BACHELOR OF ARTS

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE): POLITICAL SCIENCE

SEMESTER – V

(BAB33504T) POLITICAL THOUGHT

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

Objective:

The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to the students about different concepts and ideas of various Western and Indian philosophers.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates 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.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

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. Plato: Concept of an Ideal State, Concept of Justice
2. Aristotle: Concept of State and its classification, Concept of Revolution.
3. Machiavelli: Statecraft, Relationship between Ethics and Politics.
4. J. S. Mill: Revision of Utilitarianism, Concept of Liberty.
5. Karl Marx: Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Concept of Class Struggle.

SECTION – B

1. Kautilya: Views on State, Kingship and Inter-state Relations.
2. Guru Nanak Dev: Concept of State, Concept of Social Justice.
3. M N Roy: Concept of Radical Humanism, Concept of Democracy.
4. M. K. Gandhi: Views on State, Concept of Satyagraha, Theory of Ends and Means.

5. B. R. Ambedkar: Views on Caste System, Safeguards for Minorities.

Suggested Readings:

1. William Ebenstein: Great Political Thinkers: Plato to the Present, Delhi, Oxford and IBM Publishing Co. 1973.
2. George H Sabine: A History of Political Theory, New Delhi. Oxford and IBM Publishing Co. 1973.
3. Lane W. Lancaster: Masters of Political Thought, Volume Three: Hegel to Dewey, London: George G. Harrap & Co. Ltd. 1973.
4. Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy: A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx, New Delhi, Prentice-Hall of India, 1999.
5. D.K. Mohanty: Indian Political Tradition – Manu to Ambedkar, Anmol Publications, New Delhi, 1997.
6. Ashutosh Lahiry: Gandhi in Indian Politics, Firma KLM, Calcutta, 1976.
7. V.P. Verma: Modern Indian Political Thought Agra, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal Educational Publishers), 1971.
8. K.P. Karunakaran : Indian Politics from Dadabhai Naoroji to Gandhi– A Study of the Political Ideas of Modern India, Gitanjali Prakashan, New Delhi, 1975.
9. Bhaskar Anand Saletore: Ancient Indian Political Thought and Institutions, Asia Publishing House, New Delhi, 1968.
10. K. John Pularampil (ed): Indian Political System –A Reader in Continuity and Change, N.V. Publications, New Delhi, 1976.
11. K.P. Karunakaran: Indian Political Thought (1832-1921), The Peacock Press, New Delhi, 1976.