BACHELOR OF ARTS

CORE COURSE (CC): POLITICAL SCIENCE

SEMESTER – II

(BAB31204T) POLITICAL THEORY II

MAX. MARKS: 100
INTERNAL: 30
EXTERNAL: 70
PASS: 40%
Credits: 6

Objective:

This course aims to introduce the students to the basic concepts and themes of the discipline of political science. It will provide an overview about political science and theory and State and its sovereignty.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

SECTION – A

1. Political Theory: Meaning, Definition, Characteristics and Significance
2. Approaches to Political Theory: Historical, Normative and Empirical.
3. Rights and Duties: Definition and Types of Rights, Relationship between Rights and Duties.
4. Liberty: Meaning, Definition, Types and its safeguards.
5. Equality: Meaning, Definition, Types and its relationship with Liberty.

SECTION – B

1. Justice: Meaning and its various Dimensions.
2. Democracy: Meaning, Characteristics; Liberal and Marxist Theories.
3. Political Socialization: Meaning, Definition, Characteristics and its Agencies.
4. Political Culture: Meaning, Definition, Characteristics and its Types.
5. Political System: Meaning, Definition, Characteristics, Functions and its distinction from State.

Recommended Readings:

1. J.C. Johri: Principles of Political Science, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2009.
2. S.P. Verma: Political Theory, Geetanjali Publishing House, New Delhi, 1983.
3. A.C. Kapoor: Principles of Political Science, S. Chand & Company, New Delhi, 2009.
4. Robert A. Dahl & Bruce: Modern Political Analysis, Sixth Edition, Pearson, Education, 2003.
5. M.P. Jain: Political Theory, Authors Guild Publication, Delhi (Punjabi & Hindi), 1990.
6. Andrew Heywood: Political Theory: An Introduction, MacMillan Press, London, 1999.
7. Andrew Heywood: Politics, Macmillan, London, 1997.

8. O.P. Gauba: An Introduction to Political Theory, Macmillan India Ltd. New Delhi, 2009
9. Frank Bealey, Richard: Chapman and Michael Sheehan: Elements in Political Science, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh, 1999.
10. David Easton: The Political System: An Inquiry into the State of Political Science, Wiley, New York, 1953.
11. E. Ashirvatham: Political Theory, S. Chand & Company, New Delhi, 2010