

SEMESTER – 1
Understanding Political Theory

Major Course – MJC 1

Theory – 60 Lectures

Course Credit – 06

Full Marks: 100

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course has been designed to introduce key concepts of Political Science to the students to sharpen their understandings of political discourses. The idea is to introduce and assess the conventional as well as contemporary approaches to understanding politics.

COURSE OUTCOMES

On completion of the course the student will be able to

1. Define the meaning, nature and scope of Political Science and its significance.
2. Discern and comprehend the evolution of the major approaches to the understanding of political theory.
3. Understand the various traditions and approaches of political theory and appreciate how they get reflected in organizing social living
4. Understand multiple frames by which the idea of political community is debated
5. Understand the significance of theorizing and of applying theory into practice.

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Unit	Topics to be Covered	No. of Lectures
1	What is Politics: Theorizing the 'Political' Meaning, nature and scope of Political Science Growth of Political Science as a Discipline: Traditionalism, Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism State of Political Theory Today; Decline or Resurgence.	12
2	Schools of Political Theory: Liberal, Marxist and Socialist and Anarchist.	08
3	Approaches to Political Theory: Normative, Historical, Legal and Institutional and Empirical	10
	State, Elements, Origin and Development Sovereignty, Meaning, Schools: Monism and Pluralism Liberty and Equality Justice and Rights Democracy: Meaning, Types; Direct and Indirect and theories and Related Debates.	20
4	Critical and contemporary perspectives in political theory: Feminism and Post-Modernism, Environmentalism and Neo-liberalism.	10
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Suggested Readings:

1. Johri, J C(1996),Aadhunik Rajniti Vigyan Ke Siddhant, Sterling publisher.
2. Political Theory; Ideas and Concepts, Sushila Ramaswamy, PHI, Learning private Ltd.
3. Kumar Sanjiv (2021), Rajniti Sidhant: Awadharnayenaur Vimarsh, Sage Publication.
4. Rajniti ke Siddhant, S. C. Singhal, Laxmi Narain Agrawal, Agra
5. Jain,Pukhraj (2020), Rajnitik Sidhant, Sahitya Bhawan Publication.
6. Srinivasan,J.(2008)'Democracy',in Bhargava,R.and Acharya. A. (eds.) *Political Theory : An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman,
7. Modern Political Theory — S.P Verma, Vanu Educational Books
8. Theory Today — edited by David Held

Additional Readings:

1. Gauba, OP (1981), 'An Introduction to Political Theory Macmillan, New Delhi.
2. Rayand Bhattacharya (1962), 'Political Theory', World Press, Calcutta.
3. Heywood, Andrew(1994), 'Political theory', Palgrave, Macmillan
4. Rajkumar, 'Rajniti Vigyan Ke Sidhant', Arjun Publishing House
5. Gauba, OP (1985), 'Rajniti Sidhantki Ruprekha' Jawahar Publishers.

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