

P. G Entrance Syllabus 2025 (Subject: Political Science NEP 2020)

Unit 1: Political Science: Introduction

1. Understanding Politics
2. Perspectives on Politics: Liberal and Marxist
3. Normative and Scientific Debates in Politics
4. State: Evaluation and Elements; Theories of its origin, Difference between State, Civil Society and Nation
5. Perspectives of State: Liberal, Marxist and Feminist
6. Role of state; Minimal State and Social-Democratic State

Unit 2: Political Theory: Concepts

1. Liberty: Negative vs. Positive
2. Equality: Liberal, Libertarian and Socialist Perspective of Equality
3. Justice: Procedural, Distributive and Gender Justice
4. Democracy: Meaning and Forms-Procedural of Substantive
5. Rights: Meaning and Theories of Rights- Natural, Human and Political Rights
6. Power and Legitimacy: Gramsci and Althusser

Unit 3: Indian Government and Politics

1. Constituent Assembly of India: Formation and Working
2. Basic Features of Indian Constitution
3. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy
4. Union Legislature: Structure and Powers
5. Union Executive: Structure and Powers

Unit 4: Indian Politics: Institutions and Processes

1. Union Judiciary: Powers and Functions of Supreme Court, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism, Public Interest Litigation
2. Indian Federalism, Nature and emerging issues
3. Election Commission, Composition and powers
4. Decentralization(73rd and 74thAmendments)
5. Party System; changing nature
6. Critical Issues in Indian Politic:
 - a) Religion

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- b) Region
- c) Caste
- d) Development

Unit 5: International Relations: Introduction and Concepts

- 1. Growth of International Relations as a Discipline
- 2. Nature and Scope of International Relations
- 3. National Power: Meaning and Elements
- 4. National Interest: Meaning and Components
- 5. Arms Race and Disarmament

Unit 6: Cold war and Post Cold War Issues

- 1. Cold War and Post Cold War Era: Features and Major Global Issues
- 2. Globalization: Different Perspectives
- 3. Non Alignment and Contemporary Relevance
- 4. Politics on Climate Change: North Vs Global South
- 5. Global Justice Debates

Unit 7: Indian Political Thought

- 1. Modern Indian Political Thought: Salient Feature
- 2. Raja Ram Mohan Roy: Social Reforms
- 3. Mahatma Gandhi: Swaraj and Critique of Modernity
- 4. Maulana Azad: Composite Nationalism
- 5. B.R. Ambedkar: Annihilation of Caste
- 6. J. Nehru: Democratic Socialism
- 7. M.N Roy: Radical Humanism

Unit 8: Political Ideology

- 1. Ideology: Meaning, Approaches and Significance
- 2. Different Kinds of Ideologies
- 3. Liberalism: Nature, Foundations and Principles
- 4. Liberalism: Classical and Modern
- 5. Dialectical Materialism: Assumptions and Application
- 6. Historical Materialism: Method and Basic Tenets

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Unit 9: United Nations: Working and Issues

1. United Nations: A Brief Historical Overview
2. Principles and Objectives of UNO
3. Structures and Functions: General Assembly, Security Council and Economic and Social Council
4. Assessment of the United Nations as an International Organization
5. United Nations: Reforms and Challenges

Unit 10: Contemporary Political Theory

1. Debate on Decline and Resurgence of Political Theory
2. John Rawls: Distributive Justice
3. Robert Nozick: Libertarianism
4. Michael Sandel: Communitarianism
5. Will Kymlicka: Aboriginal Rights

Unit 11: Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies

1. Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies
2. Peace and Conflict Studies: Different Theories
3. Causes of Conflict
4. Peace Making and Peace Building
5. Emerging Technologies, Cyber Security and Conflict

Unit 12: India's Foreign Policy

1. Foreign Policy: Approaches and Determinants
2. Changing Nature of India's Foreign Policy
3. India's Neighborhood First Policy
4. Look East Policy
5. Indian and SAARC

Unit 13: State Politics in India

1. State Politics in India: A Theoretical Framework
2. Federalism in India: Theory and Practice
3. Ethnicity and State Politics
4. Impact of Liberalization and Globalization on Development Pattern
5. Politics of Land Reforms in Indian States.

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Unit 14: Global Politics

1. Globalization: Concept, Different Perspectives and Discontents
2. Contemporary Global Issues-I
 - a) Environment
 - b) Weapons of Mass Destruction
3. Contemporary Global Issues-II
 - a) Gender
 - b) Human Security
4. Poverty, Development and Hunger
5. WTO and IMF

Unit 15: Post Colonial Theory and Practice

1. Post Colonial Theory: Definition and Historical Context
2. Key Concepts: Orientalism, Subaltern and Hybridity
3. Neo-Colonialism and Economic Dependency
4. Post Colonial Perspectives on Global Institutions
5. Constitutionalism and Development Models in Postcolonial Societies

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