

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY, TIRUPATI
POLITICAL SCIENCE
II YEAR - III SEMESTER
PAPER 5 - POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
(Under CBCS New Regulations w.e.f. The academic year 2023-24)

Learning Objectives: The student will have a vivid picture of various political institutions like legislature, executive, judiciary, forms of government, democratic system, and pressure groups.

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

Understand the organs of the government. Learn the theory of separation of powers.

Comprehend the forms of government.

Know the rights and its theories.

Acquaint with political ideologies.

Unit-1: Organs of Government:

1. Legislature: Structure - Powers and Functions-Causes for declining importance.
2. Executive: Types, Powers, and Functions-causes for ascending the importance.
3. Judiciary: Powers and Functions - Integrated judicial system and Dual judicial system.

Unit-II: Separation of Powers:

1. Theory of Separation of Powers: Meaning, Nature, Montesquieu's doctrine of separation of powers.
2. Theory of Separation of Powers - Advantages & Disadvantages - Case study of USA, UK & India

Unit-III: Forms of Government:

1. Unitary form of Governments: Features, Merits and Demerits
2. Federal form of Government: Features, Merits and Demerits
3. Parliamentary form of Government: Features, Merits and Demerits
4. Presidential form of Government: Features, Merits and Demerits

Unit-IV: Democracy:

1. Democracy: Meaning, Definition, Significance, Principles of Democracy,
2. Types of Democracy-Direct democracy - devices & Representative democracy.

3. Conditions for the success of democracy

Unit-V: Political Parties, Pressure Groups and Public Opinion:

1. Political Parties: Meaning, Definition, Functions of Political Parties.

3. Pressure Groups: Meaning, Definition, Types and Significance

4. Public Opinion: Meaning, Definition, and Significance

Unit-wise proposed activities & evaluation:

Celebrations on International Day of Democracy

1. Quiz Program: Marks scored by teams.

2. Debate: Faculty evaluation.

3. Essay writing: Based on understanding and scores.

4. Classroom Seminar: Peer evaluation.

5. Study Project: Faculty evaluation.

References:

1. Modern Political Theory: S.P.Varma

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: R.C.Agarwal


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FOUR YEAR DEGREE EXAMINATION (Honours) -CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

III SEMESTER – POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 75

I. Answer any FIVE questions:

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1. Structure of the legislature
2. Integrated and Dual judicial system
3. The theory of separation of powers in USA and UK
4. The theory of separation powers impact on Indian constitution
5. Differences between Unitary and Federal governments
6. Merits of Parliamentary government
7. Democracy and its significance
8. Representative democracy
9. Political parties
10. Public opinion and its significance in democracy.

II. Answer any FIVE questions

5 x10 = 50 M

11. Elucidate the powers and functions of the legislature.
12. Explain the types of Executive.
13. Discuss Montesquieu's theory of separation of powers.
14. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the theory of separation of powers.
15. Analyse the merits of the federal government.
16. Describe the features of the Presidential government.
17. Critically examine the principles of democracy.
18. Explain the essential conditions for the success of democracy.
19. Discuss the functions of political parties.
20. Explain the types of pressure groups.


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PAPER 6 – INDIAN CONSTITUTION
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Learning Objectives: The student will understand the intricacies of the Constitution, its evolution, development and insights of features of the Indian Constitution with due stress on fundamental rights, duties, and directive principles of state policy.

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

Know the origin and evolution of the Constitution.

Understanding of Constitutional Development of India. Comprehend the features of the Indian Constitution.

Identify the rights and duties.

Understanding the notion of theory of basic structure.

Unit-1: Constitution:

1. Constitution: Meaning, Definition, Origin and Evolution of the Constitution
2. Classification of the Constitutions: Written and Unwritten; Rigid and Flexible

Unit - II: Ideological Base of the Indian Constitution:

1. Constitutional Development in India during the British Rule
2. Minto-Morley Reforms, 1909
3. Montague-Chelmsford Reforms, 1919
4. Government of India Act, 1935

Unit-III: Features of Indian Constitution:

1. Constituent Assembly: Nature, Composition
2. Sources of Indian Constitution
3. Indian Constitution: Preamble
4. Indian Constitution: Salient Features

Unit-IV: Rights & Duties:

1. Fundamental Rights and limitations on it
2. Directive Principles of State Policy and its implementation
3. Fundamental Duties

Unit-V: Theory of Basic Structure:

1. Judicial Interpretations: Golaknath Case, 1967
2. Doctrine of Basic Structure of the Constitution: Origin & Growth
3. Judicial Interpretations: Kesavananda Bharati Case, 1973
4. Judicial Interpretations: Minerva Mills Case, 1980

Unit-wise proposed activities & evaluation: Celebrations on Indian Constitutional Day.

1. Assignment: Marks obtained.
2. Discussion: Faculty evaluation.
3. Essay writing: Based on understanding and scores.
4. Classroom Seminar: Peer evaluation.
5. Debate: Evaluation by faculty.

References:

1. An Introduction to the Constitution of India: D. D. Basu
2. Constitutional Government in India: M. V. Pylee
3. Politics in India: Rajani Kothari
4. Indian Government and Politics: B.L. Fadia
5. Concise Encyclopedia of Indian Constitution: Subhash Kashyap


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Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 75

I. Answer any FIVE questions:

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1. What is the Constitution? Define it.
- 2.. Differences between Rigid and Flexible constitution.
3. Critically examine Minto-Morley reforms 1909
4. Indian councils Acts during the British rule in India
5. Constituent Assembly - composition
6. What are the sources of the Indian Constitution?
7. Discuss the limitations on fundamental rights.
8. Fundamental duties in Indian Constitution.
9. Golaknath case, 1967
10. Judicial interpretations-Minerva Mills case, 1967.

II. Answer any FIVE questions

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11. Elucidate the origin and evolution of the constitution.
12. Figure out the merits of written and unwritten constitutions.
13. Elucidate the salient features of Government of India Act, 1935.
14. Examine the Government of India Act 1919.
15. Describe the importance of the Preamble of Indian constitution.
16. Explain the salient features of the Indian constitution
17. Explain the fundamental rights and its importance to a citizen.
18. Critically examine the directive principles of state policy.
19. What is the doctrine of basic structure of the constitution? Explain its origin and growth.
20. “Kesavananda Bharati Case, 1973” judgment is the iron shield to the Indian Constitution”-Justify


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PAPER 7 – INDIAN GOVERNMENT
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Learning Objectives: The student gets a glimpse of the nominal and real executive, legislatures of the Union and the States, and the judiciary system.

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

- ❖ Know the President and Parliament of India.
- ❖ Understand the Prime Minister & Council of Ministers.
- ❖ Assess the Governor and his role in state government and politics.
- ❖ Reflect the role of Chief Minister and Council of Ministers.
- ❖ Judge the role of Judiciary.

Unit-1:President & Parliament:

1. President of India: Election method & Impeachment
2. President of India: Powers and Functions
3. Parliament: Composition of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
4. Parliament: Powers and Functions

Unit-II: Prime Minister & Council of Ministers:

1. Prime Minister: Appointment, Powers and Functions
2. Prime Minister: Role in Coalition politics
3. Council of Ministers: Powers and Functions
4. Parliamentary Committees: Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee

Unit-III: State Executive:

1. Governor: Appointment, Powers and Functions.
2. Governor: Role in State Government and Politics
3. Legislature: Composition - Legislative Council & Legislative Assembly

4. Legislature: Powers and Functions

Unit-IV: State Executive:

1. Chief Minister: Appointment, Powers and Functions
2. Council of Ministers: Powers and Functions
3. Standing committees - Committee on Estimates, Committee on Public Accounts, Committee on Public Undertakings; Business Advisory Committee

Unit-V: Judiciary:

1. Supreme Court-Composition, Appointments, Powers, and Functions
2. Judicial Review, Judicial Activism, Public Interest Litigation (PIL)
3. National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)

Unit-wise proposed activities & evaluation: Role Play on Mock Parliament

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

References:

1. An Introduction to the Constitution of India: D. D. Basu
2. Government and Politics of India: Morris Jones
3. Indian Polity: Laxmikanth
4. Indian Government and Politics: B.L. Fadia
5. Concise Encyclopedia of Indian Constitution: Subhash Kashyap


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1. President of India - Election method
2. Parliament of India - Powers and functions
3. Prime Minister role in coalition politics
4. Write a short note on powers and functions of the council of ministers.
5. Role of Governor in state politics.
6. Explain the Composition of Legislative council in a state.
7. State executive - Council of Ministers
8. Business Advisory Committee
9. Supreme Court - composition and its evolution
10. Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

II. Answer any FIVE questions

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11. Elucidate the powers and functions of the President of India.
12. Explain the composition of the parliament of India.
13. Write an essay on powers and functions of the Prime Minister of India.
14. Critically evaluate the role of the Public Accounts Committee in bringing accountability in financial administration.
15. Discuss the powers and functions of the governor of a state.
16. Describe the powers and functions of the state legislature.
17. "Chief Minister is the architect of the State executive"-Comment.
18. Explain the standing committees of the state legislature.
19. Powers and functions of the Supreme Court.
20. Write a note on the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)..


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PAPER 8 – INDIAN FEDERAL SYSTEM
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Learning Objectives: The student will get awareness on Union - State relations, federal process, electoral system, constitutional development in the local governments with 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts.

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

Know the importance of Centre - State Relations.

Learn the Indian federal process.

Assess the electoral process in India.

Estimate the Panchayat Raj System.

Understand 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts.

Unit-I: Centre - State Relations:

1. Features of Indian Federal System-Federal features and Unitary features
2. Centre-State Relations: Legislative, Administrative and Financial

Unit-II: Federal Processes:

1. Emerging Trends in Centre-State Relations-Cooperative and Competitive federalism
2. Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission
3. Recommendations of M.M.Punchhi Commission
4. Role of Governor in Centre-State relations

Unit-III: Electoral Processes:

1. Election Commission of India: Composition, Powers and Functions
2. Need of Electoral Reforms
3. Determinants of Voting Behaviour
4. Problems of Defections: Anti-Defection Law

Unit-IV: Panchayati Raj System:

1. Democratic Decentralization-Evolution of Panchayati Raj System
2. Recommendations: Balwant Rai Mehta Committee, Ashok Mehta Committee
3. Rural Governments: Structure, Powers, and Functions
4. Urban Governments: Structure, Powers, and Functions.

Unit-V: Constitutional Amendment Act: 73rd & 74th :

1. LM Singhvi Committee
2. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act-Salient features
3. 74th Constitutional Amendment Act-Salient features
4. Challenges and Prospects

Unit-wise proposed activities & evaluation: Celebrations on Panchayati Raj Day. Collection of Election statistics.

1. Assignment: Marks obtained.
2. Discussion: Faculty evaluation.
3. Essay writing: Based on understanding and scores.
4. Classroom Seminar: Peer evaluation.
5. Debate: Evaluation by faculty.

References:

1. An Introduction to the Constitution of India: D. D. Basu
2. Democratic Political Process: M.R. Biju
3. Indian Polity: Laxmikanth
4. Democratic Decentralisation and Grassroot Leadership in India: Subharata Dutta
5. Panchayati Raj System and Development Planning: Hari Prasad Chhetri.


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Max Marks: 75

I. Answer any FIVE questions:

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1. Federal features of the Indian constitution.
2. Discuss the administrative relations between Union and State governments.
3. Cooperative and Competitive federalism
4. M.M.Punchhi Commission.
5. Anti-defection law
6. Need of electoral reforms in India.
7. Urban governments - structure
8. Ashok Mehta Committee recommendations.
9. LM Singhvi committee recommendations
10. What are the challenges facing local governments in their functioning?

II. Answer any FIVE questions

5 x10 = 50 M

11. "The Indian political system is Federal in structure, Unitary in spirit"- Justify
12. Discuss the legislative relations between union government and state governments.
13. Examine recommendations of the R.S. Sarkaria commission on centre-state relations.
14. Describe the role of governor in centre-state relations.
15. Elucidate the powers and functions of the Election Commission of India (ECI).
16. Discuss the determinants of voting behaviour in India.
17. Explain the structure of rural local governments in India.
18. Recommendations of Balwant Rai Mehta committee report on panchayat raj system.
19. Discuss the salient features of 73rd constitutional amendment act.
20. Discuss the features of the 74th constitutional amendment act.


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