

WEST BENGAL COUNCIL OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION
SYLLABUS FOR CLASSES XII
SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

Overview and Objective :

Political Science as a discipline deals with understanding the social structures and methods used to understand a government or a State. It also deals with the historical, philosophical, constitutional, and legal foundation of the political society. It further provides scope to identify the political values and ideas, governing institutions and their policy making processes. The subject enhances the ability to address the functions and processes of government and politics both at the National and International level.

The present WBCHSE curriculum of Political Science is framed in a systematic manner to facilitate students to have an understanding of political ideas, ideologies, institutions, policies, processes, and behaviour. The contents enrich student's writing, communication, data analysis skills and also develop knowledge about current and past political events across the world.

CLASS - XII

SEMESTER – III

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

TOPIC : 1. CONTEMPORARY WORLD POLITICS

2. INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICS

FULL MARKS: 40

CONTACT HOURS: 100 Hours

COURSE CODE : THEORY

Sub Topic :

UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
UNIT 1	International Relations in the Post Second World War Period Cold War Era Bipolarity and End of Bipolarity Non-Aligned Movement	20	08
UNIT 2	International Organizations and Institutions United Nations- Aims and Principles General Assembly – Composition and Functions Security Council -Composition and Functions ECOSOC - Composition and Functions International Court of Justice Agencies- UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF)	20	08
UNIT 3	Security in the Contemporary World: Traditional Security – Internal and External Non-traditional Security – Human Security, Terrorism, Migration, Poverty, Epidemics Environmental Security	10	07
UNIT 4	Challenges of Nation-Building Partition of India Refugee problem Integration of Princely States Linguistic Re-organization of States	20	05
UNIT 5	Political Parties and Party System Definition and Features of Political Parties Functions of Political Parties Election Process of India and Electoral Reforms	20	05
UNIT 6	India's Foreign Policy India and her Neighbours - Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives Major Powers-US, Russia and China India's Nuclear Policy - Pokhran 1, Pokhran 2, PTBT, CTBT,NPT	10	07
	TOTAL	100 Hours	40

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SEMESTER – IV

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

TOPIC : 1. CONTEMPORARY WORLD POLITICS

2. INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICS

FULL MARKS: 40

CONTACT HOURS: 80 Hours

COURSE CODE : THEORY

Sub Topic :

UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
UNIT 1	International Relations -Key Concepts and Political Doctrines Evolution of IR as a Discipline Realism, Idealism, Liberalism, Marxism- Brief Outline	18	08
UNIT 2	Major Regional and Sub-regional Organisations European Union SAARC ASEAN BIMSTEC	10	06
UNIT 3	Globalisation Economic, Political and Cultural consequences, India and Globalisation Globalization- Critical Analysis	08	06
UNIT 4	Organs of the Indian Government: Executive - Powers and Functions (President, PM, Governor, CM,Bureaucracy) Legislature - Composition and Functions (Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Vidhan Sabha, Vidhan Parishad, Speaker- Power and Functions) Judiciary- Importance and Independence (Supreme Court, High Court, PILs, Consumer Courts, Lok Adalat),	24	08
UNIT 5	Contemporary Civil Society Movements in India Brief Outline : Bhoodan Movement CSR Acts and Roles Right to Information: Act 2005	08	06
UNIT 6	Constitutional Amendments and Local Self-Government Methods of Amendments (Article 368) 73 rd Amendment -Rural Local Self-Governemnt – 3 tier panchayat system- Composition, Functions and Source of Income 74 th Amendment -Urban Local Self-Government- Municipality and Corporation – Composition and Functions and Source of Income	12	06
	TOTAL	80 Hours	40

[Note:20 Hours reserved for Remedial classes, Tutorials and Home Assignments.]

CLASS: XII

SUBJECT : POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

COURSE CODE: PROJECT

FULL MARKS : 20

Sub Topic :

1.	Survey and observation on the functioning of Gram Panchayat/Panchayat Samiti /Zilla Parishad/ Municipality/ Borough Committee/ Ward Committee etc.
2.	Women's Participation in Local Level Politics
3.	Major Initiatives to Empower Women- <i>Kanyashree (2013)/ Beti Bachao, Beti Pado (2015)</i>
4.	Indian Foreign Policy- Analyses of India's relation with <u>any one</u> major power/ South Asian Neighbour
5.	Globalisation– Its impact on India