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**M. A. Political Science**  
**Semester I**  
**Course Contents**

**POL-501**

**POLITICAL THEORY**

**UNIT: I**

**Political Theory: Nature, Scope and Significance**  
**Decline of Political Theory**  
**Resurgence of Political Theory**  
**End of Ideology Debate**

**UNIT:II**

**Theories of State**  
**Sovereignty: Legal and Political**  
**Post -Behaviorism and Neo-Behaviorism**  
**Process of Globalization Challenges to Sovereignty**

**Unit-III**

**Liberty: Concept; Negative and Positive Liberty; Constraints on Liberty**  
**Equality: Concept; Legal, Social, Political and Economic Equality**  
**Justice: Concept; Procedural, Substantive and Distributive Justice.**  
**Rights: Concept; Kinds of Rights; Concept of Human Rights.**

**Unit- IV**

**Power, Authority and Legitimacy**  
**Law and Order**  
**Obligation and Citizenship**  
**Toleration and Liberation.**

**Unit –V**

**Concept of Deliberative Democracy**  
**Theory of Participatory Democracy**  
**Marxist Theory of Democracy**  
**Concept of Sustainable Development**

**POL-502**

**WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

**UNIT-I**

**Plato: (a) Philosopher King, Justice,  
(b) Education, Communism  
Aristotle: (a) Notion of State and Government,  
(b) Slavery and Revolution**

**UNIT –II**

**Jean Bodin: Views on State and Sovereignty  
John Austin: Theory of Sovereignty  
Niccolo Machiavelli: (a) Renaissance and its Impact  
(b) Political Theory and Science of State Craft**

**UNIT-III**

**Thomas Hobbes: Social Contract, Origin and Nature of Sovereignty  
John Locke: Social Contract, Natural Rights and Property  
Jean- Jacques Rousseau: Social Contract, General Will  
Comparative Study of Social Contract :Hobbs, Lock, Rousseau**

**Unit –IV**

**Jeremy Bentham: Theory of Utilitarianism, Theory of State and Government  
John Stuart Mill: Views on Liberty, Representative Government  
Thomas Hill Green: Theory of Rights and State  
Harold Laski : Theory of Rights**

**UNIT- V**

**Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel: Dialectical Idealism, Civil Society and State  
Karl Marx: (a) Dialectal Materialism, Historical Materialism,  
(b) Class Struggle, Stateless Society  
John Rawls : Theory of Justice**

**POL-504**

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

**UNIT : I**

**Meaning Nature and Scope of Comparative Politics**  
**Growth of the Study of Comparative Politics**  
**Comparative Method its Nature and Problems**  
**Approaches to the Study- System Analysis and Structural Functionalism**

**UNIT: II**

**Political Culture**  
**Political Socialization**  
**Political Modernization and Development**  
**Political Communication**

**UNIT-III**

**Constitutionalism: Concept, Problems and Limitation**  
**Forms of Government: Unitary & Federal**  
**Presidential & Parliamentary.**  
**Organs of Government: Executive, Legislature & Judiciary – their Relationship in Comparative Perspective.**

**UNIT : IV**

**Theory of Ruling Class and Political Elites in Democracy**  
**Political Parties and Pressure Groups,**  
**Political Participation, Representation**  
**Politics of Violence, Terrorism and Legitimacy**

**UNIT V**

**Dependency, Development and Under Development**  
**Waves of Democracy: (a) Developed Countries**  
**(b) Developing Countries**  
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**UNIT-I**

**Meaning, Nature and Scope of International Organisation**  
**Evolution of International Organisation**  
**Concert of Europe, Hague System**  
**Genesis of League of Nations**

**Unit-II**

**Origin of United Nations**  
**Nature, Principles and Various Organs of the United Nations**  
**United Nations and Socio-Economic Developments.**  
**United Nations and Human Rights**

**UNIT-III**

**The United Nations and Maintenance of Peace and Security**  
**Disarmament**  
**Changing Nature of UN in the Post-Cold War Era**  
**Democratization of UN System and India's Claim for Permanent Seat in Security Council.**

**UNIT -IV**

**Role of Major Special Agencies of the UN**  
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**UNIT -V**

**Regional Organisations: Failure and Achievements**  
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**OPEC**  
**OAS**