

**Sri Venkateswara University**  
(w. e. f. Academic Year 2023–24) **Minor**  
Program: **Political Science**  
**I Year B. A. (Hons) - Semester – II**

**Paper I: Fundamentals of Political Science**

**Learning Objective:** The student will be able to understand the nature, various approaches, knowledge of the state and its origin and evolution of the modern state in Political Science.

**Learning Outcomes:** On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Learn nature, importance, and relationship with other social sciences.
- Understand the traditional and modern approaches.
- Know the origin and evolution of the state.
- Comprehend the development of social contract theory.
- Understand the birth of modern state.

**Unit–I: Introduction:**

1. Definition Nature of Political Science
2. Scope and Importance of Political Science
3. Relations with allied disciplines: History and Economics
4. Relations with allied disciplines: Philosophy and Sociology

**Unit–II: Approaches:**

1. Approaches to the study of Political Science:
2. Traditional Approaches: Philosophical, Historical.
3. Modern Approaches: Behavioral and Post-Behavioural
4. Modern Approaches: Systems Approach and Structural-Functional Approach.

**Unit–III: State:**

1. Definition of the State, Nature of the State.
2. Elements of the State
3. Theories of origin of the State: Divine origin
4. Theories of origin of the State: Force and Evolutionary

**Unit– IV: Theories of Social Contract:**

1. Social Contract Theory: Origin of the theory
2. Social Contract Theory: Thomas Hobbes
3. Social Contract Theory: John Locke
4. Social Contract Theory: Jean Jacques Rousseau

**Unit–V: Modern State and Welfare State:**

1. Concept of Modern State: Meaning and origin
2. Nature of Modern State
3. Concept of Welfare State: Meaning and origin
4. Nature of Welfare State.

**Unit-wise proposed activities & evaluation:**

1. **Assignments:** A two- minute presentation on the topic.
2. **Discussion:** Team evaluation by the faculty.
3. **Quiz Program:** Based on the scores.
4. **Classroom Seminar:** Faculty evaluation.
5. **Open forum:** A PPT presentation.

**References:**

1. Political ideologies- An Introduction: Andrew Heywood
2. Principles of Political Science: A.C. Kapoor
3. Contemporary Political Theory: J.C. Johari
4. An Introduction to Political Theory: O.P. Gauba
5. Political Theory: Eddy Ashirvadam & K.K. Misra.

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