BACHELOR OF ARTS

GENERIC ELECTIVE

SEMESTER - V

(BAB33515T) PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

(GE-1) (vii)

MAX. MARKS: 100
EXTERNAL: 70
INTERNAL: 30
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 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. Political Science: Meaning, Nature and scope.
2. Distinction between Political Science and Political Theory
3. Relationship of Political Science with History, Economics and Sociology.
4. State: Definition, Elements and its distinction from Government, Society and Association.
5. Theories of the Origins of State: Evolutionary and Social Contract.

SECTION – B

1. Nature of State: Liberal, Gandhian and Marxist.

2. Sovereignty: Definition, Attributes and its Types.
3. Organs of Government: Legislature, Executive and Judiciary.
4. Parliamentary and Presidential Forms of Government: Meaning, Merits and Demerits.
5. Federal and Unitary Forms of Government: Meaning, Merits and Demerits.

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: S. Finebric Kner 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.