

Department of Political Science

Programme: PhD in Political Science

Political Science: Syllabus for PhD Entrance Exam

Unit-1 Political Traditions and Concepts:

- (i) Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Democracy, Power, Citizenship
- (ii) Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Marxism, Feminism, Ecologism, Multiculturalism, Postmodernism

Unit-2 Political Thinkers:

- (i) Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel, John Stuart Mill, Karl Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt, John Rawls
- (ii) Kautilya, Swami Vivekanand, Rabindranath Tagore, M.K Gandhi, Sri Aurobindo, M.N.Roy, V D Savarkar, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar, J L Nehru, Ram Manohar Lohia, Jaya Prakash Narayan

Unit-3 Comparative Political Analysis

- (i) Approaches: Institutional, Political Culture, Political Economy and New Institutionalism; Comparative Methods
- (ii) Actor and Processes: Electoral Systems, Political Parties and Party System, Interest groups, Social movements, new social movements, Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and civil society campaigns; Revolutions.

Unit-4 International Relations

- (i) Approaches to the study of International relations: Idealism, Realism, Structural Marxism, Neoliberalism, Neorealism, Social Constructivism, Critical International Theory, Feminism, Postmodernism.
- (ii) Concepts: State, state system and non-state actors, Power, Sovereignty, Security: traditional and non- traditional
- (iii) International Organisations : United Nations: Aims, Objectives, Structure and Evaluation of the Working of UN; Peace and Development perspectives; Humanitarian intervention. International law; International Criminal Court, WTO, G-20, BRICS, European Union, African Union, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, ASEAN.
- (iii) Contemporary Challenges: International terrorism, Climate change and

Environmental Concerns, Human Rights, Migration and Refugees; Poverty and Development; Role of Religion, Culture and Identity Politics.

Unit-5 India's Foreign Policy

- (i) Perspectives on India's Foreign Policy: India's Identity as postcolonial, development, rising power and as emerging political economy
- (ii) India's relations in Multipolar World : USA, USSR/Russia, People's Republic of China, India's relations with European Union, BRICS, ASEAN, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, African Union, Southern African Development Community, Gulf Cooperation Council, SAARC, Gujaral doctrine, Look East/ Act East, Look West.
- (iii) Contemporary challenges: maritime security, energy security, environmental security, migrants and refugees, water resources, international terrorism, cyber security

Unit-6 Indian Polity

- (i) Making of the Indian Constitution, Philosophy of the Constitution, Constitutionalism in India, Constituent Assembly: Composition, Ideological Moorings, Constitutional Debates
- (ii) Union Executive, Union Parliament, Judiciary, Executive and Legislature in the States, Local Government Institutions, Federalism in India, Constitutional and Statutory Bodies
- (iii) State, Economy and Development, Identity Politics, Process of globalisation, Public policy as an instrument of socio-economic development, Institutional mechanisms for good governance

Unit-7 Public Administration

- (i) Approaches: System Theory, Decision Making, Ecological Approach, Scientific Management Theory, Rational Choice theory, New Public Administration, Development Administration, Comparative Public Administration, New Public Management, changing nature of Public Administration in the era of liberalisation and Globalisation
- (ii) Theories and Principles of Organization, Theories of leadership and motivation, Organisational Communication, Managing Conflict in the Organization