

(Political Science)
PITHAPUR RAJAH'S GOVT. COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) KAKINADA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
COURSE TITLE: ELECTORAL POLITICS AND VOTING BEHAVIOUR
(CORE Paper XV) SEMESTER - V 2025-26

Total Learning Hours: 75

Total Credits: 4

Course Outcomes: After Studying this course student shall be able to:

1. Acquaint student with the structure and manner of functioning of Election Commission of India.
2. Understand the political issues in Electoral Politics.
3. Provide an overview on voter turnout, voting behaviour in India.
4. Aware of the role of new media and technology in election campaign.
5. Develop an understanding of the required skills for data collection, research in election management.

UNIT – I:

Electoral Democracy - Electoral Politics in India- Pre and Post-Independence, Nature, Characteristics - Electoral Process: Nature and Significance.

UNIT – II:

Election Commission of India: Composition, Powers and Functions-Merits and Demerits of Electoral system in India-Political Participation-General Elections in India since 1952-Elections to Local Bodies-State Election Commission.

UNIT – III:

Issues in Electoral Politics: Corruption, Money power, rigging, booth capturing, undemocratic party system, politics of Political Defections and Reservations-Need of Reforms in present Electoral System- Reports of Tarkunde, Goswamy, Indrajeet Gupta Committees.

UNIT – IV:

Public Opinion: Meaning and its role in Democratic Politics-Voting Behaviour: Meaning, Nature and determinants of voting behaviour: Caste, Religion, Language, Region etc.

UNIT – V:

Management of Elections: Moral Code of Conduct, Filing Election Nominations and Affidavits Use of new techniques and methods in election campaigns: Membership drive, Responsibility Management, Booth Management, New ways of generating funds, Polling research, Opinion Polls, Predictions, Techniques of interpreting collected election data, use of print, electronic and social media in elections.

Books Recommended:

1. Basu, D.D, Introduction to Constitution of India, Nagpur, Lexis Nexis Butterworths, 2018.
2. P.R.Brass, The Politics of India since Independence, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1974.
3. C.P.Bhambhari, Politics in India since Independence, Delhi, Shipra Publications, 1990.
4. J.C.Aggarwal&N.K.Choudari, Election in India, Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 1998.
5. R.Ali, Representative Democracy and Concept of Free and Fair Elections, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, 2006.
6. D.Anand, Electoral Reforms-Curbing Role of Money Power, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, 2005.
7. A.Bajpai, Indian Electoral System-An Analytical Study, Nardeen Book Centre, New Delhi, 2002.
8. A.K.Bhagat, Elections and Electoral Reforms in India, Vikas Publications, New Delhi, 2006.
9. R.P.Bhalla, The Electoral System, Its Operation, and Implications for Democracy in India, Teaching Politics, New Delhi, 1989.
10. R.Hegde, Electoral Reforms-Lack of Political Will, Bangalore, Karnataka State Janata Party, 1987.
11. P.N.Sharma, Elections and National Politics, Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 2004.
12. Eldersveld, S.J, Experimental Propaganda Techniques and Voting Behaviour, The American Political Science Review, New York, 1986.
13. Eldersveld, S.J, Theory and Method in Voting Behaviour Research, The American Political Science Review, New York, 1992.
14. Jain, S, State Funding of Elections and Political Parties in India Journal of the Indian Law Institute, Allahabad, 1999.
15. Sridharan, E, Toward State Funding of Elections in India : A Comparative Perspective on Possible Options, The Journal of Policy Reforms, 3:3, pp.229-254.
16. Rosenblum, N, Political Parties as Membership Groups, Columbia Law Review, 100(3), pp.813-844.
17. Web resources suggested by the Teacher concerned and the College Librarian including reading material.

Online Resources:

1. <http://egyankosh.ac.in//handle/123456789/57892>
2. <http://hdl.handle.net/123456789/23668>
3. <https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/57904/1/BLOCK%202.pdf>

CO-PO Mapping:(1: Slight [Low]; 2: Moderate[Medium]; 3: Substantial[High], - : No relation)

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4
CO1	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1
CO2	3	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	1
CO3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	2
CO4	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	3

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PITHAPUR RAJAH'S GOVT. COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) KAKINADA
MODEL QUESTION PAPER
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Time: 2 Hours

Max Marks: 50

SECTION - I

I. Answer any THREE of the following questions. Must Attempt Atleast one question
From each part. Each question carries 10 marks

3x10= 30

MarksPART-A

1. Explain the nature and significance of electoral process in India ?
2. Explain the composition and functions of elections commission of India?
3. Write an essay on issue in Electoral Politics?

PART-B

4. Discuss the Election reforms in India?
5. Explain the meaning and determinants of voting behaviour ?
6. Write an essay on management of election in India?

SECTION - II

II. Answer any FOUR of the following questions. Each question carries
5 marks.

4x5 = 20 Marks

7. Electoral Democracy ?
8. Multi party system ?
9. Indrajeet Gupta committee ?
10. Public opinion ?
11. Methods in elections campaign ?
12. Impact of social media in India elections system?
13. Anti defection law ?

Blue Print for Semester End Exam Question Paper (Without Choice)

Sl. No:	Unit	No of Essays	No of Short Essays	Total Marks
1	I	2	1	25
2	II	1	2	20
3	III	1	1	15
4	IV	1	1	15
5	V	1	2	20
TOTAL		6	7	95