

BACHELOR OF ARTS (LIBERAL ARTS)
CORE COURSE (CC): POLITICAL SCIENCE
SEMESTER – I
(BLAB31104T) PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

MAX. MARKS: 100
INTERNAL: 30
EXTERNAL: 70
PASS: 40%
Credits: 6

Objective:

This course aims to introduce the students to the basic concepts and themes of the discipline of political science. It will provide an overview about political science and theory and State and its sovereignty.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

SECTION – A

1. Political Science: Meaning, Nature and scope.
2. Distinction between Political Science and Political Theory
3. Relationship of Political Science with History, Economics and Sociology.
4. State: Definition, Elements and its distinction from Government, Society and Association.
5. Theories of the Origins of State: Evolutionary and Social Contract.

SECTION – B

1. Nature of State: Liberal, Gandhian and Marxist.
2. Sovereignty: Definition, Attributes and its Types.
3. Organs of Government: Legislature, Executive and Judiciary.
4. Parliamentary and Presidential Forms of Government: Meaning, Merits and Demerits.
5. Federal and Unitary Forms of Government: Meaning, Merits and Demerits.

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

1. A.C. Kapoor: Principles of Political Science, S.Chand & Company, New Delhi, 2009.
2. Andrew Heywood: Political Theory: An Introduction, MacMillan Press, London, 1999.
3. Andrew Heywood: Politics, Macmillan, London, 1997.
4. David Easton, The Political System: An Inquiry into the State of Political Science, Wiley, New York, 1953.
5. Frank Bealey, Richard: Chapman and Michael Sheehan: Elements in Political Science, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh, 1999.
6. J.C. Johri: Principles of Political Science, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2009.

7. M.P. Jain: Political Theory (Punjabi & Hindi), Authors Guild Publication, Delhi, 1990
8. O.P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan India Ltd. New Delhi, 2009
9. Robert A. Dahl & Bruce S. FinebricKner Modern Political Analysis, Sixth Edition Pearson, Education, 2003.
10. S.P. Verma: Political Theory, Geetanjali Publishing House, New Delhi, 1983.