

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY
UG SYLLABUS – POLITICAL SCIENCE
SEMESTER-V: WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

BLOCK-I: ANCIENT WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit-1: Characteristics of Ancient Greek Political Thought

Unit-2: Plato – Theory of Justice and Ideal State

Unit-3: Aristotle – Theory of State, Classification of Governments and Slavery

BLOCK-II: MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit-4: Thomas Aquinas – State & Church; Classification of Law

Unit-5: Machiavelli – Concept of Politics and Statecraft

BLOCK-III: MODERN WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit-6: Hobbes – State of Nature, Social contract and Absolute Sovereignty

Unit-7: Locke – State of Nature, Social contract and Limited Government

Unit-8: Rousseau – State of Nature, Social contract and theory of General Will

BLOCK-IV: MODERN WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit-9: J S Mill - On Liberty and Representative Govt.

Unit-10: Hegel – Theory of Dialectics and Theory of State

BLOCK-V: SOCIALIST POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit-11: Marx – Dialectical and Historical Materialism, Class Struggle

Unit-12: Mao Zedong – Theory of Contradictions, New Democratic Revolution

