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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
ADD ON COURSE ON “POLITICAL THOUGHT AND THEORY”

The Add-on Course of 30 hours duration is to empower students with a comprehensive understanding of Political Theories and International Relations, equipping them for postgraduate competitive exams. Through clear learning objectives, interactive content, and real-world applications, the course aims to cultivate critical thinking and analytical skills. Providing practice questions, mock exams, and supplementary resources, ensures effective exam preparation. Ultimately, the course catalyzes academic success, offering students a solid foundation and practical insights for advanced studies and examinations.

The add-on course will be followed by an exam of 100 marks, students who manage to secure 50 per cent of the marks will be awarded a certificate.

The Course/Learning outcomes are estimated to be as follows:

- DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING
- CRITICAL ANALYSIS SKILLS
- INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS
- PROMOTING CIVIC VALUES
- HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING
- ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL AWARENESS
- GLOBAL AWARENESS
- ENCOURAGING DIALOGUE
- CAREER RELEVANCE
- PROMOTING TOLERANCE AND UNIVERSALITY
- MAKING OF A GLOBAL CITIZEN

| MODULE | UNIT | TOPIC |
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| 1 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 1 - PLATO • UNIT 2- ARISTOTLE • UNIT 3- MARX | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>UNIT 1 PLATO SUB-TOPICS</u> • PLATO'S CONTEXT OF THE REPUBLIC • CRITIC OF SOPHISM • PHILOSOPHER RULER • JUSTICE ACCORDING TO PLATO • THEORY OF THREE CLASSES AND THREE SOULS • VIEWS ON EDUCATION • PLATO'S SECOND BEST STATE • <u>UNIT 2 ARISTOTLE SUB-TOPICS</u> • THE FIRST FASCIST? ARISTOTLE • CRITIQUE OF PLATO • CONCEPTION OF HUMAN NATURE AND STATE • EUDAIMONIA • HOUSEHOLD(SLAVES, WOMEN AND PROPERTY) • DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE • RULE OF LAW AND CONSTITUTION • POLITY • REVOLUTION: CAUSES AND REMEDIES • <u>UNIT 3-KARL MARX SUB-TOPICS</u> • DIALECTICS • MATERIALISM AND HISTORY • ECONOMIC DETERMINISM • ANALYSIS OF CAPITALISM AND STATE • REVISIONISM, RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AND DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT • THE ASIATIC MODE OF PRODUCTION |
| 2 POLITICAL THEORY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 4- LIBERTY • UNIT 5- EQUALITY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>UNIT4- LIBERTY SUB-TOPICS</u> • NATURE OF LIBERTY • SCOPE OF LIBERTY |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 6- JUSTICE • UNIT 7- SOVEREIGNTY • UNIT 8- STATE • UNIT 9- FEMINISM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIMENSIONS OF LIBERTY • LIBERAL-INDIVIDUALIST VIEW OF LIBERTY • MARXIST CONCEPT OF FREEDOM • FREEDOM AS EMANCIPATION • FREEDOM AS DEVELOPMENT • <u>UNIT 5- EQUALITY SUB-TOPICS</u> • IDEA OF EQUALITY • EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY • RATIONAL GROUNDS OF DISCRIMINATION • DEBATE ON REVERSE DISCRIMINATION • DIMENSIONS OF EQUALITY • SIMPLE AND COMPLEX EQUALITY • LIBERTY AND EQUALITY • EQUALITY AND JUSTICE • <u>UNIT 6- JUSTICE SUB-TOPICS</u> • IDEA OF JUSTICE • RELATION BETWEEN LIBERTY,EQUALITY AND JUSTICE • CLASSICAL THEORIES OF JUSTICE • MODERN VIEW OF JUSTICE • DIMENSIONS OF JUSTICE • PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE JUSTICE • RETRIBUTIVE AND DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE • DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES ON JUSTICE • <u>UNIT 7- SOVEREIGNTY SUB-TOPICS</u> • MEANING OF SOVEREIGNTY • CONCEPT OF POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY • PLURALIST THEORY OF SOVEREIGNTY • <u>UNIT 8- STATE SUB-TOPICS</u> • DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES ON THE STATE |
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| 3 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 10- REALISM • UNIT 11- LIBERALISM • UNIT 12- INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY WITH USA AND CHINA | <p><u>UNIT 10- REALISM SUB-TOPICS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLASSICAL REALISM • WALTZ AND NEOREALISM • NEOCLASSICAL REALISM <p><u>UNIT 11- LIBERALISM SUB-TOPICS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASIC LIBERAL ASSUMPTIONS • SOCIOLOGICAL LIBERALISM • INTERDEPENDENCE LIBERALISM • REPUBLICAN LIBERALISM <p><u>UNIT 12- INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY SUB-TOPICS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIVERSE ANGLES TO INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY WITH TWO MOST IMPORTANT SUPERPOWER |
| 4. GENERAL ISSUES WITH POLITICAL RELEVANCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 13- NATIONALISM • UNIT 14- CLIMATE CHANGE • UNIT 15- MAJOR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDEA OF NATIONALISM • CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS • ALL THE MAJOR POLITICAL SUMMITS |

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| 5. PAST YEAR ENTRANCE EXAMS PAPER DISCUSSION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUET | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUET |
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