

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Major-1/Minor-1: THEORY & THOUGHT

### UNIT-I

1. POLITICAL SCIENCE- Definition, Nature & Scope; relations with other Social Sciences and Sciences; is political science a science(arguments).
2. CONCEPT OF STATE- Definition and meaning, Nature and elements (4); State in comparison with society, Government: and association.
3. ORIGIN OF THE STATE- Various theories (very brief); evolutionary theory(in detail).
4. SOVEREIGNTY- Meaning, definition; aspects (internal & external); attributes and kinds.

### UNIT-II

Main currents of Political Thought & Philosophy:

#### 1. Western (Ancient & Medieval)

- a. Contributions of Plato & Aristotle (detailed)
- b. Rise of Rome - Contributions to political thought- as a republic & an Empire- Roman Legal System.
- c. Rise of Christianity- Tenets; the Church & the papacy; Religion Vs Politics.: St. Thomas Aquinas - his Philosophy & Contributions
- d. Machiavelli- Historical background; Historical method; the Prince and its Philosophy.

2. Ancient Indian Thought- Pre-vedic, Post vedic and classic; a historical background & philosophy with special reference to the 'Saptanga theory'; Monarchy- functions, limitations & control.

3. Birth of Islam- Teaching; contributions to political thought; 'Shariat' as the basis of Law(then & Now)

### UNIT-III

1. Western:

- a. Individualism- Philosophy and contribution
- b. Socialism- Philosophy & Contributions; kinds types revolutions & evolutionary
- c. Marxism- Historical background; features and contributions; Comparison with modern communism.

2. Modern Indian Philosophy - Gandhiji's Political thought.

### UNIT-IV

1. Rights- Meaning. Nature, Kinds; human rights & fundamental rights (a special note)
2. DUTIES- a) Meaning; Kinds; fundamental duties (a note).
3. Rights and duties are correlative explanation with apt examples.
4. The concept of welfare and welfare state
  - a. Meaning of Welfare
  - b. Principles
  - c. A Welfare state -implications and functions; Problems.
  - d. India, as a Welfare state (in brief)

## UNIT-V

### 1. Democracy-

- a. Meaning, Nature, Kinds, merits & defects; conditions for Success (apt examples)
- b. Direct democracy- importance, devices and Practice.

### 2. Dictatorship- Meaning, features, merits & demerits; a totalitarian state (a note), Nazism, Fascism and Communism (exist while USSR)

### 3. Secularism and a Secular State: Meaning: Main features; arguments for and against; a special note on India.

## READINGS

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|---------------------------|--|
| a. Ernest Barker          | : Principles of Social and Political Theory              |
| b. George, Sabine         | : History of Political Theory                            |
| c. Laski, Harold J        | : i) Introduction to Politics<br>ii) grammar of politics |
| d. C E M Joad             | : Political Theory                                       |
| e. Gettel R G             | : Political Science                                      |
| f. Henry, Mayo            | : Introduction to democratic theory.                     |
| g. i) Ebenstein           | : Plato, to the Present.                                 |
| ii) Appadorai A           | : Substance of Politics                                  |
| h. A Ray & M Bhattacharya | : Political Theory, Ideas and Institutions.              |
| i. Rathore                | : Political Theory and Organization                      |
| j. Agarwal R C            | : Political Theory                                       |
| k. D R Bhandari           | : History of Political Philosophy                        |
| l. Ebenstein              | : Plato, to the present                                  |
| m. Dunning                | : Political Thought (Anc., Med., Modern) 3 volumes.      |
| n. Agarwal R C            | : Political Thought                                      |
| o. Suda J P               | : History of Political Thought (Anc., Med., Modern)      |
| p. Saletore               | : Ancient Indian History & Politics                      |
| q. Altekar                | : State and Government in Ancient India                  |
| r. Khurana                | : Ancient India  |
| s. Mahajan V D            | : i) Ancient India<br>ii) Recent Political Thought       |
| t. Gokaale                | : Political Science                                      |
| u. Kangle                 | : Arthashastra   |