S Y L L A B U S

M.A. POLITICS: II SEMESTER

Paper I: COMPARATIVE POLITICS

I. Introduction:
2. Growth of the study of Comparative Politics
3. New Approaches to the Study – Systems Analysis; Structural - Functionalism

II. Political Institutions:
1. Constitutionalism and Classification of Governments
2. Liberal Democracy
3. Federalism
4. Parliamentary and Presidential Forms of Government
5. Legislature
6. Judiciary
7. Bureaucracy and Military

III. Political Parties, Pressure Groups and Political Participation:
1. Party-system Nature, Determinants and Functions
2. Group theory – Meaning and salient features
3. Pressure Groups
4. Political Participation
5. Representation

IV. Political Process:
1. Political Socialization
2. Political Modernization
3. Political Culture
4. Political Secularization
5. Representation

V. Political Development:
1. Approaches of Gabriel Almond and G.S. Powell
2. Development Syndrome of Lucian Pye
3. Huntington’s concept of ‘Political Decay’
4. Marxian Model
5. State and Economy

Books recommended:
1. G.A. Almond and J.S. Coloman : Politics of Developing Areas
2. G.A. Almond and G.B. Powell : Comparative Politics today
3. L.W. Pye : Aspects of Political Development
4. M.A. Quartis : Comparative Government and Politics
5. H. Exkstein and D.E. Apter (ed.) : Comparative Politics – A Reader
6. S.R. Maheswari : Comparative Government and Politics
7. Peter H. Merkel : Modern Comparative Politics
8. Almond and Powell : Comparative Politics today – A World View

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Paper II: WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT - I

1. Socrates, Plato
2. Aristotle
3. Stoics and Cynics
4. Cicero and Polybius and Roman Law
5. St. Thomas Acquinas
6. St. Augustine
7. Machiavelli
8. Marriglio of Padua and William of Ookham
9. Jean Bodin
10. Grotius

Books:

1. Dunning : History of Political Theories
2. Sabine : History of Western Political Thought
3. Mulford Q. Sibley : Political Ideas and Ideologies
4. Barker : History of Greek Political Theory
5. Molwain : History of Western Political Thought
6. Ram Nath Sharma : History of Western Philosophy
7. Ramchanda Gupta : Great Political Thinkers

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PAPER III: INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

I. State and Government in Ancient India
   1. Nature, History and Sources of Polity
   2. Origin, Types of the State and Functions of the State
   3. State and Citizen

II. The Kingship
   1. Menu – the father of Ancient Indian Polity, his Ideas of Kingship
   2. Kautilya’s Ideas on State and Government

III. Modern Indian Political Thought
   1. Raja Ram Mohana Roy
   2. Dayanad Saraswati
   3. Swami Vivekananda

IV. Moderates
   1. Dadabai Nowroji
   2. Mahadev Govind Ranade
   3. Gopal Krishna Gokhale

V. Extremists
   1. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
   2. Bipinchandrapal
   3. Lal Lajapat Rai
   4. Arubindo Gosh

VI. Political Thought of Hindu Revivalism
   1. Swami Sradhananda
   2. Madan Mohan Malwya
   3. Keshav Valiram Hedgewar
   4. Syam Prasad Mukerjee
   5. Hindu Nationalism and the role of B.J.P.

VII. Muslim Political Thought
   1. Syed Ahmed Khan
   2. Muhammad Ali Jinnah
   3. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

VIII. Gandhian Thought
   1. Truth, Non-Violence and Satyagraha
   2. Gandhi’s vision of the Ideal State

IX. Democratic Socialism
   1. Jawaharlal Nehru
   2. B.R.Ambedkar
   3. Jayaparakash Narayan

X. Radical Humanism
   1. M.N.Roy
Reference Books:

2) A. Appadorai : Indian Political thinking in the 20th Century, Calcutta 1974
3) Ghose : Modern Indian Political Though, Delhi 1994
4) N.C. Bandopadhyaya : Hindu Polity and Political Theories, Jaipur 1989
5) V.P. Karnik : M.N. Roy, New Delhi, 1992
6) Rangayya M.V. : Kautilyuni Artha Sastramu, Waltair 1950 (Telugu)
7) B. Rajabhushana Rao : The absence of Gandhism, Hyderabad 1988
8) Sharma. A : Hindu Political Thought, New Delhi 2002
Hobbes : Leviathan
 Locke  : Second Treatise on Civil Government
Rousseau : Social Contract

The Course is intended to acquaint the student with the original writings of the three contractualists - Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau

The Course Covered is as follows:

1. Leviathan-Hobbes, Parts I and II
2. Second Treatise on Civil Government – Locke, Chapters – I to IX
3. Social contract – Rousseau, J.J. Book-1, Chapters: I to IX; Book-2, Chapters: I to X; Book-3, Chapters: I to XV; Book-4, Chapters: I to XIII

The following is the Unit wise break up:

**Thomas Hobbes: Leviathan**

I. 1. Historical and Biographical Background
2. Characters and Method of his Philosophy
3. The State of Nature
4. Natural Law and Natural Rights
5. Nature of the Social Contract

II. 1. Rights of the Sovereign
2. The Liberty of the Individual
3. Right to Rebel
4. Konarchy as the Best Form of Government
5. General Assessment

**John Locke: Second Treatise**

III. 1. Historical and Biographical Background
2. Relation to Locke to contemporary Theory and Practice
3. The State of Nature
4. Nature of Law
5. Natural Rights
6. Right to Property

IV. 1. Nature of Social Contract
2. Right to Revolution
3. General Evaluation
4. Locke’s Place in the History of Political Science
5. Locke as the father of the Political Liberalism

V. 1. Source and Method of his Philosophy
2. Nature and Society
3. The Social Contract
4. The General Will
5. Forms of Government General Assessment and Evaluation
Text Books:

Reference Books:

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