

**MAHARAJA SRISCHANDRA COLLEGE**

**ACADEMIC CALENDER 2016-17**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE  
(HONOURS)**

# **Syllabus for Three-Year B.A. (Honours) Course in**

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Part I**

**F.M. 200**

**PAPER I: POLITICAL THEORY:  
200 Lectures**

**100-Marks**

### **Unit I- 50 Lectures-Prof. D.K.**

1. What is Politics – Approaches to the study of Politics: Normative, Behavioural and Post-behavioural. Feminist views to Politics.
2. Theories of the State (a) Origin: Social Contract Theory; (b) Nature: Idealist, Liberal and Neo-liberal theories.
3. Concept of State Sovereignty: Monistic and Pluralistic theories – Changing concepts of Sovereignty in the context of Globalization.

### **Unit II- 50 Lectures-Prof. D.K.**

1. Democratic Theories: David Held's Classification: Protective (Bentham), Developmental (J.S. Mill), Participatory.
2. Liberty, Equality, Rights and Law: concepts and their interrelations – Justice: concept – theory of Rawls.
3. Empirical political theories: Systems Analysis, Structural-Functionalism.

### **Unit III-50 Lectures-Prof. P.B.M.**

1. Marxist approach to the study of Politics.
2. Dialectical Materialism and Historical Materialism with special reference to relationship between base and superstructure – Concepts of Class and Class Struggle.
3. Marxist theory of the State – the question of relative autonomy.

### **Unit IV- 50 Lectures-Prof.D.K.**

1. Marxist Concepts of Freedom and Democracy.
2. Marxian theory of Revolution: contributions of Lenin and Mao.
3. Marxian theory of the Party: Lenin's contribution – Lenin – Rosa Luxemburg Debate on Party.

**PAPER II: COMPARATIVE POLITICS & GOVERNMENT**

**100 Marks**

**200 Lectures**

**Unit I- 50 Lectures-Prof. P.B.M**

1. Distinction between Comparative Politics and Comparative Government – Development of Comparative Politics.
2. Scope, purposes and methods of comparison – Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics.
3. Federal systems: federalism in USA and Russia

**Unit II- 50 Lectures- Prof. P.B.M**

1. Nature of liberal and socialist political systems – their distinguishing features, with special reference to conventions, rule of law, parliamentary sovereignty (UK), separation of powers, checks and balances, judicial review (USA), ideology, democratic centralism (PRC), referendum, initiative (Switzerland).
2. Political Parties: features and role of party system/parties in UK, USA and PRC. Interest groups: their roles and performance in UK and USA

**Unit III-50 Lectures-Prof. R.L**

1. Legislature in UK and PRC: composition and functions of the legislative chambers – the NPC in PRC – role of second chambers in UK and USA – Committee system in UK and USA – role of speakers in parliamentary and presidential systems (UK and USA).
2. Executive in UK, USA, France and Russia: A comparative study of (i) Russian, French and American Presidency; (ii) British and French cabinet systems.

**Unit IV-50 Lectures- Prof. R.L**

1. Relation between executive and legislature in UK, USA and PRC: A comparative study.
2. Judiciary in UK, USA and PRC (with special reference to the procuratorate): A comparative study.
3. Rights of the citizens of UK, USA and PRC: A comparative study – Duties of the citizens of PRC.

\*Schedule for Class Tests (tentative)

1. Class Test 1 for Paper I &II to be held in September.
2. Class Test 2 for Paper I &II to be held in November.
3. Class Test 3 for Paper I &II to be held in February.

**PAPER – III: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN INDIA**

**100 Marks**

**200 Lectures**

**Unit I-50 Lectures- Prof. D.K.**

1. Framing of the Indian Constitution: Role of the Constituent Assembly – the Preamble.
2. Fundamental Rights and Duties – Directive Principles.
3. Nature of Indian Federalism: Union-State Relations.
4. Union Executive: President, Vice-President: election, position, functions (with reference to Emergency Powers), Prime Minister, Council of Ministers, relationship of Prime Minister and President.

**Unit II- 50 Lectures- Prof. D.K.**

1. Union Legislature: Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha: Organisation, Functions – Lawmaking procedure, Privileges, Committee system – Speaker.
2. Government in the states: Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers: position and functions – State Legislature: composition and functions.
3. The Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Courts: composition and functions – Judicial activism.
4. Constitutional amendment: Procedure – main recommendations of the Constitutional Review Commission (Venkatachalliah Commission).

**Unit III- 50 Lectures- Prof. R.L.**

1. Party system: features and trends – major national political parties in India: ideologies and programmes – coalition politics in India: nature and trends – political parties in West Bengal: An overview.
2. Electoral process: Election Commission: composition, functions, role.
3. Role of business, working class, peasants in Indian politics.

**Unit IV- 50 Lectures- Prof. R.L.**

1. Role of (a) religion (b) language (c) caste (d) tribe and (e) regionalism in Indian politics.
2. New Social Movements since the 1970s: (a) environmental movements, (b) women's movements, (c) human rights movements.

## **PAPER IV: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**100 Marks**

**200 Lectures**

### **Unit I- 50 Lectures- Prof. R.L.**

1. International Relations: a brief outline of its evolution as an academic discipline.
2. Some representative theories of International Relations: (a) Realism (b) Pluralism (c) World Systems theory.
3. Emergent issues in International Relations: (a) Development (b) Regionalism and Integration (c) Terrorism

### **Unit II- 50 Lectures- Prof. R.L.**

1. Some basic concepts in International Relations: (a) Balance of Power (b) Bipolarity and Unipolarity (c) Neo-colonialism (d) Globalization.
2. Foreign Policy: concept and techniques: diplomacy, propaganda, military

### **Unit III-50 Lectures- Prof. P.B.M.**

1. Cold war and its evolution: an outline – understanding the post-cold war world: an overview.
2. Europe in transition: (a) European Union (b) Ethnicity and nationalism in Eastern Europe since 1990s.
3. Problems of developing countries: NAM – contemporary relevance, Regionalism: ASEAN, AU (African Union), OPEC, SAFTA and SAARC – West Asia and the Palestine question after the cold war.

### **Unit IV-50 Lectures-Prof. P.B.M.**

1. Indian Foreign Policy: basic principles and evolution.
2. Foreign policies of USA and China: Evolution and basic issues after the cold war.
3. UNO: Background; Organs with special reference to Security Council, General Assembly and Secretariat – role of the UNO in peace-keeping and human rights.

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1. Class Test 1 for Paper III &IV to be held in September.
2. Class Test 2 for Paper III &IV to be held in December.
3. Class Test 3 for Paper III &IV to be held in January.

**Part – III**

**F.M. 400**

**PAPER – V: WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

**100 Marks**

**70 Lectures**

**Unit I- 20 Lectures- Prof. D.K.**

1. Greek political thought: main features – Plato: justice, communism – Aristotle: state, classifications of constitutions.
2. Roman political thought: theories of Law and Citizenship – contributions of Roman thought.
3. Medieval Political Thought in Europe: Main features.

**Unit II- 15 Lectures- Prof. D.K.**

1. Medieval political thought in Europe: main features.
2. Political thought of Reformation.
3. Bodin: contributions to the theory of Sovereignty.

**Unit III- 20 Lectures-Prof. D.K.**

1. Hobbes: founder of the science of materialist politics.
2. Locke: founder of Liberalism: views on natural rights, property and consent.
3. Rousseau's views on Freedom and Democracy.
4. Bentham: Utilitarianism.

**Unit IV- 15 Lectures-Prof. R.L.**

1. John Stuart Mill's views on liberty and representative government.
2. Hegel: Civil Society and State.
3. Utopian and Scientific socialism: basic characteristics – Anarchism: an outline.
4. Varieties of non-Marxist socialism: Fabianism, Syndicalism, Guild Socialism, German Revisionism.

**PAPER VI: INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND MOVEMENT      100 Marks**  
**70 Lectures**

**Unit I- 20 Lectures- Prof.D.K**

1. Features of ancient Indian political ideas: an overview – Kautilya: Saptanga theory, Dandaniti, Diplomacy.
2. Medieval political thought in India: legitimacy of kingship – duties and responsibilities of a Muslim ruler.
3. Modern Indian thought: Rammohan Roy as pioneer of Indian liberalism – his views on Rule of Law, Freedom of thought and Social Justice.
4. Bankimchandra, Vivekananda and Rabindranath: views on nationalism.

**Unit II-50 Lectures-Prof.D.K**

1. Gandhi: State and Trusteeship.
2. M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism.
3. Narendra Deva: contributions to socialism.
4. Syed Ahmed Khan: views on colonial rule and modernization.

**Unit III-15 Lectures-Prof. D.K.**

1. Foundation of the Indian National Congress.
2. Bengal Partition and Swadeshi movement.
3. Khilafat and Non-Cooperation Movement – Civil Disobedience movement
4. Alternatives to Congress politics: (a) Subhas Chandra Bose and Forward Bloc (b) Congress Socialist Party (c) the Communists.

**Unit IV-20 Lectures-Prof. D.K**

1. Movements against caste system and untouchability – Ambedkar's views on Social Justice and Depressed Class.
2. Class and the nationalist movement under colonial rule: working class movement and peasant movement.
3. Roots of communal politics: Savarkar and Hindu nationalism, Jinnah and twonation theory.
4. August 1942 movement – the INA – Naval uprisings.

**PAPER VII: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**  
**70 Lectures**

**100 Marks**

**Unit I- 15 Lectures-Prof. R.L.**

1. Social bases of politics.
2. Process of State formation and nationalism in West Europe and third world.
3. Social stratification and politics: caste, class, elite.

**Unit II-15 Lectures-Prof. R.L.**

1. Gender and politics: basic issues.
2. Power, Authority and Legitimacy.
3. Religion, Society and Politics – religion in society: different views.

**Unit III-20 Lectures-Prof. R.L.**

1. Classification and types of political systems.
2. Political culture and Political socialization: nature, types and agencies.
3. Political participation: concept and types.
4. Groups in politics: Parties and Pressure groups.

**Unit IV-20 Lectures- Prof. R.L.**

1. Political communication: concept and features.
2. Electorate and electoral behaviour (with reference to India)
3. Military and politics: conditions and modes of intervention.
4. Political development and social change – role of tradition and modernity.



## **PAPER VIII: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**100 Marks**

**70 Lectures**

### **Unit I-20 Lectures-Prof. P.B.M.**

1. Nature, Scope and Evolution of Public Administration – Private and Public Administration – Principles of Socialist Management.
2. Challenges to the discipline of Public Administration and responses: New Public Administration, Comparative Public Administration and Development Administration (with special reference to India).
3. Major concepts of administration: (a) Hierarchy (b) Unity of command (c) Span of control (d) Authority (e) Centralization, Decentralization and Delegation (f) Line and Staff.
4. Bureaucracy: Views of Marx and Max Weber.

### **Unit II-15 Lectures-Prof. P.B.M**

1. Ecological approach to Public Administration: Riggsian Model.
2. Administrative Processes: (a) Decision making (b) Communication and Control (c) Leadership (d) Co-ordination.
3. Policy-making: Models of policy making – policies and implementation.

### **Unit III-20 Lectures-Prof. P.B.M.**

1. Continuity and change in Indian administration: a brief historical outline.
2. The Civil Service in India (Bureaucracy): recruitment (role of UPSC, SPSC), training.
3. Organization of the Union Government: Secretariat Administration: PMO, Cabinet Secretariat.
4. Organization of the State Government: Chief Secretary – relationship between Secretariat and Directorate.
5. District Administration: changing role of District Magistrate.

### **Unit IV-15 Lectures-Prof. P.B.M.**

1. Local Self Government: Corporations, Municipalities and Panchayats in West Bengal: structure and functions – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment: an overview.
2. Planning and plan administration: Planning Commission, National Development Council, District Planning.
3. Financial Administration: Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee – role of CAG.
4. Citizen and administration: functions of Lokpal Lokayukt.

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1. Class Test 1 for Paper V, VI, VII, VIII to be held in August.
2. Class Test 2 for Paper V, VI, VII, VIII to be held in November.

### **Question Pattern**

The present system should continue. Students will have to write (i) two short notes – each carrying 5 marks – out of four, and (ii) one broad question of 15 marks out of two from each Unit.

### **Number of Lectures**

There should be 64 classes per week for 8 honours papers, i.e. 8 classes a week for each paper.

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**PAPER I: POLITICAL THEORY (100 Marks)**

**100 Lectures**

1. Nature and scope of Political Science-Different approaches to Political Science: Normative, Behavioural and Marxist. (10 Lectures)-**Prof. P.B.M.**
2. Theories of State: (a) Contract Theory (b) Idealist Theory (c) Liberal, Neo-Liberal Theory (d) Marxist Theory (e) Gandhian Theory. (15 Lectures)-**Prof. R.L.**
3. Sovereignty of the State: Monistic and pluralistic theories- Doctrine of Popular Sovereignty. (10 Lectures)-**Prof. D.K.**
4. Some Representative Concepts: (a) Nationalism and Internationalism: Meaning and Features (b) Democracy: Meaning and Nature (c) Fascism: Meaning and Nature. (10 Lectures)-**Prof. R.L.**
5. Nature of Internationalism Relations as a branch of study- Liberal and Realist approaches to International Relations. (10 Lectures)-**Prof. P.B.M.**
6. Law; Meaning, sources, nature. International Law: Meaning, Nature. (10 Lectures)-**Prof. D.K.**
7. Rights, Liberty, Equality: Meaning and Nature- Relation between Liberty & Equality-Safeguards of Liberty-Right to Resistance. (10 Lectures)-**Prof. D.K.**
8. Marxism: Dialectical and Historical Materialism, Concept of Class and class-struggle- Theory of Revolution. Lenin's theory of Imperialism. (15 Lectures)-**Prof. P.B.M.**
9. Political Parties and Interest Groups: Their function and role in modern states- Methods of Representation: territorial, functional, proportional. (10 Lectures)-**Prof. R.L.**

**PAPER II: COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT (100 Marks)**

**80 Lectures**

1. Political System: Liberal democratic, Authoritarian, Socialist-forms of Political Systems: Unitary and Federal, Parliamentary and Presidential. (20 Lectures)-  
**Prof. P.B.M.**
2. U.K : (a) Basic features with special Reference to conventions and Rule of Law.  
(b) Legislature: Composition and Function with reference to the committee system and the office of the Speaker- the concept of parliamentary sovereignty.  
(c) Executive: Composition and functions of the Cabinet with special reference to the role of the Prime Minister- the concept of Cabinet Dictatorship.  
(d) The role of the Crown.  
(e) Party System- Role of the Opposition. (20 Lectures)-**Prof.P.B.M.**
3. U.S.A.: (a) Basic features (b) US Federalism (c) Bill of Rights (d) Legislature: composition and functions with reference to the Presiding Officers and Committee System. (e) The Executive: The President: election, powers and functions. The US Cabinet: composition and functions (f) Supreme Court: composition and functions (g) Party System. (20 Lectures)-**Prof.R.L.**
4. PRC (1982 Constitution) : (a) Significance of the Revolution (b) Basic features with special reference to General Principles (c) Communist Party: structure, functions, role (d)Rights and Duties of Citizens (e) The National Government:  
(i) The Executive; President, Premier, State Council.  
(ii) The Legislature: National People's Congress, Standing Committee.  
(iii) The Judiciary. (20 Lectures)-**Prof.D.K.**
5. Salient Features of the Constitution of France, Russia and Switzerland. (20 Lectures)-**Prof.R.L.**

**PAPER III: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN INDIA (100 Marks)**

**80 Lectures**

1. The Preamble. (5 Lectures)-**Prof. D.K.**
2. Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles, Fundamental Duties. (7 Lectures)-**Prof. D.K.**
3. Union-State Relations-Nature of Federalism. (5 Lectures)-**Prof. R.L.**
4. Union Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, The Council of Ministers. (7 Lectures)-**Prof. D.K.**
5. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha: Organisation, Function, Law Making Procedure, Privileges, Committee System, Speaker. (7 Lectures)-**Prof. D.K.**
6. Government in the States: Governor, Council of Ministers and the Chief Minister, State Legislature: Composition and Functions. (9 Lectures)-**Prof. P.B.M.**
7. The Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Courts: composition and Functions, Judicial Activism in India. (7 Lectures)-**Prof. P.B.M.**
8. Amendment Procedure. (5 Lectures)-**Prof. R.L.**
9. Party System in India: National Political Parties: Ideologies and Programmes-Regionalism: nature, roots, types. (7 Lectures)-**Prof. R.L.**
10. Election Commission: Composition and functions-The Electoral System in India.-**Prof. P.B.M.**
11. Major issues in Indian Politics: Caste, Tribe, Religion. (9 Lectures)- **Prof. P.B.M.**
12. Women's movement and political participation in post-independence India: An Overview. (5 Lectures)- **Prof. R.L.**

**PAPER IV: CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
ISSUES IN INDIA**

**(100 Marks)**

**Theoretical Issues (80 Marks)**

**100 Lectures**

1. Foreign Policy: Major determinants-Foreign Policy of India: basic characteristics. (15 Lectures)- **Prof. R.L.**
2. U.N.O- Purposes and Principles- Peace Keeping and the U.N.O-India's role. (15 Lectures)- **Prof. R.L.**
3. Organisation of the Government of India: Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat: Cabinet Secretary- Union Civil Service: Recruitment and Training- Union Public Service Commission: Composition and Functions. (15 Lectures)- **Prof. D.K.**
4. Human Rights: Basic concept-U.N. Declaration of Human Rights (1948)- India and Human Rights: rights available in India-State Human Rights Commission. (15 Lectures)- **Prof. P.B.M.**
5. Globalization: Its meaning and implications- Economic Reforms in India since 1991- An overview. (15 Lectures)- **Prof. P.B.M.**

**Application Oriented Issues**

**(20 Marks)**

6. Local Government: Concept, nature and types- Rural Government: Zilla Parishad: composition and functions- Role of Sabhadhipati and Sahasabhadhipati- Panchayat Samiti- Sthayee Samities of Zilla Parishad and Panchayat Samiti- Gram Panchayat; Composition, Functions-Gram Sabha and Gram Sansad, Composition, role, significance- Representation of Women in Rural Government. (8 Lectures)- **Prof. R.L.**
7. Urban Government- Municipal Corporation; Mayor-in-council: Composition and Functions- Role of Mayor and Deputy Mayor: Members of MIC in charge of respective Portfolios- Borough Committee and Ward Committee: composition and functions. Municipality: Chairman in Council: composition and functions- Role of Chairman- Members of CIC in charge of respective Portfolios- Borough Committee and Ward Committee- composition and functions-Representation of Women in Urban Government. (9 Lectures)- **Prof. P.B.M.**

8. Parliamentary Procedure (with special reference to W.B. Legislature)- Questions- types of questions-Adjournment motions, Cut motions- Calling Attention- No-Confidence motions, Mentions, Motions and Resolutions-Zero Hours. (8 Lectures)-  
**Prof. D.K.**