

SYLLABUS

B.A. SECOND YEAR (SEMESTER SYSTEM) SYLLABUS
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH
POLITICAL SCIENCE
SEMESTER-III
INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Max. Marks : 100

Theory : 90

Internal Assessment : 10 marks

Time : 3 hours

Objectives : This paper provides students with a basic knowledge of the fundamental elements and institutions of government, politics and processes in Indian at both the centre and state levels.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTERS AND CANDIDATES :

(i) *The syllabus has been divided into four units :*

There shall be 9 questions in all. The first question is compulsory and shall be short answer type containing 15 short questions spreadover the whole syllabus to be answered in about 10-20 words each. The candidates are required to attempt any 9 short answer type questions carrying 18 marks i.e. 2 marks of each. Rest of the paper shall contain 4 units. Each units shall have two essay type questions, and the candidate shall be given internal choice of attempting one question from each Unit-4 in all. Each question will carry 18 marks.

(ii) For private candidates, who have not have been assessed earlier for internal assessment, the marks secured by them in theory paper will proportionately be increased to maximum marks of the paper in lieu of internal assesment.

The paper setter must put note (ii) in the question paper.

UNIT-I

1. Basic Features of Indian Constitution.
2. Preamble and its perceptions.
3. Indian Federalism -- Meaning & its features.
4. Centre State Relations (Legislative, Administrative & Financial)

UNIT-II

1. Fundamental Rights (Art 14-Art 32) -- Meaning, Explanation, Criticism & Importance.
2. Fundamental Duties -- Meaning, Explanation, Evaluation (Criticism & Importance)

3. Directive Principles of State Policy (Art 36-Art 51)-Liberal, Socialist, International, Gandhian-Meaning, Explanation, Sanctions, Criticism & Importance.

UNIT – III

1. President : Election Power, Position and Changing Role.
2. Parliament : Composition, Power and Role.
3. Cabinet-
 - (a) Parliamentary features
 - (b) Prime Minister : Election, Powers, Position and Changing Role.
4. Supreme Court and High Court : Composition, Powers a Judicial Review.

UNIT – IV

1. Governor : Appointment, Powers and Role.
2. State Legislature : Composition, Powers and Role of Legislative Assembly/Vidhan Sabha.
3. Council of Ministers and Chief Minister : Election, Powers, Position and Role.
4. High Court : Composition, powers and its role

SEMESTER-IV

INDIAN POLITICS

UNIT – I

1. Nature of Party System in India : A Critical Evaluation.
2. National Political Parties (Indian National Congress, BJP, CPI, CPI (M), BSP) : Ideology, Policy and Programmes.
3. Regional Political Parties (SAD, DMK, AIDMK) ; Ideology, Policy and Programmes.

UNIT – II

1. The Election Commission : A critical evaluation and Electoral Reforms.
2. Pressure Groups in Indian Politics
3. Voting Behaviour.

UNIT – III

1. Emerging Trends in Indian Politics.
2. Role of Caste & Religion in Indian Politics.
3. Regionalism in India – its causes & impact.

UNIT – IV

1. Basic Principles and Determinants of Indian Foreign Policy.
2. Non-alignment : Meaning and Nature
3. Non-alignment Movement – its Relevance.