

Syllabus

Public Administration - Semester-IV

Paper-I : Public Policy and Analysis

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER-SETTERS AND CANDIDATES

- The Maximum Marks for the paper will be 100. The question paper will be of 80 marks and internal assessment of 20 marks. Time allowed will be 3 Hours. For private students, who have not been assessed for the internal assessment, the marks secured by them in the paper will be proportionately increased in lieu of the internal assessment.

The Paper-Setter must put a note in question paper in this regard.

- The candidate shall attempt 5 questions in all (one compulsory and one each from four units). The compulsory question shall comprise of 15 short-answer type questions, covering the whole syllabus, to be answered in 25-30 words each, out of which the candidate would be required to attempt any 10. Each question will carry 2 marks. Rest of the paper shall contain 4 units, each unit having two questions, out of which the candidate would be expected to attempt one. Each question from the units will carry 15 marks.

Objectives of the Paper: This core course on Public Policy comprehensively introduces the concept and significance of public policy, the history of policy sciences and the public policy process. At the end of the course the student will understand the evolution of policy sciences, the significance and different stages of the public policy process in terms of the theoretical formulations as well as the working of this process with special reference to India. The pedagogical tools used will include lectures, case studies, policy analysis exercises, seminars and presentations. Thus, the student will develop a critical understanding of the policy process as well as the capacity to undertake policy analysis in substantive areas of public policy.

UNIT-I

Public Policy: Concept, Significance and Scope; Evolution of Policy Sciences

Policy Transfer: Concept; Rationale; Types (Copying, Adaptation, Hybridization and Synthesis).

Policy Analysis: Concept and Significance

Public Policy Approaches and Models with special reference to the Incrementalist and Rationalist Paradigms

UNIT-II

Public Policy Making Process:

Role of Legislature, Executive, Judiciary, Planning Machinery at the Central and State levels in Policy Making

Role of other Stakeholders in Policy-making: Political Parties, Interest Groups, Mass-media, Civil Society and International Agencies.

UNIT-III

Public Policy Implementation, Monitoring and Control:

Approaches to Policy Implementation

Role of Executive (with special reference to Bureaucracy), Legislature, Judiciary,

NonGovernmental Organisations, Pressure Groups

Issues in Policy Implementation

UNIT-IV

Policy Evaluation:

Approaches to Policy Evaluation and Policy Impact

Criteria for Evaluation

Role of Staff, CAG, Parliamentary and Departmental Committees in Evaluation

Issues in Policy Evaluation