

C1PS230111T

Semester: I	
Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE	
Course: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	
Paper code: C1PS230111T	Credits: 4
Hours/week: 4	
Category: CORE/MDC/SEC/VAC: CORE (MAJOR)	
Theory / Practical / Composite: THEORY	
No of Modules: TWO	
<p>Course Overview:</p> <p>This Course facilitates an understanding and appreciation of the various approaches and traditions in political theory with their distinct perspectives on political reality. Students are introduced to new concepts in the subject which aids comprehension of various political occurrences unfolding in different political systems. Students will be explore different constituents of political institutions and processes, and this will aid their understanding of politics and the political system.</p> <p>The course cultivates the ability to analyse and interpret contemporary political developments in the light of theoretical principles.by virtue of their awareness of political concepts and ideas, they are able to contemplate ways for improving the political environment.</p>	
Course Outcome:	
1. Remember- the context of the birth of Political Science as a discipline and how the traditional approach took root; how subsequently other approaches emerged.	
2. Understand- the shortcomings of the traditional approach in view of which the behavioural movement emerged. Subsequently the valid elements of both the approached got reconciled in Post-behaviouralism.	
3. Apply- major political concepts and different theories of the state in light of the evolutionary perspective of the discipline of Political Science	
4. Analyze- how the concerns of Political Science have broadened over time and the various concepts have incorporated new dimensions in the face of the emerging reality.	
5. Evaluate- critically assess the political and ideological dimensions of concepts that originated with the traditional thinkers and the concerns that have got incorporated in the various traditions of political thinking down the ages.	
6. Create- or develop ideas for addressing contemporary political and social problems in the light of the template of political theory that have been handed down by political theory, both traditional and modern.	
Prerequisites: Basic knowledge about any prior course	
SYLLABUS	

UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approaches to Political Theory: Normative and Empirical 2. Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal, Marxist, Anarchist, Conservative and Feminist 	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1,K2,K3,K4,K5,K6
II.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Key Concepts: Power and Authority 4. Theories of state: Idealist, Contract, Marxist 5. Democracy: history of an idea - some important variants- Classical, Liberal, Deliberative 	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1,K2,K3,K4,K5,K6
Text Books				

1. Heywood, Andrew (2013), Politics. London: Palgrave Macmillan
2. Heywood, Andrew (2012), Political Ideologies-An Introduction. London: Palgrave Macmillan
3. Held, David (2006), Models of Democracy. Cambridge: Polity Press
Suggested readings
1. Heywood, Andrew (2015), Political Theory- An Introduction London: Red Globe Press (Macmillan) 2. McKinnon, Catriona (ed.) (2008), Issues in Political Theory. New York: Oxford University Press 3. Bhargava R. and Acharya, A. (eds) (2008), Political Theory- An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson 4. Ball, Alan (1993), Modern Politics and Government. London: Palgrave Macmillan
Evaluation Theory CIA:30 (mis-semester exam 20 + 5 assignment) + 5 Attendance = 30 Semester Exam: 70
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module: Short Notes: 3 out of 4 of 5marks each (3x5=15) Essay Type: 2 out of 3 of 10 marks each (2X10= 20) (35 marks per module) 35+35 (Module I + Module II= 70) (70+30 CIA=100)

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Remember: the context of the birth of Political Science as a discipline and how the traditional approach took root; how subsequently other approaches emerged.	K1
CO2	Understand: the shortcomings of the traditional approach in view of which the behavioural movement emerged. Subsequently the valid elements of both the approached got reconciled in Post-behaviouralism.	K2
CO3	Apply: major political concepts and different theories of the state in light of the evolutionary perspective of the discipline of Political Science	K3
CO4	Analyze: or examine how the concerns of Political Science have broadened over time and the various concepts have incorporated new dimensions in the face of the emerging reality.	K4
CO5	Evaluate: critically assess the political and ideological dimensions of concepts that originated with the traditional thinkers and the concerns that	K5

	have got incorporated in the various traditions of political thinking down the ages.	
CO6	Create: or develop ideas for addressing contemporary political and social problems in the light of the template of political theory that have been handed down by political theory, both traditional and modern.	K6