

# Courses of Study

| Paper No. | Name   | Max.<br>Marks | C.I.A. | Written | Duration of<br>Examination:<br>Time |
|-----------|--|---------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| I         | (A)Research<br>Methodology<br>(B)<br>Computer<br>Application | 50+50         | 30     | 70      | 3 Hours                             |
| 2         | Advanced<br>Political<br>Theory                              | 100           | 30     | 70      | 3 Hours                             |
| 3         | Optional   | 100           | 30     | 70      | 3 Hours                             |

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**Details of Optional papers**

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|-----------|--|------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 3         | (A) Western Political Theory/ (B) Indian Political Thought/ (C) Public Administration/ (D) International Relations/ (E) Comparative Politics/ (F) Indian Government and Politics | 100        | 70     | 70      | 3 Hours                       |

**First Semester**

**Paper I:**

**(A) Research Methodology**

**Unit: 1**

1. Theories of knowledge: Empiricism and Rationalism
2. (A) Nature of Scientific research (B) Basic Assumptions and Steps in Scientific Research (C) Criticism: Limitation of Scientific Research
3. (A) Popper's Method (B) Kuhn's Method
4. Philosophical, Historical, Legal-Institutional and Political-economy Approaches of research

**Unit: 2**

5. Identification of the Problem of Research
6. Hypothesis-- Nature, Types and Sources of Hypothesis; Characteristics of a testable hypothesis; Importance and Role of Hypothesis
7. Research Design-- Definition, Components and Types (experimental and non-experimental) of research design;

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8. Definition of Concepts and Variables; Delimitation of Variables--Dependent, Independent, Antecedent and Intervening variables.

Unit: 3

9. Types and Sources of Data--Primary and Secondary
10. Literature Review--reasons and how to conduct
11. Sampling-- Concept, Principles, Types and Techniques
12. Techniques of Data Collection-- Observation, Interview and Questionnaire

Unit: 4

13. Data Analysis: Editing and Coding of Data; Classification and Tabulation of Data
14. Basic Statistical Concepts as employed in Political Research; Measures of Central Tendency(Mean, Median, Mode);

Unit 5

15. Measures of Variability (Range, Mean Deviation, Standard Deviation,); Correlation-- Types, Coefficient of correlation and rank difference
16. Report Writing

### **Paper 1(B): Computer Application**

Unit: 1

1. Computer System: An Overview; Basic Applications of Computer in different fields
2. Functional Components of a Computer
3. Benefits and limitations of Computers
4. Computer Virus and Cyber Crime

Unit: 2

5. MS Window Operating System--features,
6. Getting started with windows; Managing files and folders--to create, Rename, Copy, Cut, Paste and Delete
7. Basic window accessories: Mouse pointer, Control Panel, Creating Shortcuts
8. Shutting down the computer

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Unit: 3

9. Introduction to MS Word and MS Excel
10. How to type, edit, format and save a document; Spell Check, Page and Paragraph Setup, Inserting Pictures
11. Creating Tables and Charts in Word and Excel
12. Printing and Closing the document

Unit 4

13. MS Power Point: Steps to Power Point Presentation, Physical Aspects of a Power Point Presentation
14. Creating New Presentation; Editing: Adding New Slides, Adding Illustration to slides, Inserting Pictures; Creating Slide Shows,

Unit 5

15. What is Internet, Sending and receiving Emails
16. Attachments, Logging in

Paper 2

**Advanced Political Theory**

Unit: 1

1. History of the Discipline; Emerging Nature and Scope of Political Science
2. Political Theory: Nature, Main Concerns, Recent Trends
3. Decline and Resurgence of Political Theory: Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism

Unit: 2

4. Sovereignty--Emerging Concept
5. Theory of Democracy-- Contemporary Conceptual Developments
6. Social Justice and Welfare Rights Theory

Unit: 3

7. Neo-Marxism and Critical Theory;
8. Rational Choice Theory

Unit: 4

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9. Post-Modernism
10. Feminism

Unit 5

11. Environmentalism
12. Civil Society and New Social Movement

**Paper III:**

Paper 3 (Group A): Western Political Theory

**Unit 1**

1. Plato-- Ideal State, Justice, Education, Communism
2. Aristotle-- State, Revolution, Citizenship, Property and Slavery

Unit 2

3. Machiavelli-- State and Government, Ideas on Politics, Morality and Religion
4. Hobbes-- Social Contract, Sovereignty
5. Rousseau-- Social Contract, General Will

**Unit 3**

6. Hegel-- Dialectical Method, State
7. Marx-- Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Class Struggle
8. Gramsci

Unit 4

9. Michael Oakeshott
10. John Rawls

Unit 5

11. Robert Nozick
12. Jurgen Habermas

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### Paper 3 (Group B): Indian Political Thought

#### Unit 1: Ancient Indian Political Thought

1. Overview: Genesis and Development
2. Kautilya's *Arthashastra*: Elements of State (Saptang), Inter-state relations, Mandala Theory
3. Political Ideas in the Shanti Parva ( Raj Dharma)

#### Unit 2

4. Indian Renaissance: Ram Mohan Roy and Vivekanand
5. Indian Liberalism: Dadabhai Naoroji and G K Gokhale

#### Unit 3

6. B G Tilak-- Militant Nationalism
7. Sir Sayyaid Ahmed Khan
8. Savarkar-- Hindu Nationalism

#### Unit 4

9. M K Gandhi

#### Unit 5

10. B R Ambedkar
11. J P Narayan and Ram Manohar Lohia

### Paper 3 Group C: Public Administration

#### Unit 1

1. Wilson's Seminal Ideas
2. Growth of Public Administration as a Discipline and its present status
3. Relationship among State, Society and Public Administration

#### Unit 2

##### Administrative Thinkers

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4. Henri Fayol, Gullick and Urwick
5. F W Taylor
6. Max Weber
7. M P Follet, Elton Mayo

### Unit 3

#### Administrative Thinkers

8. C I Barnard
9. Herbert Simon
10. D H McGregor, Abraham Maslow, Herzberg, Chris Agyris
11. Fred Riggs

### Unit 4 Indian Administration

12. Administrative legacies at the time of Independence-- Civil Services, District and Revenue Administration
13. Organisation of Government at Central Level-- Organisation of Secretariat, Ministries and Departments, Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office

### Unit 5

14. Organisation of Government at State Level with special reference to Bihar-- Secretariat; Role of Chief Secretary; Organisation of Ministries, Departments and Directorates

## Paper 3 Group D: International Relations

### Unit 1

1. Theories to the study of International Relations-- Idealist, Realist, Game, Communication and Decision Making
2. Cold War and End of Cold War
3. Nature of World Order in Post- Cold Era

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## Unit 2

4. Globalization and its implications
5. Environment and Ecological Problems
6. Human Rights

## Unit 3

7. Determinants and Compulsions of India's Foreign Policy
8. India's Nuclear Policy
9. India's relations with its neighbours

## Unit 4

10. India's relations with USA
11. India and regional organisations-- SAARC, BRICS, IBSA, SCC

## Unit 5

12. Distinguishing features of India's role in international affairs and diplomacy

## Paper 3 Group E: Comparative Politics

### Unit 1

1. Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.
2. Constitutionalism: Concepts, Problems and Limitations
3. Forms of Government: Unitary--Federal, Parliamentary--Presidential

### Unit 2

4. Political Development and Political Modernization

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5. Political Culture, Political Socialisation, and Political Communication

6. Political Elite and Elitist theory of democracy

Unit 3

7. State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.

Unit 4

8. Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.

9. Power, Authority and Legitimacy

Unit 5

10. Theories of Social Change

11. Theories and Types of Revolution

12. Dependency Theory--Development and Underdevelopment

**Paper III (F) Indian Government and Politics**

**Unit: 1**

1. Constituent Assembly: Background, Composition, Working
2. Ideological Contents: Preamble, Fundamental Rights & Duties, Directive Principles
3. Federalism: Working, Recent trends and Demands for State Autonomy

Unit 2

4. Union Legislature and Executive--Structure, Working and Recent Trends
5. State Legislature and Executive-- Structure, Working and Recent Trends
6. Judiciary--Independence, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism

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### Unit 3

7. Political Parties and the Party System

8. Coalition Politics

### Unit 4

9. Electoral Politics and Voting Behaviour; Electoral Reforms

10. Implication of Globalisation for Indian politics

### Unit 5

11. Discourse on Secularism

12. Dalit Politics, Backward Caste Politics and Gender Debate in Indian Politics

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