

SYLLABUS OF GRADE XI

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Rationale

At the senior secondary level, students who opt for Political Science are given an opportunity to get exposed to the diverse concepts of the discipline helping them to be a global citizen and develop skills to understand, apply and evaluate. At this level, there is a need to enable students to have the skills to engage with political processes that surround them and provide them with an understanding of the historical context that has shaped the present. The different courses expose the students to various streams of the discipline of Political Science: Political Theory, Indian Politics and International Politics. Concerns of the other two streams - Comparative Politics and Public Administration- are accommodated at different places in these courses. In introducing these streams, special care has been taken not to burden the students with the current jargon of the discipline. The basic idea here is to lay the foundations for a serious engagement with the discipline and develop competencies related to Political Science to prepare them for higher education, learning and knowledge.

Competencies and Outcomes:

1. Indian Constitution at Work:

1.1 Competency: Understanding, identifying and analyzing the key features, historical processes and working of the Constitution of India.

1.2 Outcomes: The students will:

1.2.1 Understand the historical processes and the circumstances in which the Constitution was drafted.

1.2.2 Be familiar with the diverse perspectives that guided the makers of the Indian Constitution.

1.2.3 Identify key features of the Constitution and compare these to other constitutions in the world.

1.2.4 Analyse the working of the Constitution in real life.

2. Political Theory:

2.1 Competency: Understanding, critically evaluating and applying political theory

2.2 Outcomes: After the course the students will:

2.2.1 Understand different themes and thinkers associated with the real life.

2.2.2 Develop the skills for logical reasoning

2.2.3 Meaningfully participate in the issues and concerns of political life surrounding them.

3. Contemporary World Politics:

3.1 Competency: Understanding, analyzing the Contemporary World Politics

3.2 Outcomes: After the course the students will:

3.2.1 Understand the contemporary world.

3.2.2 Understand the key political events and processes in the post-cold war era.

3.2.3 Analyze various global institutions, processes and events shaping their lives.

4. Politics in India after Independence:

4.1 Competency: Critically evaluate and understand, analyze politics in India after Independence

4.2 Outcomes: After the course the students will:

4.2.1 Understand and analyze constitutional institutions, figures and their working in the post independence period; political events, trends, other facts and figures and contribution of eminent personalities from the post-independence to contemporary India.

4.2.2 Develop their capacity to link political policies and processes with contemporary realities.

4.2.3 Encourage the students to understand and analyse the challenges for contemporary India.

COURSE CONTENTS

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Part A: Indian Constitution at Work

1. Constitution: (30 Periods)

Constitution: The Philosophy and Making of the Constitution, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy, Constitutional Amendments.

2. Election and Representation: (14 Periods)

Elections and Democracy, Election System in India, Electoral Reforms.

3. Legislature: (14 Periods)

Why do we need a Parliament? Unicameral/Bicameral Legislature, Functions and Power of the Parliament, Parliamentary Committees, Parliamentary Officials: Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Parliamentary Secretary.

4. Executive: (12 Periods)

Parliamentary Executive in India: the President, the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers. Permanent Executive: Bureaucracy.

5. Judiciary: (12 Periods)

Why do we need an Independent Judiciary? Structure and Jurisdiction of the Judiciary, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism, Judicial Over-reach.

6. Federalism: (14 Periods)

Meaning of Federalism, Evolution & Growth of Indian Federalism: Quasi Federalism, Cooperative Federalism, Competitive Federalism.

7. Local Governments: (14 Periods)

Why do we need Local Governments? Growth of Local Governments in India, 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments, Working and Challenges of Local Governments.

Part B: Political Theory

8. Political Theory: An Introduction: (12 Periods)

What is Politics? Politics vs Political Theory, Importance of Political Theory.

9. Liberty: (12 Periods)

Liberty vs Freedom, Negative and Positive Liberty.

10. Equality: (12 Periods)

What is Equality? Significance of Equality, Various Dimensions of Equality, How can we promote Equality?

11. Justice: (12 Periods)

What is Justice? Different Dimensions of Justice, Distributive Justice.

12. Rights: (12 Periods)

What are Rights? History of Rights, Kinds of Rights, Human Rights.

13. Citizenship: (13 Periods)

Citizen and Citizenship, Citizen and Nation, Global Citizenship.

14. Nationalism: (13 Periods)

Nation and Nationalism, Variants of Nationalism, Nationalism & Multiculturalism.

15. Secularism: (12 Periods)

What is Secularism? Western and Indian Perspectives of Secularism, Salient Features of Indian Secularism.

16. Development: (12 Periods)

Growth vs. Development, Different Models of Development – Welfare State Model, Market Model, Developmental Model.

The weightage of marks over the different paper shall be as follows:-

1. Weightage of Content

Part A: Indian Constitution at work:

Units	Contents	Periods
1	Constitution	12
2	Election and Representation	10
3	The Legislature	
4	The Executive	
5	The Judiciary	08
6	Federalism	10
7	Local Governments	
	Total	40

Part B: Political Theory:

Units	Contents	Marks
8	Political Theory: An Introduction	06
9	Liberty	08
10	Equality	
11	Justice	08
12	Rights	
13	Citizenship	10
14	Nationalism	
15	Secularism	08
16	Development	
	Total	40

**QUESTION PAPER DESIGN
POLITICAL SCIENCE
CLASS XI**

TIME: 3 Hrs**M. M. : 80**

S.No.	Competencies	Total Marks	% weightage
1	Demonstrative Knowledge + Understanding (Knowledge based simple recall questions, to know specific facts, terms, concepts, principles, or theories, Identify, define ,or recite, information) (Comprehension – to be familiar with meaning and to understand conceptually, interpret, compare, contrast, explain, paraphrase information)	42	52.5%
2	Knowledge / Conceptual Application (Use abstract information in concrete situation, to apply knowledge to new situations; Use given content to interpret a situation, provide an example, or solve a problem)	18	22.5%
3	Formulation Analysis, Evaluation and Creativity (Analysis & Synthesis- Classify, compare, contrast, or differentiate between different pieces of information; Organize and/or integrate unique pieces of information from a variety of sources)(includes Map interpretation)	20	25%
	Total	80	100%

Project Work 20 Marks

Details of Project Work

1. The Project work will be implemented for 20 Marks.
2. Out of 20 marks, 10 marks are to be allotted to viva voce and 10 marks for project work.
3. For class XII, the evaluation for 20 marks project work should be done jointly by the internal as well as the external examiners.
4. The project can be individual/pair/group of 4-5 each. The Project can be made on any of the topics given in the syllabus of a particular class.
5. The suggestive list of activities for project work is as follows:-
- Role Play, Skit, Presentation, Model, Field Survey, Mock Drills/Mock Event etc.
6. The teacher should give enough time for preparation of the Project Work. The topics for Project: Work taken up by the student must be discussed by the teacher in classroom.

➤ **Scheme of Options:**

There is internal choice for long answer questions of 6 marks.

- In order to assess different mental abilities of learners, question paper is likely to include questions based on passages, visuals such as maps, cartoons, etc. No factual question will be asked on the information given in the plus (+) boxes in the textbooks.

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Paper I: India Constitution at Work:

Unit No.	Unit Name	Contents
1	Constitution Why and How and Philosophy of the Constitution	Constitution: The philosophy and making of the Constitution, fundamental rights and duties directive principle of state policy, Constitutional Amendments.
2	Rights in the Indian Constitution	The importance of Rights, Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution, Directive Principles of State Policy, Relationship Between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles.
3	Election & Representation	Elections and Democracy, Election System in India, Reservation of Constituencies, Free and Fair Elections, Electoral Reforms
4	The Legislature	Why do we need a Parliament? Two hours of Parliament. Functions and power of the parliament, Legislative functions, Powers of the Parliament, control over Executive. Parliamentary Committees, Parliamentary committees. Parliamentary Officials: Self-regulation.
5	The Executive	What is an Executive?

		Different Types of Executive Parliamentary Executive in India, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers. Permanent Executive: Bureaucracy
6	The Judiciary	Why do we need an Independent Judiciary? Structure of the Judiciary, Judicial Activism, Judiciary and Rights, Judiciary and Parliament.
7	Federalism	What is Federalism? Federalism in the Indian Constitution, Federalism with a strong Central Government, conflicts in India's federal system, special provisions.
8	Local Governments	Why do we need Local Governments? Growth of Local Government in India, 73rd and 74th Amendments, implementation of 73rd and 74th Amendments.
9	Constitution as a living document	Are Constitutions static? The procedure to amend the Constitution. Why have there been so many amendments? Basic Structure and Evolution of the Constitution. Constitution as a Living Document.

Part II: Political Theory:

Unit No.	Unit Name	Contents
1	Political Theory: An Introduction	What is Politics? What do we study in Political Theory? Putting Political Theory to practice. Why should we study Political Theory?
2	Freedom	The Ideal of Freedom. What is Freedom? Why do we need constraints? Harm principle.
3	Equality	Significance of Equality. What is Equality? Various dimensions of Equality. How can we promote Equality?
4	Social Justice	What is Justice? Just Distribution. Justice as fairness. Pursuing Social Justice.
5	Rights	What are Rights? Where do Rights come from? Legal Rights and the State. Kinds of Rights. Rights and Responsibilities.
6	Citizenship	What is citizenship? Citizen and Nation, Universal Citizenship, Global Citizenship.
7	Nationalism	Nations and Nationalism, National Self determination, Nationalism and Pluralism
8	Secularism	What is Secularism? What is Secular State? The Western and the Indian approaches to Secularism. Criticisms and Rationale of Indian Secularism.
9	Development	What is development? Dominant, development Model and alternative conceptions of development.

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PAPER I: INDIAN CONSTITUTION AT WORK

Unit-1: Constitution:

Sub-Unit: 'Constitutional Amendments:

As of 2019, there have been total 103 amendments of the Constitution of India.

Unit-2: Election and Representation:

Sub-Unit: 'Electoral Reforms in Indian Politics'

Electoral Reforms in the 21st Century include use of EVM [Electronic Voting Machine], VVPAT [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail] and NOTA [None of the Above]. Restriction on exit polls, ceiling on election expenditure (Rs.50- 70 Lakhs for the Lok Sabha election and Rs. 20-28 Lakhs for the Assembly election) and the use electoral bonds in election funding are some of the major reforms initiated by the Election Commission of India that have sought to bring about revolutionary changes in the electoral process and the voter behaviour in contemporary India.

Unit-5: Judiciary:

Sub-Unit: 'Judicial Over Reach'

When judiciary assumes the roles and functions of the legislature and executive, thus diluting the concept of separation of powers, it becomes judicial overreach. Unrestrained activism on the part of judiciary often leads to its overreach.

We all know that Article 142 and judicial review have been put to many constructive uses but some actions like declaring the NJAC (National Judicial Appointment Commission) unconstitutional as it tried to apply checks on judicial power highlight the need for judicial restraints in the exercise of judicial review.

Unit-6: Federalism:

Sub-Unit: 'Quasi Federalism', 'Cooperative Federalism', 'Competitive Federalism'

Quasi Federalism: In the context of special features and provisions of Indian federalism we use the phrase, 'Quasi Federalism', a concept given by K. C. Wheare. Quasi federalism represents a strong centre with comparatively less stronger units. Wheare describes the Indian case in its formative phase as a 'quasi federation – A unitary state with subsidiary federal features rather than a federal state with subsidiary unitary features'.

Cooperative Federalism: Cooperative federalism is the concept which reflects the relationship between the Union and the States where both come together and resolve the common problems with each other's cooperation in amicable manner thus contributing towards the growth of a strong federation. It shows the horizontal relationship between the Union and the States where none is placed over and above on the other. To ensure this strong relationship between the two, the Indian constitution has evolved and incorporated certain instruments and agencies like the Inter-State Councils, Zonal Councils, the 7th Schedule, etc.

Competitive Federalism: Competitive federalism places all states vis a vis the Union on equal and competing footing where the best performing states can take the maximum benefits

of the resources, services and taxes. It ensures a healthy competition among states leading towards better performance and delivery which constitute important part of governance. The post-liberalisation era reflects the trend of competitive federalism where states are more autonomous, accountable and efficient in their functioning.

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Paper II: Political Theory

Unit-2: Liberty:
Sub-Unit: 'Liberty vs freedom'

We hear a lot around us that people appear to use the word liberty and freedom as synonyms of each other. But there are some fundamental differences between these two concepts that must be understood. Liberty comes from the Latin word "*libertatem*" which means "condition of a freeman". While freedom come from the English word "*freedom*" which means "state of free will". Liberty is power to act and express oneself according to one's will while freedom is the power to decide one's action. Freedom is more concrete concept than liberty which is more associated with an individual's connection with the state rather than with other individuals and circumstances. State guarantees freedom through the liberty it grants to its citizens.

The difference between these two concepts can briefly be outlined as follows:

Liberty

- Condition of a free man
- Power to act
- Free to do something

Freedom

- State of free will
- Power to decide
- Free from something

The common feature between these two concepts is that both remain unconstrained, which means that their realization is free from any constrain. Further, both follow rightful or ethical conformity in terms of their realization.

Unit-4: Justice
Sub-Unit: 'Different Dimension of Justice'

Till now we have tried to understand what the term justice means. After considering this, we need to know different dimensions of justice which may help us in establishing a just society. Legal, social, political and economic justice are the key dimensions of justice. Here, we will try to understand these dimensions in some details.

1. **Legal Justice:** It is a narrow concept of justice which is associated with the legal system and legal procedure existing in a society. The court of law interprets the law and applies it after hearing the partners involved in a dispute. Here, justice is what administered by the court of law and the interpretation of the judge is considered to be an embodiment of justice.

2. **Political Justice:** In any democratic society political justice means providing equal political rights. Political justice stands for a free and fair participation of people in the political sphere. Universal adult franchise is the expression of political justice. Equality of

opportunity in getting elected and in holding public offices, freedom of expression and association are important pillars of political justice.

3. **Social Justice**: It means to end all types of social inequalities and to provide proper opportunity to every citizen in every sphere of life, to develop her/his personality to ensure equality of law, prohibition of discrimination, social security, provision of equal political rights, etc. The concept of social justice is based on the belief that all human beings are equal and no discrimination should be made on the ground of race, religion, caste, gender and place of birth.

4. **Economic Justice**: It means to provide equal opportunities to everyone to earn her/his livelihood. It also means to help such people who are not able to work and earn their livelihood. The basic need of every person such as food, cloth, shelter and education should be fulfilled. It stands for by assuring adequate means of livelihood to all, by making provisions for equal pay for equal work, fair distribution of resources, equal economic opportunity to all, etc.

While the concept of political justice is closely linked with the ideal of “liberty”, economic and legal justice with “equality” and social justice with “fraternity”, a just combination of all these four dimensions will help in achieving justice in life.

Unit-5: Rights **Sub-Unit: ‘Human Rights’**

Human rights are those rights which all human beings are entitled by virtue of being human. It is based on the principle of respect for the individual. The fundamental assumption behind the concept of human rights is that every person is amoral and rational being who deserves to be treated with dignity. Human rights are both universal and fundamental; these are universal in the sense that they belong to all human beings irrespective of race, nationality, community, religion, gender, etc; these are also fundamental because once given, these cannot be taken back.

Although the presence of human rights can be traced to the ancient Indian philosophy and culture, the concept formally originated at the international level in 1948 with the UN Declaration of Human Rights listing 30 rights for all people across the globe.

Unit-7: Nationalism **Sub-Unit: ‘Multiculturalism’**

Multiculturalism in the general sense is the coexistence of people of different religions, cultural groups and communities in all countries of the globe. Originated in the 1970s with a counter-culturalism and human rights movement in opposition to the homogenization of other cultures in favor of the white culture of America and Europe, multiculturalism broadly comprises the principles of both ‘acceptance’ and ‘reverence’. It expects all countries of the globe to give equal acceptance and reverence to the cultural groups. In the India context, the concept of multiculturalism is identified with the notion of "Salad Bowl", advocated by social scientist, Ashish Nandy. It shows that different cultural groups within a nation maintain their identity with their respective distinct forms.

Unit-9: Development

Sub-Unit: 'Growth vs Development'

However, many people accept growth and development to be the same, but there is a remarkable difference between the two. Growth includes measures of economic performance in terms of value of income, expenditure and output, seen in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). However, measures of economic growth can give distorted pictures of the level of income in a country because a small proportion of the population can own a large amount of the wealth in a country whereas the rest live with bare minimum levels of income and resources. Economic growth refers to just one aspect of the development.

Development, on the other hand, refers to securing of socio-economic and political growth by changing the conditions of underdevelopment through organised and planned efforts which seek to address the issue of poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and economic and industrial un-development. When we try to understand the broader meaning of development then it can be linked with holistic welfare of humans in society which includes freedom, leading a healthy and productive life and participation in decision making process.

1. Market Model: In this model, it is held that all societies undergo changes from traditional, transitional and modern stages of development. Some of its features include:

- It regards political development as the condition of economic development.
- It supports the autonomy, rights and self-interest of the individual as the basis of all development.
- It stands for rapid industrialization, technological advancement, modernization, full employment and continuous process of liberalization of society, economy and polity.

The goods of development are to be achieved on the basis of free market economy, competitiveness and all-round individual development. It believes in the principle of leaving the economy under the competitive policy of nonintervention and demand supply chain.

2. Welfare State Model: The welfare model of development accepts and strongly advocates the role of state in economic sphere for promoting the socio-economic welfare and common interest of the society. It conceptualizes the state as a welfare state and advocates the state planning and organised efforts as essential conditions for rapid industrialisation, economic growth, and socio-economic development. The welfare state can provide various types of social services for the people like education, health, employment, social security and public distribution system.

Under this model, the State acts as the key agency for promoting desired social change and development. It takes special steps for protecting the weaker sections of the society. Welfare State protects all social, economic and political rights of all the people and in turn the people are expected to act in a socially responsible way.