

SYLLABUS

POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A. PART—II (P.U.)

SEMESTER—IV

(INDIAN POLITICS)

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Theory : 90 Marks

Internal Assessment : 10 Marks

Objectives :

The aim of this paper is to enrich the student's understanding of the working of the Indian Political System with reference to political parties, the party system, elections and voting behaviour. Unit III and IV of the paper examine in detail certain key issues and debates in contemporary India.

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 spread over 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 unit 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 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 assessment.

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

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 in India.

2. Pressure Groups in Indian Politics—Types & Role.
3. Voting Behaviour in India—Its Determinants.

UNIT—III

1. Emerging Trends in Indian Politics.
2. Role of Caste and Religion in Indian Politics.
3. Regionalism in Indian Politics—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.