

BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY, COIMBATORE-641 046
ANCILLARY PAPERS FOR B.A (ECONOMICS, HISTORY & DEFENCE
STUDIES)
FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-
16 AND ONWARDS
SEMESTER – I PAPER – I

Subject Title : **Outlines of Political Theory**

Course Number : Number of Credit Hours :3
(Three)

Subject Description :
This paper describes the meaning and nature of Pol. Science, origin and elements of state, concepts, forms of government and the political ideologies.

Goals :

To enable the students to learn the fundamental aspects of Political Science and Political ideologies

Objectives:

On successful completion of this paper the students will be able to

1. Understand the fundamental principles of Pol. Theory
2. To learn the various forms of government and political ideologies.

Contents:

- I INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY: Introduction to the study of Political Science – Definition of Political Science – Nature and meaning of political science – Political theory – meaning and approaches.
- II STATES AND ITS ASSOCIATION AND GOVERNMENT: Origin and Elements of State – Classification of States and Association – States and Society – States and Nation – Nationality and National Consciousness – Types of Government – Parliamentary, Presidential Government – The concept of representative democracy and Direct to democracy.
- III THEORIES OF STATE: Divine Origin Theory – Matriarchal Theory – Patriarchal Theory – Social Contract Theory – Marxian interpretation of the state – Elements of the State – End functions of the State.
- IV STUDY OF JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND RIGHTS: Justice – conception of justice with special reference to Rawls Theory of Justice – Equality – Social, Political, Economic Equality – Relation between Equality and Freedom – Affirmative Action. Meaning of Rights – Theories of Rights
- V POLITICAL IDEOLOGY AND POLITICAL THOUGHT: Liberalism – Socialism – Marxism – Fascism – Gandhism. POLITICAL THOUGHT (1): Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Lockes and Karl Marx. POLITICAL THOUGHT (2): Sri Arambindo, M.K.Gandhi – B.R.Ambedkar, M.N.Roy, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan.

Reference

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| 1. Principles of political Science | : | A.C. Kapoor |
| 2. Principles of Political Theory | : | V.D. Mahajan |
| 3. Political Theory | : | Roy Battachariya |
| 4. Arasial Kotpadukal | : | Tamil Nadu Text Book Society |
| 5. Arasial Kotpadugal | : | Gomathinayagam |

B.A Degree Examination
[Allied Papers for Economics, History and Defence Studies]
SEMESTER I – PAPER – I

Model Question paper.

Subject Title : OUTLINES OF POLITICAL THEORY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

SECTION A – (10x1 = 10 Marks)

Answer All Questions

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Define Political Science
2. Define Human Rights
3. Define Nationality

SECTION B – (5 x 6 = 30 marks)

All Questions carry equal marks.

1. What do you understand by the Matriarchal Theory of the State?
2. Classify the Economic and Social Justice.
3. How Liberalism differs Gandhism?

SECTION C (5 x 12 = 60 marks)

Answer All Questions

All Question carry equal marks.

1. Justify the Economic Justice of Karl Marx.
2. Justify the Gandhian Political Thought on Political Violence.
