

**SYLABUS FOR HIGHER SECONDARY FIRST YEAR COURSE 2024-25****Political Science**

One paper

Time: Three hours

Marks: 100(80+20)

**Unit wise Distribution of Marks & Periods**

Unit	Contents	Marks	Periods
A. Political Theory			
Unit I:	An Introduction to Political Theory	06	12
Unit II:	Freedom	06	12
Unit III	Equality	06	12
Unit IV:	Social Justice	06	12
Unit V	Rights	06	12
Unit VI:	Citizenship	06	12
Unit VII:	Nationalism	04	06
Unit VIII:	Secularism }		06
B. Indian Constitution at work			
Unit I:	Constitution: why and how	04	12
Unit II:	Rights in the Indian Constitution	06	12
Unit III:	Election and Representation	03	08
Unit IV:	Executive	06	12
Unit V:	Legislature	06	12
Unit VI:	Judiciary	06	12
Unit VII:	Federalism	03	10
Unit VIII:	Local Government	03	10
Unit IX:	The Constitution as a Living Document and its Philosophy	03	08
C. Project work		20	
Total Marks		100	180

**UNIT WISE DISTRIBUTION OF COURSE CONTENTS****A. Political Theory****Unit I: An Introduction to Political Theory**

What is Politics- Necessity of studying Political Theory-Scope and utility of Political Theory.

**Unit II: Freedom**

Meaning of Freedom-Constraints and its necessity - concept of harm principle, Negative & Positive Liberty-Freedom of Expression

**Unit III: Equality**

Meaning of Equality and its significance- Equality of Opportunities- Natural and Social inequalities – Three dimension of equality - Political Equality, Social equality, Economic equality - Feminism- Socialism- liberalism - Promotion of Equality- equality through differential treatment -Affirmative Action.

#### **Unit IV: Social Justice**

Meaning of Justice- Means of establishing Justice- Equal treatment for equal- Proportionate justice - John Rawls' theory of Justice- Recognition of special needs- Just distribution - Concept of Social Justice- Pursuing Social Justice-Free market vs. state intervention.

#### **Unit V: Rights**

Rights and its origin- Kinds of rights- Legal Right and the state; Right and responsibilities.

#### **Unit VI: Citizenship**

Meaning of Citizenship- Free and equal –Membership-Equal Rights-Citizen and Nation-Universal and Global citizenship.

#### **Unit VII: Nationalism**

Concept of Nation and Nationalism - Elements of Nation - National Self-determination- Nationalism and Pluralism.

#### **Unit VIII: Secularism**

Meaning of secularism; Inter-religious domination-Intra religious domination- Secular State - Western and Indian Secularism; Criticism of Indian Secularism.

### **B. Indian Constitution at work**

#### **Unit I: Constitution: Why and How**

Necessity and functions of the Constitution – Authority of Constitution. Framing of Indian Constitution and its legacy.

#### **Unit II: Fundamental Rights**

Significance of Rights - Fundamental Rights in India and its significance - National Human right commission; Directive Principles of State Policy and its Relation with Fundamental Rights.

#### **Unit III: Election and Representation**

Election and Democracy- Indian Election System and its Various types- Reservation of Constituencies. Universal Adult franchise and right to contest – Election commission; – Electoral reforms

#### **Unit IV: Executive**

What is an Executive? Different Types of Executive-Parliamentary Executive in India Powers and position of the President of India, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers; Permanent Executive-Bureaucracy.

## **Unit V: Legislature**

Why do we need a Parliament? Unicameral /Bicameral Legislature, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Parliamentary control over executive; Parliamentary committees and Legislative Procedure.

## **Unit VI: Judiciary**

The meaning and need of Independent Judiciary- Appointment and removal of the Judges of the Supreme Court of India Composition and Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India -Structure of the Judiciary-Judicial Review- Judicial Activism Judiciary and Parliament.

## **Unit VII: Federalism**

What is Federalism? Federalism and Indian Constitution-Centralizing tendency - Conflicts in Indian Federal System – Central State Relationship

## **Unit VIII: Local Government**

Needs of Local Government-Growth of Local Government in India-73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Amendments - Implementation of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment Acts- State Election Commission - State finance commission.

## **Unit IX: The Constitution as a Living Document and its Philosophy**

Basic structure of the Constitution- Philosophy of the Constitution of India - Constitution as a Living Document and Amendment of the Indian Constitution of India.

## **C. Project Work - 20 Marks** **Sample Project**

- National self –determination and its implication.
- Ambedkar and social justice
- Necessity of reservation
- Citizenship in globalized world.
- Legislative Relations
- Secularism- Indian vs. Western
- Implementation of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> amendment and its implications
- Basic Structure of Indian Constitution Etc.