

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), BENGALURU-56002

Course Content and Course Outcome

Semester	B.A. I Semester (CPE)
	Political Science
Course Code	PSB121
Paper Title	Elements of Political Science
No. of Teaching Hours Per Semester	75
Total Number of teaching hours per week	05
Number of Credits	05
W.E. F	June, 2021

COURSE Objective: This course is designed to introduce students to the discipline of Political science. The main objective is to enable students understand key elements and concepts of Political science. This paper has topics for debate and student self-study (SSS) in each chapter, with guided readings.

I INTRODUCTION

Evolution of the of the Discipline of Political Science; Meaning, Nature & Scope of Political Science; Approaches to the study of Political Science-Historical and Normative; Distinction between Political Science & Politics (SSS); Glossary

Debate: Challenges before the Discipline of Political Science (10 hrs)

II STATE

Meaning & Elements of State; Theories on origin of State- Evolutionary theory; Social contract Theories of State- Hobbes, Locke & Rousseau; Evolution of Modern Nation-State; Power, Authority and Legitimacy- Nature, Kinds and importance; Nationalism & Supranationalism(SSS)

Debate: Cultural & Political Nations (15 hrs)

III SOVEREIGNTY

Meaning & Features; Kinds of Sovereignty; Theories of Sovereignty- Monistic & Pluralist; Stephen Krasner's Notion of Sovereignty in the age of Globalization; Contemporary Challenges to State Sovereignty (SSS)

Debate: Assertion of Sovereignty and Right to Self-determination (15 hrs)

IV LAW, RIGHTS & DUTIES

Law: Meaning and Sources; Kinds of Law; Schools of law- Historical, Philosophical, Comparative and Social; Rule of Law; Due Process of Law;

Rights: Meaning & Kinds; Safeguards of Rights; Natural Rights Theory of H.L.A Hart; Human Rights-Evolution & Relevance; Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Duties: Meaning & Nature; Duties of Citizens towards State

Interrelationship between Law, liberty and Equality (SSS)

Debate: Sound laws results in Sound governance (20 hrs)

V JUSTICE & EQUALITY

Justice- Meaning & Dimensions; Distributive Justice- John Rawls; Justice as Entitlement- Robert Nozick; Social Justice Perspective- Ambedkar; Thomas Pogge's Theory of Global Justice (SSS)

Equality- Meaning and Kinds; Affirmative action

Debate: Politics of Reservation in India (15 hrs)

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Journals

- Indian Journal of Political Science
- Economic and Political Weekly
- American Political Science Review
- Seminar

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**PSB121: ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
LEARNING OUTCOME**

Chapter No	At the end of each chapter of this Course, a student will be able to gain Knowledge, understand, analyze and evaluate about -
Chapter - I	Evolution Meaning, Nature and Scope of the Discipline ;Approaches to the Study ;Basic terminologies ; Challenges before the Discipline
Chapter – II	Meaning , Origins & Elements of State; Modern Nation-statePower, Authority and Legitimacy ;Nationalism and Supranationalism ;Cultural & Political Nations
Chapter -III	Background ,Meaning, dimensions of State sovereignty; Theories of Sovereignty; Impact of Globalization on State Sovereignty ; Challenges to State Sovereignty ;Right to Self-determination
Chapter- IV	Basics about the Key Concepts of Law, Rights and Duties Rule of Law &Due Process of Law; Duties of Citizens towards State ;Interrelationship between Law, liberty and Equality
Chapter –V	Meaning and kinds of Justice; Distributive Justice and justice as Entitlement ;Concept of Global justice; Meaning of Equality; Affirmative Action; Politics of Reservation in India

BLUEPRINT

Code number: **PSB-121**

Title of the paper: **Elements of Political Science**

Chapter	Number of Hours	Total marks for which the questions are to be asked (including bonus questions)
Unit I	10	10
Unit II	15	15
Unit III	15	15
Unit IV	15	15
Unit V	20	15
TOTAL	75	100
Maximum marks for the paper (Excluding bonus question)= 70		

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Course Content and course Outcome

Semester	B.A. II Semester (CPE) Political Science
Course Code	PSB 221
Paper Title	Political Theory
No. of Teaching Hours Per Semester	75
Total Number of teaching hours per week	05
Number of Credits	05
W.E. F	November, 2021

Course Objective: This course is designed to enable students grasp the basics of political theory. The main focus will be on a few ideologies, democracy, political culture and a few important political issues. This paper has topics for debate and student self-study (SSS) in each chapter, with guided readings.

I INTRODUCTION

Political theory-Nature & Scope; Traditions of Political Theory- Liberal, Marxist and Conservative; Behaviouralism; Post –behaviouralism; Post-modernism; Significance of Political Theory (SSS) (10 hrs)

Debate: Is political theory on the decline?

II POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES-I

Ideology- Meaning & Nature; Liberalism- Meaning & Elements; Types - Classical, Utilitarian, Libertarian & Neo-liberal; Socialism- Meaning & Elements; Early Socialism- Charles Fourier, St Simon, Robert Owen and Proudhon ; Marxism- Marx, Lenin and Mao; Market Socialism (SSS); (15hrs)

Debate: End of Ideology debate (15hrs)

III DEMOCRACY

Evolution and Meaning; Theories- Classical, Elitist, Pluralist & Marxian; Types: Direct Democracy- Meaning and Nature; Reference to- Referendum, Plebiscite, Initiative and Recall; Representative Democracy- Meaning and Nature; Reference to- Territorial, Proportional, Minority and Functional representation; *Fareed Zakaria's Concept of Illiberal democracy* Challenges before Democracy (SSS)

Debate: Liberal versus Illiberal democracies (15hrs)

IV POLITICAL CULTURE

Political Socialization & Political Participation; Public Opinion- Meaning, Nature and Importance (SSS); Pressure Groups- Meaning & Types (SSS); Social Movements and New Social Movements (NSMs) – Meaning, Distinction & Features; Prominent Movements – Black Liberation, Feminist, Farmers, Dalit, and LGBTQ Movements

Debate: Are Social movements a threat to Democracy? (15hrs)

V IDEOLOGIES-II

Imperialism- Background, Meaning & Features ; Neo-colonialism- Meaning and Features(SSS); Fascism- Background, Meaning & Features; Neo-fascism ; Religious Fundamentalism Background, Meaning & Features; Left Wing Extremism – Background & Features; Ecologism- Meaning & Features; Gandhism & Sarvodaya(20 hrs)

Debate: Are Gandhian ideals still relevant?

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**PSB 221: POLITICAL THEORY
LEARNING OUTCOME**

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Chapter - I	Meaning, Nature , Scope & Significance of Political theory; Various Traditions of Political theory; Behaviouralism and its Impact ; Post-modernism ; Debates on Decline of Political Theory
Chapter – II	Meaning of Ideology ; Liberalism ; Socialism, Ideas of Charles Fourier, St Simon, Robert Owen and Proudhon; Marxism, Philosophy of Lenin and Mao; Market Socialism; End of Ideology debate
Chapter -III	Evolution & Theories of Democracy ; Direct and Representative Democracy; Concept of Illiberal democracy; Challenges to Democracy; Liberal versus Illiberal democracies
Chapter- IV	Political Socialization & Political Participation; Public Opinion & Pressure Groups; Social Movements and New Social Movements; Social Movements and Democracy
Chapter –V	Background, meaning and features of Imperialism Neo-colonialism; Fascism and Neo-fascism; Religious Fundamentalism ; Left Wing Extremism ; Ecologism; Gandhism & Sarvodaya; Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy

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Code number: **PSB-221**

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