I

Salient features of the Indian Constitution – the Preamble- Fundamental Rights
– The Directive Principles of State Policy

Unit II

The Union Executive – The President – The Mode of Election – Term of Office and
Procedure for removal – Powers (Executive, Legislative, Judicial and Emergency
Powers) – Vice President– Prime Minister.

Unit III

The Union Parliament: The House of people and the council of States – Qualifications –
Disqualifications for membership in the parliament - their composition and functions,
The constitutional relations between the two houses – Provision for removing deadlock –
Council of States – Role as a second Chamber – Provisions relating to the parliament –
Summoning – Prorogation and dissolution.

Unit IV

The Judiciary: The Supreme Court as the Apex Court – Appointment and Removal of
Judges – Constitutional Provisions for safe guarding the Independence of Judiciary- The
jurisdiction of Supreme Court – Original, Appellate and Advisory - Supreme Court as the
guardian of Constitution and the Protector of Fundamental Rights – The Power of Judicial
Review.

Unit V

The State Government: The Governor as the Head of the State, Mode of Appointment –
Tenure and Removal – his executive legislative – judicial and discretionary powers – the
Chief Minister and his Cabinet – State Legislature – Composition – Methods of
appointment of judges – Its judicial and administrative functions over subordinate courts
and tribunal – Union Territories – Administration of the Union Territories .

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

1. D.D. Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, Prentice Hall of India.
2. J.R. Siwach: Dynamics of Indian Government and Politics, Sterling Publishing
House, Delhi.
3. M.V.Pylee: Introduction to the Constitution of India, Vikas Publishing House,
Delhi

PAPER IV
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Unit I

Nature scope purpose of International Relations – International politics and international relations – Idealism and realistic school – Nature and function sovereign's system.

Unit II

Power – Meaning – Nature – Methods and kinds of power – Elements of National power – Foreign Policy definition – Choices of types – Imperialism – Neocolonialism – Balance of power – alliances – allegiance – and isolation – Peaceful coexistence – Neutrality – status quo.

Unit III

Diplomacy – function of Diplomacy – types of Diplomacy – role of Diplomacy in modern times – Terrorism and fundamentalism – a new threat to world peace – Arms Race and Disarmament.

Unit IV

India's Foreign policy – Basic principles – objectives – Trends and changes of India's foreign policy since Nehru.

Unit V

Third World in International relations – Balance of power assumption – character – types nuclear non proliferation treaty – international law.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

1. Hans J. Morgenthau, Politics among Nations: Struggle for Power, Scientific Book Agency, Calcutta.

2. Vandana .A., Theory of International Politics, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 1996.

3. Vinay Kumar Malhortra, International Relations, Anmol Publication, New Delhi, 2001.

Paper – V
MODERN GOVERNMENTS
(UK, USA ,SWITZERLAND,JAPAN & CHINA)

Unit I

United Kingdom – Salient Feature of the constitution – Conventions- Nominal Executive - Monarchy - Real Executive – Prime Minister – Cabinet- Legislature – House of Commons – House of Lords – Composition, Powers and functions – Judiciary Party system.

Unit II

USA – Salient Features of the Constitution – Amendment Procedure - Separation of Powers – Executive – President – Election – Powers and functions- Congress – Senate – Composition, tenure – Functions – House of Representatives – Composition, tenure, functions - Judiciary – Supreme Court - Party system.

Unit III

Switzerland – Salient Features of the Constitutions – Federal Structure – Methods of Amendment – Executive – Plural – Composition - Functions - Federal Assembly – National Assembly – National Council – Composition, Tenure – function – Direct Democratic - Devices – Federal Judiciary – Party system.

Unit IV

Japan – Salient features of the constitution – Rights and Duties – Executive – Emperor – Prime Minister – Cabinet – Diet – House of Representatives – House of Councilors – Composition – Election – Function and Judiciary.

Unit V

People’s Republic of China – Salient features of Constitution – Right and Duties – Executive President – Elections – Tenure – Functions- The Chinese Parliament – National People’s Congress – Composition – Election – Functions – Standing Committee – Judicial system – People’s Procurate – Chinese Communist Party.

Books Recommended

1. A.C Kapur: Select Constitutions, S. Chand & Co., New Delhi, 1989.
2. V.D, Mahajan : Select Modern Governments S. Chand & Co., New Delhi, 1995.

Second Year
PAPER VI
INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit I

Ancient Indian Political Thought – Nature of Ancient Indian Political Thought – Vedic Polity – Political Thought of Kautilya – Manu – Thirukkural – Chapters 36-46 (Politics and governance), 64-73 (cabinet and governance) .

Unit II

Medieval Political Thought – Nature of Medieval Political Thought – Impersonality – Impact of Islamic invasion – Political thought of Kabir – Sundara Dasa – Thulasi Das – Guru Nanak.

Unit III

Modern Political Thought – Nature of Modern Indian Political Thought – Revivalism and Renaissance – Raja Ram Mohan Roy – Dadabai Naoroj – Dayananda Saraswati – Gokhale - Tilak.

Unit IV

Bipin Chandra Pal – Lalalajapat Roy – Auribindo – M.K. Gandhi – NSC Bose.

Unit V

M.N. Roy – Jinnah – Jawaharlal Nehru – B.R. Ambedkar - Periyar.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

1. A.S. Altekar, State and Government in Ancient India, Motilal Banarasi Bas, New Delhi.
2. K.R. Jayaswal, Hindu Polity, The Bangalore Printing and Publishing House, Bangalore, 1978.
3. P.Sharan, Ancient Indian Political Institution, Meenakshi Prakasan, Meerut.
4. U.N. Goshal, History of Indian Political Ideas, Oxford University Press.
5. V.P. Verma, Ancient & Medieval Indian Political Thought, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Agra, 2001.
6. V.P. Verma, Modern Indian Political Thought, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Agra, 2001.
7. Dr.G.U.Pope, Tirukkural Text, Translation in Verse, Asia Education Services, New Delhi,

Paper 2

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Unit I

International Organisation : An Introduction - Need for the Organisations - Requirements for the growth of International Organisations - Role and the functions of the Organisations - Evolution of the Organisations - League of Nations.

Unit II

United Nations - The Need for the UN - The Organs - UN - Functions and its major achievements - The relevance of the UN.

Unit III

International Organisations - Amnesty International(AI) - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation(APEC) - Group 7/8 (G8) - Group 15-(G-15) - Group 20-(G-20) - Group 77-(G-77) - International Criminal Court (ICC) - International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL)- International Federation of the Red Cross(IFRC)- International Organisation of Migration (IOM) - Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) - International Seabed Authority (ISA) - International Organisation for Standardisation(ISO) - Non Aligned Movement(NAM) - North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) - Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) - Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries(OPEC) - Techno-Economic Approach for Africa India Movement (TEAM 9)- The common wealth - World Customs Organisation (WCO) - World Economic Forum (WEF) - World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Unit IV

Regional Organisation : Regionalism - Evolution and Growth - Major Regional Organisations of the world - African Regional Organisations - African Development Bank (ADB) - African Union(AU) - Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) - Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) - East African Community (EAC) - Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) - Southern African Development Community (SADC) - Asian and Pacific Regional Arrangement - Anzus Pact - Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Association of South-East Asian Nations(ASEAN) - Bangladesh - India - Myanmar - Sri Lanka - Thailand Economic Cooperation (BIMST-EC) - Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional co-operation (IOR-ARC) - South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) - Central and Latin American Regional Organisations - Andean group - Central American Common Market (CACM) - Caribbean Community (CARICOM) - Latin American Free Trade Area(LAFTA) - Latin American Integration Association - Southern Common Market - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) - Organisation of American States(OAS).

UNIT V

European Regional Organisations - Common Wealth of Independent States (CIS) - The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON) - Council of Europe - European Coal and Steel Company (ECSC) - European Atomic Energy Community(EURATOM) - European Union (EU) - Nordic Council - The Organisation for Security and cooperation in Europe (OSCE) - Middle East Regional Arrangements - Arab League - Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) - Gulf Cooperation Council(GCC) - Islamic Development Bank Group - Organisation of Islamic Countries(OIC)

Reference Book

A Handbook of International Organizations, Trivedison, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, 2005.

Paper 3

HUMAN RIGHTS

Unit-I

Introduction - What are Human Rights? - Philosophical issues and insights - Classical Greek and Roman views - Pre modern Non- Western political thoughts - The Natural-Law Doctrines of the universal Church - The Groatian Tradition of International Law - Social Contract theories - Edmund Burke's conservative State - Kant's Universal Ethic - G.W.F. Hegel as Communitarian Guru - British 19th Century Liberalisation - The Post - Groatian Philosophy of International Law - The Contemporary Debate.

Unit-II

The International Law of Human Rights - Human Rights in the United Nations Charter - The International Bill of Rights - Other International legal instruments - Implementing the law.

Unit-III

Human Rights in the contemporary scenario - The rights of the Individuals against Governments - Private rights - The right of economic well being - The rights of people - Universalism Vs. Cultural Pluralism.

Unit-IV

Obtaining Justice in the present day world - The Activation of International procedures - The generation of Popular Outrage - Direct action- Non-violent and violent - Self determination and succession.

Unit-V

Human Rights struggles - South Africa: The Eradication of Apartheid - China's deflection of western pressures - Humanitarian Intervention against Ethnic Cleansing - Bringing Genocidal and War Criminals to Trial - Moving into the Fourth Generation.

Reference Book

Human Rights in World Politics - Broun Seyom, Addison Wesley Longman Inc, New York, 1989.

PAPER IX
INDIAN ADMINISTRATION

Unit- I

Evolution of Indian Administration: Kautilya's Arthashastra - Mughal Administration - British Legacies over Indian Administration –Administrative Development after Independence.

Unit- II

Features of Indian administration- Constitutional Framework- Feature of Federalism – Parliamentary Democracy.

UNIT – III

President - Prime Minister- Prime Minister's Office-Council of Ministers-Cabinet Secretariat - Central Secretariat .

UNIT – IV

Governor- Chief Minister- State Secretariat-Centre - State Administrative Relations.

UNIT-V

District Collector- DRDA -Changing Role of the District Collector. - District Revenue Officer- Revenue Divisional Officer- Tahsildar- Village Administrative Officer.

Reference book

1. Avasthi & Avasthi, Public Administration, Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal, Agra 2012
2. Laxmikanth.M, Public Administration, Tata McGraw Hill, New Delhi, 2011
1. Dr.Puri.K.R. Indian Administration, Jawahar Book Publishing House, New Delhi, 2005.
2. Mohit Bhartacharya and Bidut Chakraborti, Public Administration Reader, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2005.
3. Saroj Kumar Jena, Fundamentals of Public Administration, Anmol Publication, New Delhi 2001.
4. Ramesh K. Arora and Ranjini Goyal, Indian Public Administration, Vishwar Prakashar, 2006.