

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

Syllabus for B.A. General
under revised new course structure
for Part-I, Part-II and Part-III

in

POLITICAL SCIENCE



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

Raja Rammohunpur, Darjeeling - 734 013

West Bengal, India.

SYLLABUS FOR THREE YEAR B.A (GENERAL) COURSE OF STUDIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

PART I

PAPER – I	: Political Theory	50 Marks
PAPER – II	: Comparative Constitutions and Government.	50 Marks
PAPER – III	: Government and Politics in India.	<u>50 Marks</u>
		<u>150 Marks</u>

PART II

PAPER – I	: Political Theory	50 Marks
PAPER – II	: Comparative Constitutions and Government.	50 Marks
PAPER – III	: Government and Politics in India.	<u>50 Marks</u>
		<u>150 Marks</u>

PART III

PAPER – IV	: Contemporary Political Issues and the UNO	
	Theoretical Issues	
	(Group A & B: 50 + 40).	90 Marks
	Application Oriented Issues	
	(Group C).	<u>10 Marks</u>
		<u>100 Marks</u>

PART I

Paper- I: Political Theory:

1. What is Politics – Politics and Political Science – Approaches to studying politics: Traditional and Modern normative and empirical approach, behavioral and Systems approach, Marxist approach
2. Theories of the State: Individualist, idealist and Marxist
3. Basic Concept:
 - a) Sovereignty: Austinian and Pluralistic theories- Sovereignty and the international order.
 - b) Liberty and equality: Meaning and types interrelation between liberty & equality.
 - c) Law: Meaning, sources and nature. International law: meaning and nature.
 - d) Justice: Meaning & nature.
4. Nationalism: Meaning & features of third world nationalism. Imperialism & neo-colonialism

Paper II: Comparative Constitutions & Government.

1. Major concepts: Government and Constitution (importance of constitution in studying government) Unitarism and federalism – Parliamentary & Presidentialism.
- Socialist & non- socialist Constitutions.
2. UK:
 - a) Sources of British Conventions with special reference to conventions.
 - b) Basic features of British Constitution with special reference to rule of law and parliamentary Sovereignty;
 - c) Role of the Crown;
 - d) Executive: Composition and functions of Cabinet, Prime minister, Cabinet dictatorship;
 - e) Legislature: Composition and functions of House of Lords and House of Commons – Speaker-Committee System- Role of opposition- Relation between two Houses;
 - f) Party System.
3. Russia:
Background of new constitution – salient features of new

Constitution: organs of Government;

Or

Switzerland: Salient features, Nature of federalism, organs of government, Direct democracy.

Paper III: Government and Politics in India

1. Framing of the Indian Constitution – Constituent Assembly: Composition & role
2. Preamble: Significance.
3. Fundamental Rights and Duties. Directive Principles.
4. Nature of Indian federalism- Union-State relations: recent trends.
5. Union executive: President, Vice President, Prime Minister and council of Ministers.
6. Union legislature: Rajya Sabha & Lok Sabha: Organization & functions –law making procedure Privileges, committee System, Speaker, relation between the two House.
7. Government in the States: Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers – relation between Governor and council of Ministers – state legislature: Composition and functions.

PART II

Paper- I: Political Theory:

5. Marxism : Classes & Class struggle theory of revolution
6. Democratic Socialism : Meaning & features Concept of Welfare State.
7. Classification of Political Systems: Liberal, democratic, fascist and military dictatorial
8. Political parties and Interest Groups : Types & functions – difference between parties & Interest Groups- Liberal and Marxist views on functions of political parties.

Paper II: Comparative Constitutions & Government.

3. USA:

- a) Basic features of US constitution;
- b) Changing nature of US federalism;
- c) Bill of Rights;
- d) Executive: President; US cabinet: Composition, Powers and functions;
- e) Legislature: US Congress: Powers and functions of the Senate & House of Representatives – relation between the two Houses;
- f) Supreme Court: Composition, functions and role, with special reference to Judicial Review,
- g) Party System.

4. Peoples Republic of China:

- a) Significance of the 1949 Revolution;
- b) General principles of Chinese Constitution;
- c) Rights and duties of Chinese citizens;
- d) National government: i) Executive: President Premier, State Council ii) Legislature National peoples Congress, Standing Committee;
- iii) Judiciary- Peoples procuratorate;
- e) Communist Party: Structure, functions, and role.

Paper III: Government and Politics in India

8. Judiciary: Supreme Courts and High Court; Organization, Jurisdiction & role-Judicial Activism.
9. Amendment Procedure.
10. Election Commission: composition & functions.
11. Provisions regarding SCs, STs, and OBCs,
12. Local Self- government: Urban and rural (with special reference to West Bengal): Composition & functions.
13. Party system in India: features & trends.
14. Some major issues in Indian Politics:
 - a) Caste, Religion
 - b) Regionalism.
 - c) Women's Participation in Politics

PART III

Paper IV: Contemporary Political Issues and the UNO

Group A

1. Basic characteristics of Indian Foreign Policy: Indo-Pak Relations
2. Regional cooperation – SAARC
3. Human Rights – UN Declaration -Human Rights commission in India
4. Globalisation – concept & meaning.

Group B

UNO; Purposes & Principles, Organs Peace-Keeping role. Achievement & failure.

Group C

Application – Oriented issues: Youth Parliament (Internal assessment)

Parliamentary Procedure (with special reference to West Bengal legislative Assembly) Questions, Types of question, Adjournment motions, Cut motions, No confidence motions, Mentions, Motions and Resolution.

OR

Field study and evaluation of a local self institution of the district concerned.

Suggested Readings:

PART I & PART II

B.A. (General), Political Science.

Paper - I (Political Theory)

- | | | |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| E. Barker | - | Principles of Social and Political theory, Calcutta, OUP, 1976. |
| N. P. Barry | - | Introduction to Modern Political Theory, London
Macmillan, 1995. S. I. Bann and |
| R.S. Peters | - | Social Principles and the Democratic State, George
& Allen, London, 1959. |
| R. Dahl | - | Modern Political Analysis, Prentice Hall, 1963. |
| ----- | - | A preface to Democratic Theory, University of Chicago Press,
1963. |
| D. Easton | - | The Political System: An Enquiry into the State of
Political Science, Wiley, 1953. |
| D. Held | - | Political Theory and the Modern State, Cambridge, 1987. |
| ----- | - | Political Theory To-day, Cambridge, 1987. |
| H. J. Laski | - | A Grammar of Politics, Allen & Unwin, 1948 |
| R. N. Mac Iver | - | The Modern State, Oxford, 1926. |
| C. B. McPherson | - | Democratic Theory: Essays in Retrieval, Oxford, 1977. |
| R. Miller | - | Social Justice, Oxford, 1976. |
| ----- (ed) | - | Liberty, Oxford, 1991. |
| S. Ramaswamy | - | Political Theory: Ideas and concepts, Macmillan, Delhi, 2002. |
| F. Thakurdas | - | Essays on Political Theory, New Delhi, Gitanjali, 1982. |
| S. P. Varma | - | Modern Political Theory, Vikas, Delhi, 1983. |
| S. Wasby | - | Political Theory: The discipline and its
Dimensions, Scientific Book Agency Calcutta, 1970. |
| হিমাচল চক্রবর্তী | - | রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান । |
| দেবশীষ চক্রবর্তী | - | রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান - রাষ্ট্রতত্ত্ব ও প্রতিষ্ঠান । |
| অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র | - | রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান । |
| মোহিত ভট্টাচার্য ও | | |
| বিশ্বনাথ ঘোষ | - | আধুনিক রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান । |
| নির্মল কান্তি ঘোষ | - | আধুনিক রাষ্ট্রতত্ত্বের ভূমিকা । |

Paper II (Comparative Constitutions & Governments)

- G. Almond et. al. - Comparative Politics Today: A World View, Harper/Collins, 2000.
- J. Blondel - An Introduction to Comparative Government, London, 1969.
- - Comparative Legislatures, Prentice Hall, 1973.
- J. Bryce - Modern Democracies, Vol.-2, Macmillan, 1921.
- H. Finer - Theory and Practice of Modern Government, London, 1969.
- S. E. Finer - Comparative Government, Penguin, 1974.
- E. S. Griffith - The American System of Government, 6th Edn., London, 1983.
- H.C. Huiton - An introduction to Chinese Politics, Davis and Charles, London, 1973.
-
- D. Kavanag - British Politics: Continuity and Change, Oxford, 1985.
- C. Leys - Politics in Britain: An introduction, London, 1983.
- A. Lijphart - Electoral systems and Party Systems, Yale University press, 1994.
- - Democracy in Plural Societies: A Comparative Exploration, Yale University Press, 1977
-
- R.C. Macridis and R.E. Word - Modern Political Systems, Europe and Asia, (2nd Edn.) Prentice-Hall, 1968.
- H.G. Nicolas - The Nature of American Politics, Oxford, 1986.
- K.C. Wheare - Federal Government, 4th Edn., Oxford, 1963.
- - Legislatures, Oxford, 1968.
- J. Wilson - American Government, Boston, 1997.
- F.A. Ogg and Zink - Modern Foreign Government Macmillan, 1964.
- D. Olson - Legislature Institutions: A Comparative View, Armonk NY, M.E. Sharpe, 1994.
-
- হিমাচল চক্রবর্তী - তুলনামূলক রাজনীতি ও শাসনব্যবস্থা।
- দিনেশচন্দ্র ভট্টাচার্য - তুলনামূলক রাজনীতি ও বিদেশের শাসনব্যবস্থা।
- নির্মলকান্তি ঘোষ - নির্বাচিত তুলনামূলক শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি।
- অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র - নির্বাচিত শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি।

Paper III (Government and Politics in India)

- G. Austin - The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of Nation, Oxford, 1966
- - Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience, Oxford, 2000.
- D. D. Basu - An Introduction to the Constitution of India, Prentice Hall, 1994.

- S.P. Aiyar and U. Mehla (ed) - Essays on Indian Federalism, Bombay, 1965.
 P. Brass - Politics of India since Independence, Orient Longman, 1990.
 U. Boxi - The Indian Supreme Court and Politics, Delhi, 1980.
 U. Boxi and B. Parekh (ed.) - Crisis and Change in Contemporary India, Sage, 1994.
 S. K. Chaube - Constituent Assembly of India: Springboard of Revolution, New Delhi, 1973.
 S. Kashyap - Our Parliament, National Book Trust, New Delhi, 1992.
 B. L. Fadia - State Politics in India, 2 -vols. New Delhi, 1984.
 S. Kaushik (ed.) - Indian Government and Politics, Delhi, 1990.
 W.H. Morris - Jones, Government and Politics in India, Delhi, 1974.
 M.V. Pylec - An Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, 1998.
 A. Ray - Tension Areas in India's Federal system, The World Press, Calcutta, 1970.
 M. M. Sankhdher - Framework of India Politics, Delhi, 1983.
 J. R. Siwach - Dynamics of Indian Government and Politics, Delhi, 1985.
 R. Kothari - Politics in India, New Delhi, 1970.
 I. Narain (ed.) - State Politics in India, Meerut, 1967.
 অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র - ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি ।
 নির্মলকান্তি ঘোষ - ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি ।
 নিমাই প্রামাণিক - ভারতের শাসনব্যবস্থা ও রাজনীতি ।
 হিমাংশু ঘোষ - সমকালীন ভারতীয় রাজনীতি ও প্রশাসন ।
 ডি, বসু - ভারতীয় সংবিধানের ভূমিকা ।

PART III

Paper IV (Contemporary Political Issues and The UNO)

- J. Frankel - The Making of Foreign Policy, Oxford, 1963.
 Z. F. Arat - Democracy and Human Rights in the Developing Countries, London, 1992.
 A. Gewirth - Human Rights: Essays on Justification and Applications, London, 1982.
 R. Holton - Globalization and the Nation State, Macmillan, 1998.
 A. R. Melden (ed.) - Human Rights, California, 1970.
 J. Bandopadhyaya - The Making of India's Foreign Policy, Calcutta, Allied, 1970.
 N. K. Jha - Domestic Imperatives in India's Foreign Policy, New Delhi, 2001.

- (d)
- R. Chakraborty
B. Sengupta
- B. T. Patil &
N. K. Jha (ed.)
P. Sehadavan
V. Grover
- H. G. Nicholas
A. Ross
K. P. Saxena
- S. J. R. Bilgrami
ডঃ অনাদি কুমার মহাপাত্র
নির্মলকান্তি ঘোষ
ডঃ অমলকুমার মুখোপাধ্যায় ও
ডঃ ভোলানাথ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়
নির্মলকান্তি ঘোষ
রুমকী বসু ও অঞ্জনা ঘোষ
সত্যব্রত দত্ত
- M. Walters
M. Albrow and
E. King
- India's Foreign Policy in a changing World, New Delhi, 2000.
- The Political Economy of Foreign Policy, Allied, 1983.
- South Asian Perspectives: Seven Nations in Conflict and Cooperation, Delhi, 1988.
- Peace and Cooperative Security in South Asia, New Delhi, 1999.
- Conflict and Peace Keeping in South Asia, New Delhi, 2001.
- UNO, NAM, NICO, SAARC and India's Foreign Policy, New Delhi, 1992.
- The UN as a Political Institution, Oxford, 1975.
- The United Nation, Peace and Progress, Bedminster press, NJ 1966.
- Reforming the United Nations: The Challenge and Relevance, Sage, 1993.
- International Organisation, Vikas, New Delhi, 1977.
- আন্তর্জাতিক সংগঠনের রূপরেখা ।
- আন্তর্জাতিক সংগঠন ও জাতিপুঞ্জ ।
- সাম্প্রতিক ভারতীয় রাজনীতি ও প্রশাসন ।
- ভারতীয় রাজনীতি ও আন্তর্জাতিক সমস্যা-সংগঠন পরিক্রমা ।
- সম্মিলিত জাতিপুঞ্জ ।
- বাংলার বিধানসভার একশ বছর ।
- Globalization
- Globalization, Knowledge and Society