

POLITICAL SCIENCE (Code No. 028)

(2022-23)

Rationale

At the senior secondary level, students who opt for Political Science are given an opportunity to get exposed to the diverse concepts of the discipline helping them to be a global citizen and develop skills to understand, apply and evaluate. At this level, there is a need to enable students to have the skills to engage with political processes that surround them and provide them with an understanding of the historical context that has shaped the present. The different courses expose the students to various streams of the discipline of Political Science: Political Theory, Indian Politics and International Politics. Concerns of the other two streams - Comparative Politics and Public Administration- are accommodated at different places in these courses. In introducing these streams, special care has been taken not to burden the students with the current jargon of the discipline. The basic idea here is to lay the foundations for a serious engagement with the discipline and develop competencies related to Political Science to prepare them for higher education, learning and knowledge.

Competencies and Outcomes:

1. Indian Constitution at Work:

1.1 Competency: Understanding, identifying and analyzing the key features, historical processes and working of the Constitution of India.

1.2 Outcomes: The students will:

- 1.2.1 Understand the historical processes and the circumstances in which the Constitution was drafted.
- 1.2.2 Be familiar with the diverse perspectives that guided the makers of the Indian Constitution.
- 1.2.3 Identify key features of the Constitution and compare these to other constitutions in the world.
- 1.2.4 Analyse the working of the Constitution in real life.

2. Political Theory:

2.1 Competency: Understanding, critically evaluating and applying political theory

2.2 Outcomes: After the course the students will:

- 2.2.1 Understand different themes and thinkers associated with the real life.
- 2.2.2 Develop the skills for logical reasoning
- 2.2.3 Meaningfully participate in the issues and concerns of political life surrounding them.

3. Contemporary World Politics:

3.1 Competency: Understanding, analyzing the Contemporary World Politics

3.2 Outcomes: After the course the students will:

- 3.2.1 Understand the contemporary world.
- 3.2.2 Understand the key political events and processes in the post-cold war era.
- 3.2.3 Analyze various global institutions, processes and events shaping their lives.

4. Politics in India after Independence:

4.1 Competency: Critically evaluate and understand, analyze politics in India after Independence

4.2 Outcomes: After the course the students will:

- 4.2.1 Understand and analyze constitutional institutions, figures and their working in the post-independence period; political events, trends, other facts and figures and contribution of eminent personalities from the post-independence to contemporary India.
- 4.2.2 Develop their capacity to link political policies and processes with contemporary realities.
- 4.2.3 Encourage the students to understand and analyse the challenges for contemporary India.

POLITICAL SCIENCE (028)
Class XI (2022-23)

Total Marks = 100(80+20)

A.Theory

Max Marks: 80
Time: 3 hrs.

Part A: Indian Constitution at Work

Units	Contents	Marks
1	Constitution	12
2	Election and Representation	10
3	The Legislature	
4	The Executive	08
5	The Judiciary	
6	Federalism	10
7	Local Governments	
	Total	40

Part B: Political Theory

Units	Contents	Marks
8	Political Theory: An Introduction	04
9	Liberty	10
10	Equality	
11	Justice	08
12	Rights	
13	Citizenship	10
14	Nationalism	
15	Secularism	08
	Total	40

B. Project Work:

20 Marks
Grand Total = 100 Marks

COURSE CONTENT

Part A: Indian Constitution at Work

- 1. Constitution** **28 Periods**
Constitution: Why and How, The Making of the Constitution, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy, constitutional Amendments.
- 2. Election and Representation** **12 Periods**
Elections and Democracy, Election System in India, Electoral Reforms.
- 3. Legislature** **16 Periods**
Why do we need a Parliament? Unicameral / Bicameral Legislature. Functions and Power of the Parliament, Parliamentary committees. Parliamentary Officials: Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Parliamentary Secretary.
- 4. Executive** **16 Periods**
What is an Executive? Different Types of Executive. Parliamentary Executive in India, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers. Permanent Executive: Bureaucracy.
- 5. Judiciary** **16 Periods**
Why do we need an Independent Judiciary? Structure of the Judiciary, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism, Judicial Over-reach.
- 6. Federalism** **14 Periods**
What is Federalism? Evolution & Growth of the Indian Federalism: Quasi Federalism, Cooperative Federalism & Competitive Federalism.
- 7. Local Governments** **12 Periods**
Why do we need Local Governments? Growth of Local Government in India, 73rd and 74th Amendments, Working and Challenges of Local Governments.

Part B: Political Theory

- 8. Political Theory: An Introduction** **08 Periods**
What is Politics? Politics V/s Political Theory, Importance of Political Theory.
- 9. Liberty** **12 Periods**
Liberty V.s Freedom, Negative and Positive Liberty.
- 10. Equality** **12 Periods**
What is Equality? Significance of Equality. Various dimensions of Equality. How can we promote Equality?
- 11. Justice** **14 Periods**
What is Justice? Different dimensions of Justice, Distributive Justice.
- 12. Rights** **14 Periods**
What are Rights? Where do Rights come from? Legal Rights and the State. Kinds of Rights. Human Rights.

13. Citizenship**12 Periods**

What is citizenship? Citizen and Citizenship, Citizen and Nation, Global Citizenship

14. Nationalism**16 Periods**

Nations and Nationalism, Variants of Nationalism, Nationalism, Pluralism and Multiculturalism.

15. Secularism**18 Periods**

What is Secularism? What is Secular State? The Western and the Indian perspectives to Secularism. Salient Features of Indian Secularism.

Prescribed Books:

1. Indian Constitution at work, Class XI, Published by NCERT
2. Political Theory, Class XI, Published by NCERT
3. Reference Material available with the document

Note: The above textbooks are also available in Hindi and Urdu versions.

Question Paper Design (2022-23) POLITICAL SCIENCE (CODE NO. 028) CLASS XI	
TIME: 3 Hours	Max. Marks: 80
S.No.	Competencies
1	Demonstrative Knowledge + Understanding (Knowledge based simple recall questions, to know specific facts, terms, concepts, principles or theories, identify, define, or recite, information) (Comprehension – to be familiar with meaning and to understand conceptually, interpret, compare, contrast, explain, paraphrase information)
2	Knowledge / Conceptual Application (Use abstract information in concrete situation, to apply knowledge to new situations; use given content to interpret a situation, provide an example or solve a problem)
3	Formulation Analysis, Evaluation and Creativity Analysis & Synthesis- classify, compare, contrast, or differentiate between different pieces of information; organize and/or integrate unique pieces of information from a variety of sources; includes map interpretation

Project Work: 20 Marks

<u>Details of Project Work</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Project work will be implemented for 20 Marks. 2. Out of 20 marks, 10 marks are to be allotted to viva voce and 10 marks for project work. 3. For class XII, the evaluation for 20 marks project work should be done jointly by the internal as well as the external examiners. 4. The project can be individual/pair/group of 4-5 each. The Project can be made on the topics given in the syllabus of a particular class. 5. The suggestive list of activities for project work is as follows: - Role Play, Skit, Presentation, Model, Field Survey, Mock Drills/Mock Event etc. 6. The teacher should give enough time for preparation of the Project Work. The topics for Project Work taken up by the student must be discussed by the teacher in classroom.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Class XI

Paper I: Indian Constitution at Work

Unit -1: Constitution

Sub-Unit: Constitutional Amendments

As of 2021, there have been total 105 amendments of the Constitution of India.

Source : <https://legislative.gov.in/amendment-acts-102-to-onwards>

Unit - 2: Election and Representation Sub-Unit:

'Electoral Reforms in Indian Politics'

Electoral Reforms in the 21st Century include use of EVM [Electronic Voting Machine], VVPAT [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail] and NOTA [None of the Above]. Restriction on exit polls, ceiling on election expenditure (Rs.50- 70 Lakhs for the Lok Sabha election and Rs. 20-28 Lakhs for the Assembly election) and the use electoral bonds in election funding are some of the major reforms initiated by the Election Commission of India that have sought to bring about revolutionary changes in the electoral process and the voter behaviour in contemporary India.

Unit- 5: Judiciary

Sub-Unit: 'Judicial Over reach'

When judiciary assumes the roles and functions of the legislature and executive, thus diluting the concept of separation of powers, it becomes judicial overreach. Unrestrained activism on the part of judiciary often leads to its overreach.

We all know that Article 142 and judicial review have been put to many constructive uses but some actions like declaring the NJAC (National Judicial Appointment Commission) unconstitutional as it tried to apply checks on judicial power highlight the need for judicial restraints in the exercise of judicial review.

Unit- 6: Federalism

Sub-Unit: 'Quasi Federalism', 'Cooperative Federalism', 'Competitive Federalism'

Quasi Federalism: In the context of special features and provisions of Indian federalism we use the phrase, 'Quasi Federalism', a concept given by K. C. Wheare. Quasi federalism represents a strong centre with comparatively less stronger units. Wheare describes the Indian case in its formative phase as a 'quasi federation – A unitary state with subsidiary federal features rather than a federal state with subsidiary unitary features'.

Cooperative Federalism: Cooperative federalism is the concept which reflects the relationship between the Union and the States where both come together and resolve the common problems with each other's cooperation in amicable manner thus contributing towards the growth of a strong federation. It shows the horizontal relationship between the Union and the States where none is placed over and above on the other. To ensure this strong relationship between the two, the Indian constitution has evolved and incorporated certain instruments and agencies like the Inter-State Councils, Zonal Councils, the 7th Schedule, etc.

Competitive Federalism: Competitive federalism places all states vis a vis the Union on equal and competing footing where the best performing states can take the maximum benefits of the resources, services and taxes. It ensures a healthy competition among states leading towards better performance and delivery which constitute important part of governance. The post-liberalisation era reflects the trend of competitive federalism where states are more autonomous, accountable and efficient in their functioning.

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Paper II: Political Theory

Unit-2: Liberty

Sub-Unit: 'Liberty vs Freedom'

We hear a lot around us that people appear to use the word liberty and freedom as synonyms of each other. But there are some fundamental differences between these two concepts that must be understood. Liberty comes from the Latin word "*libertatem*" which means "condition of a freeman". While freedom comes from the English word "*freedom*" which means "state of free will". Liberty is power to act and express oneself according to one's will while freedom is the power to decide one's action. Freedom is more concrete concept than liberty which is more associated with an individual's connection with the state rather than with other individuals and circumstances. State guarantees freedom through the liberty it grants to its citizens.

The difference between these two concepts can briefly be outlined as follows:

Liberty	Freedom
• Condition of a free man	State of free will
• Power to act	Power to decide
• Free to do something	Free from something

The common feature between these two concepts is that both remain unconstrained, which means that their realization is free from any constraint. Further, both follow rightful or ethical conformity in terms of their realization.

Unit-4: Justice

Sub-Unit: 'Different Dimensions of Justice'

Till now we have tried to understand what the term justice means. After considering this, we need to know different dimensions of justice which may help us in establishing a just society. Legal, social, political and economic justice are the key dimensions of justice. Here, we will try to understand these dimensions in some details.

1. **Legal Justice:** It is a narrow concept of justice which is associated with the legal system and legal procedure existing in a society. The court of law interprets the law and applies it after hearing the partners involved in a dispute. Here, justice is what administered by the court of law and the interpretation of the judge is considered to be an embodiment of justice.
2. **Political Justice:** In any democratic society political justice means providing equal political rights. Political justice stands for a free

and fair participation of people in the political sphere. Universal adult franchise is the expression of political justice. Equality of opportunity in getting elected and in holding public offices, freedom of expression and association are important pillars of political justice.

3. **Social Justice:** It means to end all types of social inequalities and to provide proper opportunity to every citizen in every sphere of life, to develop her/his personality to ensure equality of law, prohibition of discrimination, social security, provision of equal political rights, etc. The concept of social justice is based on the belief that all human beings are equal and no discrimination should be made on the ground of race, religion, caste, gender and place of birth.
4. **Economic Justice:** It means to provide equal opportunities to everyone to earn her/his livelihood. It also means to help such people who are not able to work and earn their livelihood. The basic need of every person such as food, cloth, shelter and education should be fulfilled. It stands for by assuring adequate means of livelihood to all, by making provisions for equal pay for equal work, fair distribution of resources, equal economic opportunity to all, etc.

While the concept of political justice is closely linked with the ideal of “liberty”, economic and legal justice with “equality” and social justice with “fraternity”, a just combination of all these four dimensions will help in achieving justice in life.

Unit-5: Rights

Sub-Unit: 'Human Rights'

Human rights are those rights which all human beings are entitled by virtue of being human. It is based on the principle of respect for the individual. The fundamental assumption behind the concept of human rights is that every person is a moral and rational being who deserves to be treated with dignity. Human rights are both universal and fundamental; these are universal in the sense that they belong to all human beings irrespective of race, nationality, community, religion, gender, etc; these are also fundamental because once given, these cannot be taken back.

Although the presence of human rights can be traced to the ancient Indian philosophy and culture, the concept formally originated at the international level in 1948 with the UN Declaration of Human Rights listing 30 rights for all people across the globe.

Unit-7: Nationalism

Sub-Unit: 'Multiculturalism'

Multiculturalism in the general sense is the coexistence of people of different religions, cultural groups and communities in all countries of the globe. Originated in the 1970s with a counter-culturalism and human rights movement in opposition to the homogenization of other cultures in favor of the white culture of America and Europe, multiculturalism broadly comprises the principles of both ‘acceptance’ and ‘reverence’. It expects all countries of the globe to give equal acceptance and reverence to the cultural groups. In the India context, the concept of multiculturalism is identified with the notion of "Salad Bowl", advocated by social scientist, Ashish Nandy. It shows that different cultural groups within a nation maintain their identity with their respective distinct forms.