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**KHUDIRAM BOSE CENTRAL  
COLLEGE**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
HONOURS**

**SEMESTER -1  
JULY - DECEMBER**

# SYLLABUS

## CC1

**Understanding Political Theory: Concepts** – Code: PLS-A-CC-1-1-TH+TU

**Module I:**

1. Conceptualising politics: meaning of *political*.
2. Key concepts I: State; Nation; Sovereignty (evolution); Power and Authority – types and linkages.
3. Key Concepts II: Law, Liberty, Equality – interrelationships.

**Module II:**

4. Key Concepts III: Rights; Justice (with special reference to Rawls); Freedom.
5. Key Concepts IV: Democracy (with special reference to David Held); Authoritarianism.
6. Key Concepts V: Citizenship.

## REFERENCES

1. S. Ramaswamy: Political Theory – Ideas and Concepts
2. Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory' in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. Pp.2-16.
3. O. P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory (5<sup>th</sup> Edition).
4. S. P. Verma: Modern Political Theory
5. Andrew Heywood: The Basic Political Concepts.



# PLSG – CC1

## Introduction to Political Theory – Code: PLS-G-CC-1-1-TH-TU

### Module I

1. Political Science: nature and scope; Different approaches – Normative, Behavioural, Post- Behavioural, Marxist, Feminist
2. State: Contract theory; Idealist theory; Marxist theory; Gandhian theory. Sovereignty of the State: Monistic and Pluralist theories. Doctrine of Popular Sovereignty.
3. Foundational concepts: Law; Right; Liberty; Equality – meanings, sources, interrelationships
4. Key Concepts: Nationalism and Internationalism – meanings and features; Democracy – meaning and nature

### Module II

5. Marxism: Dialectical and Historical Materialism; Class and Class Struggle; Theory of Revolution; Lenin's Theory of Imperialism
6. Fascism: meanings, features, significance
7. Political parties and interest groups: function and role; Methods of representation: territorial, functional, proportional.

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1. S. Ramaswamy: Political Theory – Ideas and Concepts
2. O. P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory (5<sup>th</sup> Edition).
3. S. P. Verma: Modern Political Theory
4. Mohit Bhattacharya, Biswanath Ghosh: Aadhunik Rashtrobigyan
5. Himachal Chakroborty: Rashtrobigyan
6. Debashish Chakrobarty: Rashtrobigyan

## COURSE DISTRIBUTION AMONG TEACHERS

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|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>JULY</b>                     | <b>Module I:</b><br>1. Conceptualising politics: meaning of <i>political</i> .<br><br>2. Key concepts I: State; Nation; Sovereignty (evolution); Power and Authority – types and linkages.       | 12  |
| <b>AUGUST</b>                   | <b>Module I:</b><br>3. Key Concepts II: Law. Liberty, Equality – interrelationships.   | 12  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                | <b>Module II:</b><br>4. Key Concepts III: Rights; Justice (with special reference to Rawls); Freedom.<br>5. Key Concepts IV: Democracy (with special reference to David Held); Authoritarianism. | 12  |
| <b>OCTOBER<br/>(FIRST WEEK)</b> | <b>Module II:</b><br>6. Key Concepts V: Citizenship.   | 03  |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                 | <b>PUJA VACATION</b><br><b>POST PUJA VACATION<br/>REVISION/ INTERNAL/ TUTORIAL<br/>EXAMS</b>   |   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                 | <b>SEMESTER THEORY EXAMS</b>   |   |

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|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>JULY</b>                     | <b>Module I:</b><br>1. Approaches I: Normative; Legal-Institutional; Empirical-Behavioral---Systems Analysis; Structural Functionalism.<br>2. Liberalism; Social Welfarism; Neo-Liberalism.               | 14  |
| <b>AUGUST</b>                   | <b>Module I:</b><br>3. Postcolonial; Feminist.  | 12  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                | <b>Module II:</b><br>4. Marxian approach – Dialectical Materialism and Historical Materialism<br>5. Key concepts: State (focus on Relative Autonomy); Class and Class Struggle; Surplus Value; Alienation | 12  |
| <b>OCTOBER<br/>(FIRST WEEK)</b> | <b>Module II:</b><br>6. Party--- Democratic Centralism; Lenin-Rosa Luxemburg debate; Revolution--- Lenin and Mao. Hegemony and Civil Society: Gramsci.<br><br><b>PRE PUJA VACATION</b>                    | 06  |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                 | <b>POST PUJA VACATION<br/>REVISION/ INTERNAL/ TUTORIAL<br/>EXAMS</b>  |   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                 | <b>SEMESTER THEORY EXAMS</b>  |   |

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| <b>MONTH WISE</b>               | <b>SYLLABUS DISTRIBUTION</b>  | <b>NO. OF CLASSES<br/>(PER CLASS IS OF<br/>1 HOUR<br/>DURATION)</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>JULY</b>                     | <b>Module I:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Political Science: nature and scope; Different approaches – Normative, Behavioural, Post-Behavioural, Marxist, Feminist</li> <li>2. State: Contract theory; Idealist theory; Marxist theory; Gandhian theory. Sovereignty of the State: Monistic and Pluralist theories. Doctrine of Popular Sovereignty.</li> </ol>   | <b>10</b>   |
| <b>AUGUST</b>                   | <b>Module I:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Foundational concepts: Law; Right; Liberty; Equality – meanings, sources, interrelationships</li> <li>4. Key Concepts: Nationalism and Internationalism – meanings and features; Democracy – meaning and nature</li> </ol> <b>Module II:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marxism: Dialectical and Historical Materialism; Class and Class Struggle; Theory of Revolution; Lenin's Theory of Imperialism</li> </ol> | <b>08</b>   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                | <b>Module II:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Fascism: meanings, features, significance</li> <li>3. Political parties and interest groups: function and role; Methods of representation: territorial, functional, proportional.</li> </ol>  | <b>10</b>   |
| <b>OCTOBER<br/>(FIRST WEEK)</b> | <b>REVISION</b><br><b>PUJA VACATION</b>   | <b>02</b>   |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                 | <b>POST PUJA VACATION<br/>REVISION/ INTERNAL/ TUTORIAL<br/>EXAMS</b>  |   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                 | <b>SEMESTER THEORY EXAMS</b>  |   |



## QUESTION TYPE AND EXAM PATTERN

| EXAM PATTERN: <b>CC5, CC6,CC7</b>                                       | MARKS |
|---|-------|
| ATTENDANCE  | 10    |
| INTERNAL (10 QUESTIONNS OF 1 MARKS EACH)                                | 10    |
| TUTORIAL (TERM PAPER OF 1000 WORDS/<br>FIELD STUDY REPORT/ BOOK REVIEW) | 15    |
| THEORY PAPER  | 65    |
| TOTAL   | 100   |

| EXAM PATTERN: <b>SEC</b>                 | MARKS |
|--|-------|
| ATTENDANCE                               | 10    |
| INTERNAL (10 QUESTIONNS OF 1 MARKS EACH) | 10    |
| THEORY PAPER                             | 80    |
| TOTAL                                    | 100   |

## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>JULY</b>             | ACTIVITIES                      |
| <b>AUGUST</b>           | WALL MAGAZINE/PROJECT           |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>        | TEACHER'S DAY/FRESHER'S WELCOME |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>          | FIELD VISIT                     |
| <b>DECEMBER/JANUARY</b> | PTM                             |

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