



Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

Model Syllabus for 4-Year UG Honours in B.A. (Political Science) as Major

(In consonance with the Curriculum Framework w.e.f. AY 2026-27)

Course Structure – Year II (Semester III)

Year	Semester	Course No.	Title of the Course	Hours/Week	Credits
II	III	5	Western Political Thought	4	4
		6	Ancient & Medieval Indian Political Thought	4	4
		7	Indian Government	4	4

Semester-wise Credit Summary

Semester	No. of Courses	Total Hours/Week	Total Credits
Semester III	3	12	12

SEMESTER-III

COURSE 6: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit -I: Basis of Ancient Indian Political Thought

1. Sources of Ancient Indian Political Thought (Vedas, Upanishads)
2. Ramayana and Maha Bharata- Political Perspective
3. Features of Ancient Indian Political Thought

Unit -II: Early Political Thought

1. Contributions of Brihaspati, Sukra and Yajnavalkya on Political Ethics
2. Manu Smriti - Elements of State - Duties of the King – Manu Dharma – Varna System

Unit -III: Later Political Thought

1. Jainism – Decentralised Governance – Social Equality – Ethics and leadership
2. Buddhism – Democracy – Dhamma – Ethical Conduct – Social Justice

Unit -IV: Kautilya

1. Kautilya's Arthashastra - King & Kingship, Saptanga Theory
2. Foreign Policy– Raja Mandal Theory – Spy System
3. Shadgunya Theory
4. Relevance to the Contemporary Political System

Unit V: Medieval Political Thought

1. Basaveswara – Egalitarian Society- Administration
2. State Craft in Vijayanagara Empire
3. Panchatantra- lessons on Political Strategies

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Model Question Paper

Time : 3hrs

Marks:75

Part-A

Answer any Five Questions. Each Question carries 3 Marks.

5x3=15

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
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- 9.
- 10.

Answer the following questions. Each question carries 12 Marks

5x12=60

11. a) Unit-I
(Or)
b) Unit-I

12. a) Unit-II
(Or)
b) Unit-II

13. a) Unit-III
(Or)
b) Unit-III

14. a) Unit-IV
(Or)
b) Unit-IV

15. a) Unit-V
(Or)
b) Unit-V