

CBCS: SYLLABUS - SEMESTER WISE (2015-16)
FIRST YEAR; SEMESTER – I
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE
PAPER-I(CORE): BASIC CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Unit-1: Explanatory Frameworks of Politics

1. What is Politics: Nature and Scope of Political Science
2. Approaches to the Study of Politics: Normative, Historical, Empirical Traditions

Unit-2: What is the State

1. Origin and Evolution of the Modern State
2. Different Conceptions on the role of the Modern State: Social Democratic and Neo Liberal conceptions

Unit-3: Nations and Nationalism

1. Conceptual Distinction between Nationality and Nation
2. Varieties of Nationalism: Culture and Civic Nationalism

Unit-4: Rights and Citizenship

1. Evolution of Rights: Civil and Social rights
2. Citizenship: Universal and Differential Citizenship

Unit-5: Freedom, Equality and Justice

1. Freedom: Negative and Positive Freedom
2. Equality: Formal Equality, Equality of Opportunity, Equality of Outcome
3. Justice: Justice based on Needs, Deserts and Rights

Reference books:

1. Bhargava Rajeev and Acharya Ashok (eds) (2008) Political Theory: An Introduction, Pearson, New Delhi.
2. Andrew Heywood (2007) Politics 3rd edition, Palgrave Macmillan, New York.
3. Bellamy R (1993) (Ed) Theories and Concepts of Politics, Manchester university press, New York.
4. Vincent A (2004) The Nature of Political Theory, Oxford University Press, New York.