

SEMESTER – 1

Understanding Political Theory

Minor Course – MIC 1

Theory – 30 Lectures

Course Credit – 04

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

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Unit	Topics to be Covered	No. of Lectures
1	Meaning, nature and scope of Political Science Growth of Political Science as a Discipline: Traditionalism, Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism	06
2	Schools of Political Theory : Liberal, Marxist and Socialist and Anarchist.	04
3	Approaches to Political Theory: Normative, Historical, Legal and Institutional.	05
	State, Elements, Origin and Development Sovereignty, Meaning, Schools: Monism and Pluralism Liberty and Equality Justice and Rights	10
4	Democracy : Meaning, Types; Direct and Indirect and theories and Related Debates.	05
Total		30

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Suggested Readings:

1. Johri, JC (1996), Aadhunik Rajniti Vigyan Ke Siddhant, Sterling publisher.
2. Political Theory; Ideas and Concepts, Sushila Ramaswamy, PHI, Learning private Ltd.
3. Rajniti ke Siddhant, S. C. Singhal, Laxmi Narain Agrawal, Agra
4. Jain, Pukhraj (2020), Rajnitik Sidhant, Sahitya Bhawan Publication.

Additional Readings:

1. Gauba, OP (1981), 'An Introduction to Political Theory' Macmillan, New Delhi.
2. Heywood, Andrew(1994), 'Political theory', Palgrave, Macmillan
3. Rajkumar, 'Rajniti Vigyan Ke Sidhant', Arjuan Publishing House.
4. Gauba, OP(1985), Rajniti Sidhant ki Ruprekha' Jawahar Publishers.

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