

**MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE**

POLITICAL THEORY

I year B.A –Course No 1

Max-Marks 100
(80+20)

3 hours Examination

Hours of Instruction (150 Hours)

Course Rational:

1. To introduce the students to the autonomous field of enquiry of politics
2. To acquaint the students with the basic concepts, and issues of political enquiry
3. To introduce the students to the major ideologies that map and regulate the political universe
4. To formulate theoretical reflections on certain contemporary issues and concerns

Block 1: Introduction

Unit 1: Meaning, Nature and Importance of the study of Political Science

Unit 2: Approaches to study Political Science: Historical, Comparative and Behavioural 25

Unit 3: Political Theory: Political Philosophy and Political Thought-Meaning

Block 2: State

Unit 4: Meaning and Nature of the State

Unit 5: Elements of the State

Unit 6: Kinds of the State: Authoritarian and Liberal 25

Block 3: Concepts

Unit 7: Rights-Meaning and Kinds

Unit 8: Liberty – Meaning and kinds (Positive and Negative)

Unit 9: Equality – Meaning and Kinds 25

Block 4: Democracy

Unit 10: Meaning, Essentials, Merits and Demerits

Unit 11: Direct and Indirect Democracy

Unit 12: Challenges to Democracy and Political apathy 25

Block 5: Ideologies

Unit 13: Liberalism: Meaning and Features

Unit 14: Marxism: Historical Materialism and Class struggle

Unit 15: Fascism and Nazism: Main Features

Unit 16: Gandhism: Non-Violence and Satyagraha

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Block 6: Contemporary Issues

Unit 17: Feminism: Meaning and Significance

Unit 18: Civil Society: Meaning, Importance and Challenges

Unit 19: Globalization: Meaning and Impact on State

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Books for Study:

1. Madan C. Gandhi, Modern Political Theory, New Delhi, Oxford & IBH, 1981
2. D. Miller, Citizenship and National Identities, Cambridge, Polity Press, 2000
3. S.I. Benn & R.S. Peters, Social principles and democratic state, London, George, & Allen,
4. Amal Ray and Mohit Bhattacharaya, Political Theory: Ideas and Institutions, Calcutta, The World Press, 1988 ((Tenth Ed.)
5. David Held, Political Theory Today, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1991
6. E. Barker, Principles of Social and Political Theory, Calcutta, Oxford University Press, 1976
7. H.J. Laski, A Grammar of Politics, London, Allen and Unwin, 1948
8. R.A. Dahl, Modern Political Analysis, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1983
9. N. Winthrop, Liberal Democratic Theory and its critics, London, Croon Helm, 1983
10. F. Thakurdas, Essays on Political Theory, New Delhi, Geetanjali, 1982
11. S. Ramaswamy, Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts, New Delhi, Macmillan 2002
12. D. Miller, Social Justice, Oxford, The Clarendon Press, 1977
13. R.T. Jangam, S.H. Patil and S.S. Patagundi, Political Analysis, New Delhi, Oxford & IBH, 1997
14. Neera Chandoke, State and Civil Society, New Delhi, Sage, 1992

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1. Bhikhu Parekh, Gandhi's Political Philosophy, London, Macmillan, 1988
2. S. Lukes, Power, A Radical View, London, Macmillan, 1974
3. J. Waldron, ed., Theories of Rights, New Delhi, OUP, 1984
4. R. Plant, Modern Political Thought, Oxford, Blackwell, 1991
5. G. Poggi, The State: Its Nature, Developments and Prospects, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1990
6. K.J. Suresh, Rajakiya Siddanta Mattu Chintakaru, Mysore, Lakshmi Printing & Publishing, 1994