An Outline of the B.A. (Political Science) Syllabus Structure

There shall be two papers in B.A. I and B.A. II, and three papers in B.A. III. All papers are compulsory. Each paper carries 50 marks.

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B.A.- Part One

Paper I - Basic Principles of Political Science

Course Rationale:
This is an introductory paper trying to expose students to some basic ideas and concepts in Political Science. Effort has been made to orient students to the methodological and ideological traditions in political science. The importance of feminist perspective has been recognised.

Course Content:

3. State: Definitions, Elements, and Theories of the Origin of State
4. Liberalism, Idealism, Anarchism, Marxism.
5. Sovereignty: Austin’s Theory, Pluralist Theory.
6. Power, Authority and Legitimacy.
8. Rights, Duties and Citizenship.
10. Feminism.

Reading List

- C.E.M Joad, Political Theory
- J.C. Johari, Principle of Modern Political Science, Sterling, Delhi, 2009
- O.P. Guba, An Introduction to Political Theory
- .................Political Theory And Thought, Mayur Paperback, Delhi, 2008
- .................राजनीिति सिद्धांत , मयूर पेपर बैक , 2005
- .................राजनीिति शा/gििख के आधार तत्त्व , मयूर पेपर बैक , 2005
B.A. - Part One

Paper II – Indian Constitution

Course Rationale:

This paper introduces students to the Constitution of India in its structural and functional aspect. It is expected that the knowledge acquired in the introductory political theory paper shall be juxtaposed in understanding the nitty-gritty of this paper.

Course Content:

1. Making of Indian Constitution, Constituent Assembly: Composition and Working.
2. Preamble and Salient Features of Indian Constitution.
4. President and Prime Minister.
5. Parliament
6. Supreme Court, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.
7. Governor, Chief Minister and State Legislatures.
8. Panchayati Raj and Municipal Governments

Reading List

Course Rationale:

This paper attempts to introduce students to the entire gamut of political thinking in India from the beginning to the present. It focuses on key thinkers from ancient to modern times to understand their seminal contribution to the evolution of political theorizing in India. It emphasizes on the distinctive contribution of Indian thinkers to political theorizing and the relative autonomy of Indian political thought.

Course Content:

1. Indian Political Thought: A Background
2. Manu
3. Kautilya
4. Raja Ram Mohan Roy
5. Swami Vivekanand
6. Aurobindo Ghosh
7. M.N.Roy
8. Gandhi
9. Nehru
10. BR Ambedkar
11. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia

Reading List

7. V. R. Mehta, Foundations of Indian Political Thought, New Delhi, Manohar, 1992.
10. गंगा दत्त तिवारी, भारतीय राजनीतिक विचार
11. ओ पी गाबा, भारतीय राजनीतिक विचार
12. ओंकार शरद, लोहिया के विचार, लोकभारती प्रकाशन, इलाहाबाद

B.A. - Part Two

Paper II – Comparative Government and Politics

(With Special Reference to UK, USA, Peoples’ Republic of China and Nigeria)

Course Rationale:

This paper exposes students to the leading model constitutions of the world. The effort is also to cover leading constitutions of major continents viz. North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. These constitutions are to be studied in light of the political processes to gain understanding of the dynamics of actual politics and policy making in these countries.

Course Content:


Reading List

1. A.C. Kapoor & K.K. Mishra, Select Constitutions, S. Chand & Co., Delhi
5. हरि मोहन जैन, विष्ण के प्रमुख संविधान, शारदा पुस्तक भवन, इलाहाबाद, 2007.
6. सी बी गेना, तुलनात्मक राजनीति एवं राजनीतिक संस्थाएं, विकास पब्लिशिंग, नई दिल्ली, 2007
7. इकबाल नारायण, विष्ण के प्रमुख संविधान
8. एच ऍम जैन, चार संविधान

9. For Nigerian Constitution see the official government website-

B.A. - Part Three

Paper I – Western Political Thinkers

Course Rationale:

This paper studies the classical tradition in political theory from Plato to Marx with the view to understand how the great Masters explained and analyzed political events and problems of their time and prescribed solutions. The legacy of the thinkers is explained with the view to establishing the continuity and change within the Western political tradition.

Course Content:

1. Plato
2. Aristotle
3. Machiavelli
4. Hobbes
5. Locke
6. Rousseau
7. Bentham and J.S. Mill
8. T.H. Green
9. Hegel
10. Karl Marx

Reading List

1. Brian R. Nelson, Western Political thought, Pearson Education, Delhi, 2009
11. जे पी सूद, राजनीतिक विचारक का इतिहास, भाग एक एवं दो
12. प्रभुदत शर्मा, आधुनिक राजनीतिक चित्तन, दिल्ली

B.A. - Part Three

Paper II – Public Administration

Course Rationale:

This paper is an introductory course in Public Administration. The effort is to introduce students to the basic principles, key administrative thinkers, and the main instrument—bureaucracy/civil service – of administration.

Course Content:

2. Comparative Public Administration and Development Administration, New Public Administration, New Public Management.
4. Structure of Organisation: Department, Corporation, Independent Regulatory Commission
5. Administrative Thinkers: Herbert Simon, Elton Mayo,
6. Decision Making in Administration: Herbert Simon
7. Bureaucracy and Civil Service; Recruitment and Training, Generalist vs. Specialist Debate, Civil Service Neutrality.
8. Legislative, Executive and Judicial Control over Administration.

Reading List

A. Awasthi and S. Maheshwari, Public Administration, Laxmi Narain Agrawal, Agra (English & Hindi)
Mohit Bhattacharya, Public Administration, World Press Pvt Ltd.
Course Rationale:

This paper deals with concepts and dimensions of international relations and makes an analysis of different theories highlighting the major debates and differences within the various theoretical paradigms. The dominant theories of power and different aspects of balance of power are included. The student is expected to study International Politics and India’s Foreign Policy from a pro-active and futuristic perspective.

Course Content:

1. International Politics: Definition, Scope and Relevance.
2. Theories of International Politics: Realism and neo-Realism, Idealism, Behaviouralism, Constructivism, Feminism.
5. Power and International Politics, Elements of Power
6. The Determinants of Foreign Policy
7. Deterrence Theory, Cold War, End of Cold War and New World Order.
8. Nuclear Weapons and World Politics, Problem of Non-Proliferation.
9. South Asia, Terrorism: Concept and Meaning.
10. India’s Foreign Policy.

Reading List


**Recommended Journals:**

In addition to books, students are encouraged to read a few journals. A very short list is being given here, but they can be in lookout for several journals online

1. Economic and Political Weekly, Mumbai
   (available free on net- [http://epw.in/epw/user/userindex.jsp](http://epw.in/epw/user/userindex.jsp))
2. SEMINAR, Delhi
   (available free on net- [http://www.india-seminar.com/](http://www.india-seminar.com/))
3. Mainstream, Delhi
   (available free on net-[http://www.mainstreamweekly.net/](http://www.mainstreamweekly.net/))
4. शोधाथ्री, कानपुर
5. Indian journal of Public Administration, IIPA, New Delhi
6. लोक प्रशासन, IIPA, New Delhi
7. Students are also recommended to visit the following website of ‘Project Gutenberg’ that offers over 36,000 free eBooks to download to their computers/laptops-[http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page)
8. Nagarlok (Journal), IIPA, New Delhi