



**Syllabus of Political Science
(PGP)
Course Code (PGPS)**

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Revised Syllabus of Post Graduate Political Science (PGPS)*

Paper – I to VIII

- Paper – I : Political Thought & Movements in Colonial India**
- Paper – II : Politics in India since Independence**
- Paper – III : Issues in Political Thought**
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PAPER – I

❖ Political Thought & Movements in Colonial India

Module - 1 : Modernity

- Unit-1 : Rammohun Roy
Unit-2 : Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
Unit-3 : Syed Ahmed Khan
Unit-4 : Rabindranath Tagore

Module - 2 : Nationalism

- Unit-1 : Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
Unit-2 : Rabindranath Tagore
Unit-3 : Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
Unit-4 : Subhas Chandra Bose

Module - 3 : Socialism

- Unit-1 : Swami Vivekananda
Unit-2 : M. N. Roy
Unit-3 : Jawaharlal Nehru
Unit-4 : Jayaprakash Narayan

Module - 4 : Movements

- Unit-1 : Swadeshi Movement
Unit-2 : Peasant and Tribal Movements
Unit-3 : Working Class Movement
Unit-4 : Dalit Movements

PAPER – II

❖ Politics in India since Independence

Module - 1 : Concepts and Approaches

- Unit-1 : Concepts and approaches to the study of Indian Politics
Unit-2 : Institutionalizing Democracy
Unit-3 : Secularism and Communalism in Post-independence India
Unit-4 : State and Nation-building in India

Module - 2 : Political Structure

- Unit-1 : Federalism and State Autonomy
- Unit-2 : Party System, Electoral Process and Coalition Politics
- Unit-3 : Parliamentary Sovereignty and Judicial Activism
- Unit-4 : Panchayati Raj and Grassroot Politics

Module - 3 : Political Dynamics

- Unit-1 : Social Cleavages : Caste and Class
- Unit-2 : Business and Politics
- Unit-3 : Women and Politics
- Unit-4 : Regionalism and Ethnicity

Module - 4 : Political Movements

- Unit-1 : Working Class Movements and Peasant Movements
- Unit-2 : Movements for Civil Liberties and Human Rights
- Unit-3 : Environmental Movements
- Unit-4 : Dalit Politics

PAPER – III

❖ **Issues in Political Thought**

Module - 1 : State, Society and Individual

- Unit-1 : State and Civil Society
- Unit-2 : Individualism
- Unit-3 : Conservatism
- Unit-4 : Secularism

Module - 2 : Key Concepts

- Unit-1 : Justice
- Unit-2 : Equality
- Unit-3 : Freedom
- Unit-4 : Rights

Module - 3 : Democracy, Nationalism and Fascism

Unit-1	:	Classical Democracy
Unit-2	:	Contemporary Democracy
Unit-3	:	Nationalism
Unit-4	:	Fascism

Module – 4 : Political Ideologies

Unit-1	:	Socialism
Unit-2	:	Anarchism
Unit-3	:	Revolution
Unit-4	:	Totalitarianism

PAPER – IV

❖ Issues in Political Theory

Module - 1 : Liberalism: Classical and Contemporary

Unit-1	:	Classical Liberalism
Unit-2	:	Liberal Welfarism : John Rawls
Unit-3	:	Liberatarianism : Robert Nozick
Unit-4	:	Communitarianism

Module - 2 : Politics: Socio-cultural Perspectives

Unit-1	:	Pluralism
Unit-2	:	Consociationalism
Unit-3	:	Elite Theories
Unit-4	:	Multiculturalism

Module - 3 : State; Recent Debates

Unit-1	:	Hegemony: Antonio Gramsci
Unit-2	:	Ideology: Louis Althusser
Unit-3	:	Instrumentalist view of State: Ralph Miliband
Unit-4	:	Structuralist view of State: Nicos Poulantzas

Module - 4 : Contemporary issues

Unit-1	:	Postmodernism
Unit-2	:	Postcolonialism
Unit-3	:	Feminism
Unit-4	:	Ecologism

PAPER – V

❖ Comparative Politics

Module - I: Comparative Government to Comparative Politics

1. Transition from the study of Comparative Government to Comparative Politics.
2. Methods of Comparison, Advantages of Comparison, Comparison of similar and contrasting systems.
3. Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics: Systems Approach, Structural-Functional Approach.
4. Theories of Development and Modernization : Neo-Liberal, Dependency & World Systems Theory.

Module – II: Politics in East and West: Comparative Assessments

1. Nationalism and Nation Building in Britain, France and China.
2. The State and Civil Society in the East and the West.
3. Political Parties and Pressure Groups in comparative perspective : USA & UK.
4. Role of Military in the politics of Pakistan & Indonesia.

Module – III: Comparative Politics: Recent Perspectives

1. Globalization and economic reforms : Select Asian & African Countries.
2. Ethnic Politics in Comparative Perspective : East Europe, Asia, Africa & Sri Lanka.
3. Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective : East & West.
4. Feminist Politics in Comparative Perspective : Western & Non-Western view points.

Module – IV: Authoritarianism and Democracy

1. Challenges of Democracy in Bangladesh.
2. Democratic transition in Nepal.
3. Challenges to Authoritarianism in Egypt.
4. Democratic transition in Latin America.

PAPER – VI

❖ Public Administration

I. Public Administration: The Quest for a Science of Administration

- i) Public Administration: The Classical Perspective.
- ii) Comparative and Development Administration.
- iii) New Public Administration and New Public Management.
- iv) Recent Advances in Public Administration : Ecology & Feminism.

II. Administrative Theories

- i) Human Relations Approach: Elton Mayo and Chester Barnard, Mary Parker Follett.
- ii) Behavioural Approach- Herbert Simon.
- iii) Development Administration-Fred Riggs.
- iv) Public Choice Theory and Public Policy Analysis.

III. Democratic Administration and Good Governance

- i) Good Governance: Meanings and Aims.
- ii) Transparency and Accountability in Public Administration.
- iii) Decentralisation and Devolution and Development.
- iv) Good Governance in the Indian Context.

IV. Emerging Issues in Public Administration

- i) Gender and Public Administration.
- ii) Public Administration and Civil Society.
- iii) Globalisation and Public Administration.
- iv) Indian Administration in the era of Liberalisation.

PAPER – VII

❖ International Relations

<u>Module - I</u>	:	Theories of International Relations
Unit-I	:	Liberal and Neo-Liberal Approaches – Realist and Neo-Realist Critiques of Liberalism
Unit-II	:	Systems Theory
Unit-III	:	Marxist and other Radical and Neo-Radical Approaches
Unit-IV	:	Post-Structuralist and Post-Modernist Approaches

Module - II : **Contemporary Issues**

- Unit-I : U.S. Policy in the Post-Cold War Era
Unit-II : Europe in Contemporary World Politics
Unit-III : China in Contemporary World Politics
Unit-IV : Russia in Contemporary World Politics

Module - III : **Foreign Policy**

- Unit-I : Conceptual Framework for understanding Foreign Policy
Unit-II : Determinants of Foreign Policy
Unit-III : Domestic sources of Foreign Policy – Role of Public Opinion, Parliament, Political Parties, Interest Groups and Bureaucracy
Unit-IV : Decision-Making in Foreign Policy

Module - IV : **Foreign Policy of India**

- Unit-I : Factors conditioning Foreign Policy – Geographic/Strategic-India's Operational Environment : Domestic and Foreign
Unit-II : The Making of India's Foreign Policy : The Structure of Decision-Making-Personalities, Processes and Institutions
Unit-III : Evolution of India's Foreign Policy – Non-Alignment : A Critical Estimate
Unit-IV : India's Bilateral Relations with (a) Its Neighbours (b) United States (c) Erstwhile Soviet Union & Russia (d) European Union

PAPER – VIII

❖ **Politics and Society in Asia : Selected Regions**

Module - I **West Asia**

- i) Arab Nationalism : Pan Arabism : Historical foundations of Arab Nationalism : Nahda ; The Arab League ; Nasserism ; Zionism ; The Palestinian Issue and Arab Nationalism ; Future of Arab Nationalism.
- ii) Religion and Politics in West Asia : Islam and Politics in Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Egypt ; The Politics of Islamic re-assertion.
- iii) The Politics of Oil in West Asia : History of OPEC since its foundation ; Formation of OPEC ; Oil and Politics since 1970s.
- iv) Politics of Regionalism and Regional Associations : PLO, Arab League, GCC, OIC, Arab Co-operation Council.

Module - II **Central Asia**

- i) The Central Asian Republics – Features, Problems and Prospects.
- ii) Security and Geo-Strategic issues in Central Asia.
- iii) Problems of Economic Transition.
- iv) Islam and Democracy.

Module – III Asia Pacific

- i) The Concept of the Asia-Pacific Region and its significance in International Relations.
- ii) Authoritarianism, Civil-Military Relations and Prospects of Democratisation in Select Asia-Pacific Countries : Indonesia, Philipines and South Korea.
- iii) Political Economy of the Asia Pacific Region.
- iv) Ethnic Problems in the Asia Pacific Region.

Module – IV South East Asia

- i) State and Civil Society in South East Asia : An Overview.
 - ii) Issues relating to the Chinese Immigrants in South East Asia : Case Studies of Malayasia and Singapore.
 - iii) Society, Culture and Politics in Thailand and Myanmar.
 - iv) Globalisation and Culture in South Asia in the Post-Cold War era.
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