

Political Science Core and Elective Course

B. A. Semester - 1 : Paper - 1

Course Title : Introduction to Political Science – I

★ **Aims and Objectives :**

This course intends to introduce the discipline of Political Science and to enable the students to gain insight into its nature and scope. The course seeks to develop an understanding of the basic features of the institution called 'State' which is the primary frame of reference for the discipline of Political Science. It also initiates the students into key political concepts and ideas relevant to citizenship and the working of the State.

★ **Course Outline :**

Unit - 1 : Terminology, State : Meaning and Nature

- a. Meaning and Scope of Political Science
- b. Significance of the study of Political Science
- c. Relationship of Political Science with Economics, History and Sociology
- d. Meaning and Essential Elements of the State
- e. Functions and Limits of the State
- f. The State and its Relationship with Society, Government and Nation

Unit - 2 : State : Origin and Development

- a) The Force Theory
- b) The Social Contract
- c) The Evolutionary

Unit - 3 : Sovereignty

- a) Meaning, Types and main Characteristics of Sovereignty
- b) Austin's Theory of Sovereignty and the Pluralist Theory of Sovereignty
- c) Sovereignty : In the Context of the changing Global Scenario

Unit - 4 : Power and citizenship

- a) Power and Authority
- b) Legitimacy
- c) Citizenship

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- Gokhale, B.K. Political Science (English), Mumbai : Himalaya, 2006.
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B.A. Semester - 1 : Paper - 2

Course Title : Government Machinery – I

★ Aims and Objectives :

The main objective of this course is to provide basic orientation to the concepts of 'Constitution' and 'Constitutionalism'. The course initiates the Students into the concept of 'Separation of Power' as the cornerstone of constitutional government. The course also provides basic understanding of the three different organs of government, namely, the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary including their nature, formation, functions and other related issues.

★ Course Outline :

Unit – 1 (A): Constitution

- a) Meaning and Definition of Constitution
- b) Features of an Ideal Constitution
- c) Aristotelian and Modern Classification of Constitution
- d) Types of Constitution : Written and Unwritten, Rigid and Flexible

Unit – 1 (B): Theory of Separation of Power

- a) Meaning and Historical Perspective of 'Separation of Power'
- b) Montesquieu Doctrine of 'Separation of Power'
- c) Implementation of 'Separation of Power' in Presidential Democracy and Parliamentary Democracy
- d) System of 'Checks and Balance' in the U.S.A.

Unit - 2 : Legislature

- a) Meaning and Historical Development of Legislature
- b) Formation and Functions of Legislature
- c) Types of Legislature : Uni-Cameral and Bi-Cameral

- d) The Process of Law Making (In Brief)
- e) The Concept of Delegated/Subordinated Legislation

Unit - 3 : Executive

- a) Meaning and Nature of Executive
- b) Functions and Types of Executive
- c) Parliamentary Executive : Characteristics, Merits and Demerits
- d) Presidential Executive : Characteristics, Merits and Demerits
- e) Civil Service

Unit - 4 : Judiciary

- a) Meaning and Functions of Judiciary
- b) Independence of Judiciary
- c) Relationship of Judiciary with Executive and Legislature
- d) The Concept of 'Rule of Law'
- e) Judiciary Review
- f) Judiciary

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