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M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE
FIRST YEAR
COURSE-I: WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Block-I: Emergence of Ancient Political Ideas

- Unit-1: Understanding of Political Philosophy
- Unit-2: Evolution of Greek Political Thinking
- Unit-3: Plato
- Unit-4: Aristotle
- Unit-5: Medieval Christian Political Thought – Augustine
- Unit-6: Aquinas

Block-II: Modern Age – First Phase

- Unit-7: Machiavelli
Contractualists
- Unit-8: Hobbes
- Unit-9: Locke
- Unit-10: Rousseau

Block-III: Utilitarianism

- Unit-11: Bentham
- Unit-12: J.S. Mill
Idealism :
- Unit-13: Hegel
- Unit-14: Green

Block-IV: Socialism

- Unit-15: Utopian Socialism
- Unit-16: Scientific Socialism : Karl Marx
- Unit-17: Current Trends in Communism – Lenin and Gramsci
- Unit-18: Mao-Tse-Tung

Block-V: Contemporary Liberalism

- Unit-19: John Rawls
- Unit-20: Robert Nozick
- Unit-21: Multiculturalism
- Unit-22: Post-Modernism – Foucault
- Unit-23: Feminism

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- Unit-1: Nature of the Colonial State
- Unit-2: Indian National Movement
- Unit-3: Socio-Economic and Philosophical Foundation of Indian Constitution
- Unit-4: Distinctive features of Indian Political System

Block-II: Civil Rights

- Unit-5: Fundamental Rights
- Unit-6: Directive Principles
- Unit-7: Human Rights

Block-III: Institutions

- Unit-8: Parliament
- Unit-9: President
- Unit-10: Prime Minister – Cabinet
- Unit-11: Constitutional Development Amendments
- Unit-12: Judicial System – Judicial Review, Judicial Activism

Block-IV: Political Processes

- Unit-13: Federal System – Trends
- Unit-14: Regionalism
- Unit-15: Panchayath Raj System
- Unit-16: Party System
- Unit-17: Political Parties
- Unit-18: Pressure Groups
- Unit-19: Electoral Process – Voting Behaviour

Block-V: Evaluation

- Unit-20: Social and Economic Systems – Politics
- Unit-21: Movements – Politics: Women, Dalith , Peasant and Adivasi movements
- Unit-22: Nation Building Process
- Unit-23: Indian Democracy-Evaluation

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- Unit-2: Approaches: Rational Comprehensive Theory
- Unit-3: Incremental Approach and Mixed Scanning Approach
- Unit-4: System and Elite Approaches
- Unit-5: Other Approaches: Group Theory, Institutional Approach, Social Choice Theory

Block-II: Policy Context and Policy Process

- Unit-6: Policy Context and Policy Environment
- Unit-7: Policy Process
- Unit-8: Policy Process – Role of Formal Institutions – Executive and Bureaucracy
- Unit-9: Policy Process – Role of Formal Institutions – Legislature and Judiciary
- Unit-10: Policy Process – Role of Non Formal Institutions-Political Parties, Pressure Groups

Block-III: Policy Process, Policy Layout and Policy Evaluation

- Unit-11: Policy Process – Role of Non Formal Institutions
Media, Public Movements and Individuals
- Unit-12: Policy Impact and Evaluation Methods and Techniques
- Unit-13: Evaluation Process and Institutional arrangements
- Unit-14: Case Study – A Study of Reservation Policy
- Unit-15: A Study of Education Policy

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- Unit-16: Social Sciences Research and Problems
- Unit-17: Traditional Approach and Scientific Approach
- Unit-18: Research Process
- Unit-19: Research Design
- Unit-20: Research Problems and Hypothesis

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- Unit-21: Observation Method
- Unit-22: Interview Method and Questionnaire Method
- Unit-23: Sampling and Survey Method
- Unit-24: Data Processing and Data Analysis
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- Unit-4: Individual and Society and State

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- Unit-6: Kautilya
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- Unit-8: Cultural Nationalism in the context of colonialism
- Unit-9: Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- Unit-10: Jyothiba Phule
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Block-IV: Modern Political Schools - I

- Unit-12: Ranade
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- Unit-14: Mahatma Gandhi
- Unit-15: Bhagath Singh

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- Unit-16: Jawaharlal Nehru
- Unit-17: M.N.Roy
- Unit-18: Dr.B.R. Ambedkar
- Unit-19: Ram Monohar Lohia
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- Unit-3: Approaches: Idealist, Realist, Neo-Realist Systems, Marxist and Neo-Marxist
- Unit-4: Concepts of International Relations : (a) Power, Balance of Power, Collective Security
- Unit-5: (b) War, Peace, Security

Block-II: Dynamics of International Relations

- Unit-6: Coldwar
- Unit-7: Detente
- Unit-8: Disintegration of the Soviet Union
- Unit-9: Post Cold-war in International Relations

Block-III: International Political Economy

- Unit-10: Colonialism – Post Colonialism – Neo Colonialism
- Unit-11: Brettenwoods – World Bank – International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Unit-12: General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), World Trade Organizations
- Unit-13: Globalization

Block-IV: Issues in Contemporary International Relations

- Unit-14: Arms, Race, Political Economy of Weaponry
- Unit-15: Ethnic, Secessionist and Terrorist movements
- Unit-16: Energy and Environmental Issues
- Unit-17: Regionalism: European Union (EU), ASEAN, SAARC
- Unit-18: Human Rights

Block-V: International Law

- Unit-19: Evolution and Sources of Law
- Unit-20: International Organization: United Nations – Its changing role
- Unit-21: India's Foreign Policy: History and Dynamics of India's Foreign Policy
- Unit-22: India's Relations with Global and Regional Powers: USA, Russia, China and SAARC Countries

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Unit-5 : Systems Analysis
Unit-6 : Structural – Functional Analysis
Unit-7 : Marxist Analysis

BLOCK-III : POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

- Unit-8 : Constitutionalism
Unit-9 : Rule Making Department (Legislative)
Unit-10 : Rule Application Department (Executive, Bureaucracy)
Unit-11 : Rule Adjudication Department (Judiciary)
Unit-12 : Political Parties
Unit-13 : Pressure Groups
Unit-14 : Media and Politics
Unit-15 : Public Opinion

BLOCK-IV : POLITICAL STRUCTURES

- Unit-16 : Unitary and Federal Systems
Unit-17 : Parliamentary and Presidential Governments

BLOCK-V : POLITICAL PROCESSES

- Unit-18 : Political Process in Western and Non-Western Systems
Unit-19 : Public Policy Making in different Political Systems
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- Unit -2 Approaches to the Study
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- Unit -4 Social Stratification

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- Unit-7 Political Communication
- Unit-8 Political Elite
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- Unit-10 Political Alienation

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- Unit-11 Power, Authority and Legitimacy
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- Unit-15 Integration : Challenges

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Unit-5: Executive
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Unit-8: State Administrative machinery

BLOCK-III: PARTIES

Unit-9: National and Regional parties in the State
Unit-10: Regional political parties
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BLOCK-IV: MOVEMENTS

Unit-12: Protest movements
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BLOCK-V: RELATIONS

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Unit-16: Planning – Development, Problems
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Unit-19: Urban local politics
Unit-20: Rural local bodies

BLOCK-VII: TRENDS

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- Unit-2 : State, Civil Society and Social Movements
- Unit-3 : Politics and Social Movements

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- Unit-4 : Liberal, Marxist
- Unit-5 : Subaltern, New Social Movement, Feminist approaches

BLOCK-III : TYPOLOGIES OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

- Unit-6 : Bases : Community, Class, Caste, Gender, Tribe
- Unit-7 : Objectives : Social Transformation - Justice, Equity and Power

BLOCK-IV : SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA DURING COLONIAL PERIOD

- Unit-8 : Stages of Development of Social Movements in India
- Unit-9 : Religious Reform Movements: Brahma Samaj and Arya Samaj
- Unit-10 : Anti-Caste Movements - Satya Shodhak, Self Respect Movement and Ambedkarite Movements
- Unit-11 : Peasants and Workers Movements

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- Unit-12 : Struggles for Regional Autonomy
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- Unit-16 : Dalit and Dalit Bahujan Movements
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- Unit-19 : Struggles for Minority Rights
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- Unit – 2 : Evolution of governance: Society, State, Government & Governance
- Unit – 3 : Globalization and Emergence of New Public Management

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- Unit – 5 : Participation and Partnerships

BLOCK-III: STRUCTURES & PROCESSES

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- Unit – 10 : New Thrusts of Accountability: RTI Citizens Charters
- Unit – 11 : E-Governance
- Unit – 12 : Civil Society Organizations and Governance Reforms

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- Unit – 13 : State Level Reforms
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- Unit – 15 : Energy Sector – Governance Reforms
- Unit – 16 : Disaster and Governance

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- Unit – 17 : Economic Reforms: Indian Context – Phase I and II
- Unit – 18 : Role of Urban and Rural Institutions
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