

**U. P. HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES COMMISSION, PRAYAGRAJ**

**Syllabus**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**(Subject Code-44)**

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**Unit- 1. Political Theory**

Concepts and Issue – Democracy, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Nationalism, Behaviouralism and Post- Behaviouralism  
Multiculturalism, Cosmopolitanism, Neo – Liberalism, Post- Modernism, Feminism

**Unit- 2. Political Thinkers (Indian and Western)**

Ancient Indian Political Thought : Manu, Kautilya and Shanti Parva (Mahabharata),  
The Indian Renaissance  
Greek Political Thought : Plato and Aristotle.  
Western Political Thought–I : Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau.  
Western Political Thought – II : Bentham, J. S. Mill, Hegel, Marx, Green and Mao  
Contemporary Political Thought – I : Gramsci, Althusser, Hannah Arendt  
Contemporary Political Thought – II : Rawls and Nozic.  
Modern Indian Thought : Tilak, Jay Prakash Narayan, Gandhi and Ambedkar.

**Unit- 3. Comparative Politics and Political Analysis**

Evolution of Comparative Politics as a discipline; Nature and Scope.  
Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics : Traditional, Structural – Functional,  
Systems, Neo – Institutionalism, Political economy approach.  
Constitutionalism : Concepts & forms.  
Forms of Government : Unitary – Federal, Parliamentary – Presidential.  
Organs of Government : Executive, Legislature, Executive – Legislative relationship in  
Comparative perspective, models of State : Capitalist, Socialist, Developmental &  
Welfare State.  
Party Systems and Pressure Groups; Electoral Systems.  
Political Development and Political Modernization.  
Political Culture and Political Socialization.  
Revolution : Theories and Types.  
Dependency : Development and Under Development.

**Unit- 4. Political Institutions in India**

Ideological Bases of the Indian Constitution, Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties  
and Directive Principles, Constituent Assembly Debates.  
Constitutional Amendments and Review.  
Structure and Process – I : President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers, Working of  
the Parliamentary System.  
Structure and Process –II : Governor, Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, State  
Legislature.  
Judiciary : Supreme Court, High Courts, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism including  
Public Interest Litigation cases, Judicial Reforms.

**Unit- 5. Political Processes in India**

Panchayati Raj Institutions : Urban, Local self governments- their organization and  
functions.  
Federalism : Theory and Practice in India; Demands of Autonomy and Separatist  
Movements; Emerging trends in Centre – State Relations.  
Political Parties, Pressure Groups, Public Opinion, Media

Elections, Electoral Behaviour, Election Commission and Electoral Reforms.  
Politics of Identity and Democratic upsurge : caste, gender & ethnicity.  
Demand of New States, Emerging Trends in Indian Politics

#### **Unit- 6. Theories of Public Administration**

Nature, Scope and significance of Public Administration  
Evolution of Public Administration as a Discipline with a special focus on New Public Administration and New Public Management  
Classical Theory – Fayol, Luther Gullick, Marry Parker Follet  
Scientific Management Theory- F.W. Taylor  
Theory of Bureaucracy - Max Weber and its critics  
Ecological Theory- F.W. Riggs

#### **Unit- 7. Public Administration In India**

Development and Welfare Administration.  
Planning, Impact of liberalization on planning, Niti Ayog.  
Personnel Administration : Recruitment, Training & Promotion, Role of UPSC and State PSC.  
Bureaucracy – Its Characteristics, Civil servant – Minister relationship. Committed Bureaucracy.  
Financial Administration : Budget, Audit, Control over Finance with special reference to India.

#### **Unit- 8. International Relations**

##### **Theories and approaches to international relations**

Realism, Neo-Realism  
Liberalism, Neo-Liberalism  
Idealism, Social Constructivism, Critical Theory  
Concept of Nation-State, empire  
National Interest  
Power in International Relations  
Peace and conflict analysis, approaches to peace,  
Perspectives on Conflict analysis and resolution

##### **History of International relations**

First and second world wars, Cold war, League of nations, United Nations

##### **Contemporary issues in International Relations**

Globalization, Environmental issues, Climate Change negotiations, Civil Wars, Global Terrorism

##### **Political economy in international relations**

GATT, World Trade Organization, Regional Trade Organizations (ASEAN, NAFTA, SAARC)- structures and functioning

#### **Unit- 9. Indian Foreign Policy**

History, geography and economy factors as determinants of Indian Foreign Policy  
History of India's relations with neighbours during Mauryan empire, Mughal Empire and British Empire  
India's foreign policy since independence, Non-alignment, Wars in South Asia  
India's Relations with Neighbouring countries (with special reference to Pakistan, China, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Srilanka, Bhutan, South East Asia)  
Rise of European Union, Global Governance  
Globalization and Indian Foreign policy  
Rise of China, Brazil, Russia and India in International Relation  
BRICS, RIC, Shanghai, Cooperation Organization.

India's Security Concerns amidst Chinese Assertion, Pakistan support to cross border terrorism.

**Unit- 10. Public Policy in India**

Good Governance; Governance, Good Governance and Democratic Governance  
Problems of Administrative Corruption; Transparency and Accountability; Right to Information.

Grievance Redressal Institutions : Ombudsman, Lokpal and Lokayukta.

Institutional mechanisms for good governance: Right to Information, Consumer Protection Act, Citizen Charter; Grievance redressal system: Ombudsman, Lokpal, Lokayukta

Grassroots Governance: Panchayati Raj Institutions and their functioning

Monitoring and evaluation of public policy; mechanisms of making governance process accountable: jansunwai, social audit.

Major flagship programmes of the Government : MANREGA, NRHM, Ayushman Bharat, Ujjawala Yojana

E-governance in India : National e-governance programme, Digital India Programme, Kisan Call Centres.

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