Detailed Syllabus

GENERAL

Part - I

Paper – I : Political Theory **100 Marks**

1. Nature and scope of political Science — Different approaches to Political Science : Normative, Behavioural, Marxist.
2. Theories of State : (a) Contract Theory (b) Idealist Theory (c) Liberal, Neo-liberal Theory (d) Marxist Theory (e) Gandhian Theory.
3. Sovereignty of the State : Monistic and pluralistic theories — Doctrine of Popular Sovereignty.
4. Some Representative Concepts : (a) Nationalism and Internationalism : Meaning & Features (b) Democracy : Meaning & Nature (c) Fascism : Meaning & Nature.
5. Nature of International Relations as a branch of study — Liberal & Realist approaches to International relations.
6. Law : Meaning, sources, nature, International Law : Meaning, nature.
7. Rights, Liberty, Equality : Meaning and Nature — Relation between Liberty & Equality – Safeguards of Liberty — Right to Resistance.
8. Marxism : Dialectical and Historical Materialism, Concept of Class and class-struggle — Theory of Revolution. Lenin's theory of Imperialism.
9. Political Parties and Interest Groups : Their function and role in modern states — Methods of Representation : territorial, functional, proportional.

Readings

Mohit Bhattacharjee and Amal Roy	:	Political Theory.
D.C. Bhattacharya	:	Political Theory.
O.P. Gauba	:	An Introduction to Political Theory.
Radharaman Chakraborty	:	Theory and Practice of International Relations.
S.P. Verma	:	Modern Political Theory.
N.P. Barry	:	Introduction to Modern Political Theory.
J.C. Johari	:	Political Theory
S. Ramaswami	:	Political Theory : Ideas and Concepts.
Emile Burns	:	What is Marxism.
V.I. Lenin	:	Imperialism : The Highest Stage of Capitalism.
P. Sarangi	:	Liberal Theories of State. Contemporary Perspectives.
Tom Bottomore (ed.)	:	A Dictionary of Marxist Thought
Maurice Cornforth	:	Dialectical Materialism.
C.E.M. Joad	:	Political Theory.
A.D. Ashi Batham & K.K. Misra		Political Theory.
J.V. Stalin	:	Dialectical and Historical Materialism.
অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র	:	রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান।
মোহিত ভট্টাচার্য, বিশ্বনাথ ঘোষ	:	আধুনিক রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান।
হিমাচল চক্রবর্তী	:	রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান।

অজিত সাইন চক্রবর্তী, নির্মলকান্তি ঘোষ : রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান,
গৌরীপদ ভট্টাচার্য : আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক,
শান্তি মুখার্জী, বসন্তানী মুখার্জী : আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক,
দেবব্রত চক্রবর্তী : রাষ্ট্রতত্ত্ব ও সংবিধান,
সমিল বার্নস : মার্কসবাদ (What is Marxism-এর অনুবাদ),
ভোলানাথ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় : মরিস কর্নফোরথ 'Dialectical Materialism'-এর অনুবাদ : দ্বন্দ্বমূলক বস্তুবাদ

Part – II

Paper – II : Comparative Politics & Government **100 Marks**

1. Political System : Liberal-democratic, Authoritarian, Socialist — forms of Political Systems : Unitary and Federal, Parliamentary and Presidential.
2. U.K. :
   (a) Basic features with special reference to Conventions and Rule of law.
   (b) Legislature : composition and functions with reference to the committee system and the office of the Speaker — the concept of parliamentary sovereignty.
   (c) Executive : composition and functions of the Cabinet with special reference to the role of the Prime Minister — the concept of Cabinet Dictatorship.
   (d) The role of the Crown.
   (e) Party system — role of the Opposition.
3. U.S.A. :
   (a) Basic features.
   (b) US federalism.
   (c) Bill of rights.
   (d) Legislature : composition and functions with reference to the Presiding Officers and Committee System.
   (e) The Executive : The President : election, powers and functions. The US Cabinet : composition and functions.
   (f) Supreme Court : composition and functions.
   (g) Party systems.
4. PRC (1982 Constitution) :
   (a) Significance of the Revolution.
   (b) Basic features with special reference to General Principles.
   (c) Communist Party : structure, functions, role.
   (d) Rights and Duties of Citizen.
   (e) The National Government :
      (I) The Executive : President, Premier, State Council.
      (II) The Legislature : National People's Congress, Standing Committee.
      (III) The Judiciary.
5. Salient features of the Constitutions of France, Russia and Switzerland.

Readings

J.C. Johari : Major Political Systems.
D.C. Bhattacharyya : Modern Political Constitutions.
The Constitution of People's Republic of China (1982)
Reports of Party Congress of the CPC (since 12th Congress)
S.E. Finer : Comparative Government.
G. Almond et. al. : Comparative Politics Today A World View
A.C. Kapoor & K.K. Misra : Select Constitutions.
অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র : নির্বাচিত শাসন ব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি,

নিমাই সামন্ত : নির্বাচিত আধুনিক শাসন ব্যবস্থার রূপরেখা,
নির্মলকান্তি ঘোষ : নির্বাচিত তুলনামূলক শাসন ব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি
দিনেশ চন্দ্র ভট্টাচার্য : তুলনামূলক রাজনীতি ও বিদেশের শাসন ব্যবস্থা,
হিমাচল চক্রবর্তী : তুলনামূলক রাজনীতি ও শাসন ব্যবস্থা,

Paper – III : Government & Politics in India **100 Marks**

1. The Preamble.
2. Fundamental Rights, Directives Principles, Fundamental Duties.
3. Union – State Relations — Nature of Federalism.
4. Union Executive : President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, The Council of Ministers.
5. Union Legislature : Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha : Organisation, Functions, Law Making Procedure, Privileges, Committee System, Speaker.
6. Government in the States : Governor, Council of Ministers and the Chief Minister, State Legislature : Composition and Functions.
7. The Judiciary : Supreme Court and the High Courts : Composition and Functions, Judicial Activism in India.
8. Amendment Procedure.
9. Party System in India : National Political Parties : Ideologies and Programmes — Regionalism : nature, roots, types.
10. Election Commission : Composition and functions — The Electoral system in India.
11. Major issues in Indian Politics : Caste, Tribe, Religion.
12. Women's movements and political participation in post-independence India : An Overview.

Readings

The Constitution of India (Government of India Publication, latest edition)
J.C. Johari : Indian Government and Politics (2 vols.)
S. Kaushik (ed) : Indian Government and Politics
B.L. Fadia : State Politics in India (2 vols.)
D. Basu : Introduction to the Constitution of India.
S.L. Sikri : Indian Government and Politics.
M.V. Pylee : India's Constitution.
A.C. Kapoor : The Indian Political System.
Subhas Kashyap : Our Constitution.
Joyasree Ghosh : Political participation of women in West Bengal A Case Study.
H. Asfah (ed) : Women and politics in the Third World.
B. Nelson & N. Chowdhury (eds.) : Women and Politics World Wide.
G. Forbes : Women in Modern India.

অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র : ভারতের শাসন ব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি,
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নিমাই সামন্ত : ভারতের শাসন ব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি,

Part – III

Paper – IV : Contemporary Political and Administrative Issues in India

100 Marks

Theoretical Issues

80 Marks

1. Foreign Policy : major determinants — Foreign Policy in India : basic characteristics.
2. U.N.O. : Purposes and Principles — Peace-keeping and the U.N.O. — India's role.
3. Organisation of the Government of India : Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat : Cabinet Secretary — Union Civil Service : Recruitment and Training - Union Public Service Commission : Composition and Functions.
4. Human Rights : Basic concept — U.N. Declaration of Human Rights (1948) — India and Human rights : rights available in India — State Human Rights Commission.
5. Globalization : Its meaning and implications — Economic Reforms in India since 1991 : An Overview.

Application Oriented Issues

20 Marks

6. Local Government : Concept, nature and types — Rural Government : Zilla Parisad : composition and functions — Role of Sabhadhipati and Sahasabhadhipati — Panchayat Samiti : composition and functions — Role of Sabhapati and Sahasabhapati — Sthayee Samities of Zilla Parisad and Panchayat Samity — Gram Panchayat : Composition, functions — Gram Sabha and Gram Samsad, Composition, role significance — Representation of Women in Rural Government.
7. Urban Government : Municipal Corporation : Mayor-in-Council : Composition and functions — Role of Mayor and Deputy Mayor : Members of MIC in Charge of respective portfolios — Borough Committee and Ward Committee : composition and functions. Municipality : Chairman-in-Council : composition and functions — Role of Chairman — Members of CIC in charge of respective portfolios — Borough Committee and Ward Committee : composition and functions — Representation of Women in Urban Government..
8. Parliamentary Procedure (with special reference to W.B. Legislature) — Questions : types of questions — Adjournment motions, Cut motions — Calling Attention — No-confidence motions, Mentions, Motions and Resolutions — Zero Hour.

Readings

Roy Macridis (ed.)	:	Foreign Policy in World Politics.
J. Bandopadhyay	:	The Making of India's Foreign Policy.
J. Frankel	:	The Making of Foreign Policy.
E. Luard	:	The United Nations as a Political Institution.
Asok Mukhopadhyay	:	Panchayat Administration in West Bengal.
Asok Mukhopadhyay	:	Municipal Government.
Swapan Pramanick & Prabhat Datta	:	Panchayat and People. The West Bengal Experience.
R. Dutt & K.P. Sundaram	:	Indian Economy.
Mohit Bhattacharya & Prabhat Datta	:	Governing Rural India.
A. Avasthi & A.P. Avasthi	:	Indian Administration.
Shriram Maheswari	:	Indian Administration.
Subhas C. Kashyap	:	Our Parliament.
Amiya K. Chaudhury	:	Legislative control over Public Administration.

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COURSE STRUCTURE

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Part – I

Paper I	:	Political Theory	100 Marks

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Paper III	:	Government and Politics in India	100 Marks
			200 Marks

Part – III

Paper IV	:	Contemporary Political and Administrative Issues in India	
		Theoretical Issues	80 Marks
		Application oriented Issues	20 Marks
			100 Marks

HONOURS

Part – I

Paper I	:	Political Theory	100 Marks
Paper II	:	Comparative Politics and Government	100 Marks
			200 Marks

Part – II

Paper III	:	Government and Politics in India	100 Marks
Paper IV	:	International Relations	100 Marks
			200 Marks

Part – III

Paper V	:	Western Political Thought	100 Marks
Paper VI	:	Indian Political Thought and Movement	100 Marks
Paper VII	:	Political Sociology	100 Marks
Paper VIII	:	Public Administration	100 Marks
			400 Marks