

SEMESTER I

I. MAJOR COURSE –MJ 1:

(Credits: Theory-06)

Marks: 25 (5 Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100

Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40

Instruction to Question Setter for

Semester Internal Examination (SIE 20+5=25 marks):

There will be **two** groups of questions. **Question No.1** will be **very short answer type in Group A** consisting of five questions of 1 mark each. **Question No.2** will be **short answer type** of 5 marks. **Group B** will contain **descriptive type** two questions of ten marks each, out of which any one to answer.

The Semester Internal Examination shall have two components. (a) One Semester Internal Assessment Test (SIA) of 10 Marks, (b) Class Attendance Score (CAS) of 5 marks. Conversion of Attendance into score may be as follows: (Attendance Upto 45%, 1mark; 45<Attd.<55, 2 marks; 55<Attd.<65, 3 marks; 65<Attd.<75, 4 marks; 75<Attd, 5 marks)

End Semester Examination (ESE 75 marks):

There will be **two** groups of questions. **Group A is compulsory** which will contain three questions. **Question No.1** will be **very short answer type** consisting of five questions of 1 mark each. **Question No.2 & 3** will be **short answer type** of 5 marks. **Group B** will contain **descriptive type** six questions of fifteen marks each, out of which any four are to answer.

Note: There may be subdivisions in each question asked in Theory Examinations.

POLITICAL THEORY

Theory: 90 Lectures

Course Objectives:

1. The course has been designed to introduce key concepts in politics to the students to sharpen their understanding of political discourses and the ability to make the scientific enquiry into the political phenomenon and political questions.
2. Diverse traditions and approaches have been included in the scheme of teaching to make understanding comprehensive and insightful.
3. Contemporary debates on key concepts and theories like changing role of state in the era of globalization, power, authority, sovereignty, equality, freedom, democracy, rights and justice allow the students to understand the expanding horizons of discourses in the discipline.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to learn key concepts needed to understand the political phenomenon.
2. They will come to know about the role and functions of Political theory.
3. They will come to know how liberal and Marxist traditions look at and understand politics.
4. They will learn what is power and how does it operate in society and politics.
5. They will be able to explain the debates on the distributive theory of justice.
6. They will come to understand and explain different theories and contemporary debates in democracy and the changing role of state in the contemporary times.

Course Content:

Unit I

1. Meaning Nature and significance of Political theory
2. Different Approaches to understanding Political Theory

- a. Liberal tradition
- b. Marxist tradition

Unit II

1. State
 - a. Origin and development of State System
 - b. Changing role of state in the era of Globalization
2. Power and Authority
3. Sovereignty – monist and pluralist

Unit III

1. Liberty and Equality
2. Justice
3. Theories and Types of Rights

Unit IV

1. Democracy
 - a. Theories of Democracy and Contemporary Debates
 - b. Elitist v/s Pluralist Theory

Reference Books:

1. समकालीन राजनीतिक सिद्धान्त – ओपी गावा
 2. राजनीतिक शास्त्र के सिद्धान्त – डॉ.इकबाल नारायण
 3. राजनीतिक शास्त्र के सिद्धान्त – डॉ.ए.सी कपूर
 4. Modern Political Theory – S.P. Verma
 5. Political Theory – Sushil Kumar Swami Mac Millan
 6. Modern Political Theory – M.G. Gandhi
 7. O.P. Gauba, Political Ideas & Ideologies
 8. S.E. Barku – Principal of Social & Political Theory
 9. A. Arblasta – Democracy & Open University Press
 10. R. Dhal, Modern Political Analysis
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