INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY

SEMESTER I

Course Code: DPPG 1

Max. Marks: 100

External: 70

Internal: 30

Pass: 40%

Credits: 6

Course Outcomes (COs):

CO1: Define public policy. Discuss its scope and significance in modern governance.

Focus: Definition, objectives, importance in society, and influence on development.

CO2: Explain the evolution of governance systems from traditional to modern forms.

Focus: Historical development, key transitions, and emergence of democratic and participatory governance.

CO3: Discuss the role of public policy in addressing social, economic, and political challenges.

Focus: How policies shape societal outcomes, public welfare, and institutional development.

CO4: Analyze the relationship between governance structures and public policy formulation.

Focus: How government institutions, bureaucracy, and stakeholders influence policy design and implementation.

CO5: Examine the significance of public policy in promoting good governance and citizen participation.

Focus: Role of policies in transparency, accountability, inclusiveness, and enhancing public trust.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/ EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The Question Paper will have 70 Multiple Choice questions (MCQs) and four choices of answers will be there covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 1 mark. All

questions will be compulsory; hence candidates will attempt all the questions.

3. Paper-setters/Examiners are requested to distribute the questions from section A and Section B of the syllabus equally i.e., 35 questions from section A and 35 questions from Section B.
4. The examiner shall give clear instructions to the candidates to attempt questions.
5. The duration of each paper will be two hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STUDENTS

The question paper shall consist of 70 Multiple Choice questions. All questions will be compulsory and each question will carry 1 mark. There will be no negative marking. Students are required to answer using OMR (Optimal Mark Recognition) sheets.

Section A

Unit 1: Introduction to Public Policy: Definition and Scope of Public Policy, Meaning of public policy, Objectives and functions, Importance in society, Influence on development

Unit 2: Evolution of Governance Systems: Historical development of governance, Transition from traditional to modern systems, Emergence of democratic and participatory governance

Unit 3: Governance Structures and Policy Formulation: Role of government institutions, Bureaucracy in policymaking, Influence of stakeholders,

Unit 4: Policy Making: Policy design and implementation

Section-B

Unit 5: Public Policy and Challenges: Addressing social issues, tackling economic challenges, responding to political problems, Shaping societal outcomes and public welfare

Unit 6: Public Policy, Good Governance, and Citizen Participation: Promoting transparency and accountability, Ensuring inclusiveness in governance, Enhancing public trust, Encouraging active citizen participation

Unit 7: Contemporary Challenges and Future Directions in Public Policy: Globalization and technological change, Climate change and sustainability issues, Inequality and social justice concerns,

Unit 8: Future directions of public policy: research and practice

Suggested Readings

- Bidyut Chakrabarty & Mohit Bhattacharya, *Public Policy: Concept and Practice* (Sage, 2008)
- Thomas R. Dye, *Understanding Public Policy* (Pearson, 2017, 15th ed.)
- M. Laxmikanth, *Governance in India* (McGraw Hill, 2017)
- S.R. Maheshwari, *Indian Administration* (Orient Blackswan, 2019, 7th ed.)
- Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom* (Oxford University Press, 1999)
- Jean Drèze & Amartya Sen, *India: Development and Participation* (Oxford University Press, 2002)
- C. Raj Kumar, *Corruption and Human Rights in India: Comparative Perspectives on Transparency and Good Governance* (Oxford University Press, 2011)
- Yogesh Atal, *Governance and Civil Society* (Rawat Publications, 2003)
- Mark Bevir, *Governance: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2012)