

**C2PS230311T**

<b>Semester: III</b>				
<b>Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE</b>				
<b>Course: POLITICAL THEORY: CONCEPTS AND DEBATES</b>				
<b>Paper code: C2PS230311T</b>			<b>Credits: 4</b>	
<b>Hours/week: 4</b>				
<b>Category: CORE/MDC/SEC/VAC: CORE</b>				
<b>Theory / Practical / Composite: THEORY</b>				
<b>No of Modules: TWO</b>				
<p><b>Course Overview:</b> The course enhances the understanding of some basic normative concepts and debates in political theory, concerning fundamental aspects of political phenomena like liberty, equality, justice, rights and obligation. It also seeks to explore the socio-cultural context and its complex dynamics with politics in issues like multiculturalism and cultural relativism. A critical appreciation of these themes will help students to develop balanced perspectives which in turn will enable better analysis, interpretation and amicable resolution of contemporary political issues.</p>				
<b>Course Outcome:</b>				
1. <b>Remember:</b> major normative concepts and debates in political theory, key themes and exponents				
2. <b>Understand:</b> the basic concerns that motivated these concepts and debates, their evolution and trends				
3. <b>Apply:</b> these concepts in the interpretation and potential resolution of contemporary political issues				
4. <b>Analyze:</b> the intricate dimensions and interconnections of these themes				
5. <b>Evaluate:</b> the validity, relevance and impact of these concepts and debates with regard to contemporary political developments				
6. <b>Create:</b> new themes and responses based on the detection of gaps in existing formulations to facilitate more insightful reflection on political reality.				
<b>Prerequisites: Basic knowledge about any prior course</b>				
<b>SYLLABUS</b>				
<b>UNIT/Module</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES</b>	<b>CO Mapping</b>	<b>COGNITIVE LEVEL</b>
<b>I.</b>	1.Freedom a) Concept b) Negative Freedom and Positive Freedom 2.Equality a) Concept	<b>26</b>	<b>CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6</b>	<b>K1 K2 K3 K4 K5 K6</b>

	b) Equality of Welfare, Resources and Capabilities 3. Justice a) Concept b) Procedural and Distributive Justice			
<b>II.</b>	4. Rights a) Concept b) Civil, Political, Socio-Economic and Group Rights 5. Major Debates a) Political Obligation b) Multiculturalism c) Human rights: Universality and Cultural Relativism	<b>26</b>	<b>CO1</b> <b>CO2</b> <b>CO3</b> <b>CO4</b> <b>CO5</b> <b>CO6</b>	<b>K1</b> <b>K2</b> <b>K3</b> <b>K4</b> <b>K5</b> <b>K6</b>
<b>Text Books</b>				
1. McKinnon, Catriona (ed.) (2008), Issues in Political Theory. New York: Oxford University Press				
2. Bhargava R. and Acharya, A. (eds) (2008), Political Theory- An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson				
3. Heywood, Andrew (2015), Political Theory- An Introduction London: Red Globe Press, Macmillan				
<b>Suggested readings</b>				
1. Heywood, Andrew (2012), Political Ideologies-An Introduction. London: Palgrave Macmillan				
2. Heywood, Andrew (2013), Politics. London: Palgrave Macmillan				
3. Bellamy, R. and Mason, A. (eds.) (2003), Political Concepts. Manchester: Manchester University Press				
<b>Evaluation</b> CIA:25 (Mid-Sem exam 20 + Assignment 5) + 5 (Attendance)= 30 End semester exam :70, Total- 70+30= 100)				
<b>Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module:</b> 35 marks per module (35x2 =70), Short Notes: 3 out of 5, 5 marks each (3x5=15), Essay Type: 2 out of 4, 10 marks each (2x10= 20)				

### Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
<b>CO1</b>	<b>Remember:</b> Identify major normative concepts and debates in political theory, key themes and exponents	K1
<b>CO2</b>	<b>Understand:</b> Explain the basic concerns that motivated these concepts and debates, their evolution and trends	K2
<b>CO3</b>	<b>Apply:</b> Apply these concepts in the interpretation and potential resolution of contemporary political issues	K3

<b>CO4</b>	<b>Analyse:</b> Examine the intricate dimensions and interconnections of these themes	K4
<b>CO5</b>	<b>Evaluate:</b> Critically assess the validity, relevance and impact of these concepts and debates with regard to contemporary political developments	K5
<b>CO6</b>	<b>Create:</b> Develop new themes and responses based on the detection of gaps in existing formulations to facilitate more insightful reflection on political reality.	K6