BACHELOR OF ARTS

GENERIC ELECTIVE: POLITICAL SCIENCE

SEMESTER – VI

(BAB33615T) INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM I

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. Constituent Assembly and making of Indian Constitution.
2. Preamble and Basic features of Indian Constitution.
3. Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties: Meaning, Explanation and Evaluation.
4. Directive Principles of State Policy: Meaning, Explanation and Evaluation and its relationship with Fundamental Rights.
5. Indian Federalism: Legislative, Administrative and Financial relations between Union and States.

SECTION – B

1. Union Executive - President: Election, Powers, Position and Changing Role.
2. Prime Minister: Appointment, Powers, Position and Relation between President and Prime Minister.
3. Union Parliament: Composition, Powers and its Changing Role.
4. Speaker of Lok Sabha: Election, Powers, Position and its Changing Role.
5. Supreme Court: Composition, Powers and Judicial Review.

Recommended Readings:

1. G. Austin: The Indian Constitution: Corner Stone of a Nation, Oxford University Press, 1966.
2. G. Austin: Working of a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2000.
3. D.D. Basu: An Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1994.
4. C.P. Bhambari: The Indian State fifty years, New Delhi, Sipra, 1997.

5. A.G. Noorani, Constitutional Questions in India, Oxford University Press, 2000.
6. P. Brass: Ethnic Groups and the State, London, Croom Helm, 1995.
7. P. Brass: Language, Religion and Politics in North India, London, Cambridge University Press, 1974.
8. B.L. Fadia: State Politics in India, Vol. II, New Delhi, Radint Publisher, 1984.
9. Laxmikant: Indian Polity, McGraw Hill Education, New Delhi, 2013.
10. R. Kothari: State against Democracy: In Search of Human Governance, Delhi, Ajantha, 1988.
11. R. Kothari: Politics in India, New Delhi, Orient Longman, 1970.
12. Nirja Gopalayal, Partap Bhanu Mehta, The Oxford Companies to Politics in India, Oxford University Press, 2010.
13. M.V. Pylee: Constituional Government in India, Bombay, Asia Publishing House, 1977.
14. M.V. Pylee: An Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, Vikas 1998.
15. Partha Chatterjee (ed.), State and Politics in India, Oxford University Press, 1999.

