UNIT - I : Nature and Scope of Political Science

Meaning and definition of Politics – Traditional view – Modern view – Power view of Politics – Liberal view of Politics; the Marxist view of Politics – Whether Politics is Science or Art – Scope of Political Science: study of State and Government – Political theory – Political institutions – study of Political dynamics – state and citizen relationship - study of national and international problems.

UNIT-II : Approaches to Political Analysis

Traditional Approaches: Philosophical Approaches; Historical; Institutional; legal, and Modern Approaches; Behaviouralism – salient features of behaviouralism; Criticism of behaviouralism – Post-Behaviouralism; System approach; Structural–functional Approach; Communication theory approach; Public Choice Approach; Political economy approach.

UNIT – III: Methodology of Political Science

Methodology of Political Science – Significance of Methodology – Quantitative and Qualitative Methodology – Quantitative Methods: experimental Method; Qualitative Methodology: Observational Method; Historical Method; Comparative Method; Biological Method; Method of Analogy; Sociological Method – Comparison between Quantitative Method and Qualitative Method.
UNIT – IV : Society and State

Society and State – Society and individual – Social Organizations – Community and Association – Classification of Association – Meaning and significance of the state – Essential elements of state – concept of Nation–State – Factors Promote feelings of Nationality : Residence – Common race; Common language ; Common religion ; Common Political aspirations ; Common historical traditions. Notion of Sovereign State – Anarchist view of the state – totalitarian notion of the state; pluralist notion of the state; state as mutual insurance society – Organic theory of state – Marxist view of the state.

UNIT – V: Western Political Thought


UNIT – VI : Political Ideologies


UNIT- VII : Indian Political Thought and Movement

and Hindu Nationalism – Jinnah and Two nation theory – 1942 movement – INA and Naval up risings.

UNIT-VIII : Political Sociology

Political Sociology : Meaning and definition – Political Culture definition – Political Culture and Change – Factors which mould Political Culture – Different kinds of Political Culture: Mixed Political Culture ; Secular Political Culture; ideological Political Culture; homogeneous Political Culture ; fragmented Political Culture – Measurement of Political Culture – Political socialization - Aims of Political Socialization – Types of Political Socialization – Agents of Political Socialization ; Family educational institution ; Peer group ; employment experience ; Mass media ; Political Parties ; Pressure groups; Political leaders ; Religious institutions; Symbols.

UNIT – IX : Political Modernization and Political Development

Political Modernization : Characteristics; Agents of Modernization; Factors which help Modernization – Political development; definition of the concept; Political development and Political Modernization – Factors affecting Political development – Problems of Political development – Problem of State building – Problem of participation – Problem of distribution – Crises in Political development – Criticism of concept of Political development.

UNIT – X : Attributes of Modern Citizenship


**UNIT – XI: Forms and Organs of Government**


**UNIT – XII : Electoral Representation and Party system**

Definition of a Political Party – essentials of Political party – Functions of Political Parties - Party system in democracy – Basis of Political Parties – Merits of party system – Demerits of the single, two and multi party systems – Pressure groups – Meaning and definition – Interest groups – Pressure groups and elections – Pressure groups and elections – Pressure groups and mobilization of Public opinion – Merits of Pressure groups and interest groups – Demerits of Pressure groups. Electoral representation:
First, Past Post electoral system – plural voting system – Proportional representation system – system of Referendum.

**UNIT – XIII: International Relations**


**UNIT – XIV: Comparative Politics & Government**

UNIT – XV : Government & Politics in India


UNIT – XVI : Government and Politics of Tamil Nadu


UNIT – XVII : Introduction to Public Administration