

(Political Science)
PITHAPUR RAJAH'S GOVT. COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) KAKINADA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
COURSE TITLE: FUNDAMENTALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
(CORE Paper III) SEMESTER - II 2025-26

Total Learning Hours: 75

Total Credits: 4

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

1. Understand the nature, importance, and relationship with other social sciences;
2. Understand the traditional and modern approaches ;
3. Comprehend the development of social contract theory; and
4. Know the origin and evolution of the state and the 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-Behaviouralism
4. Modern Approaches: System Approach and Structural - Functional

UNIT - III: State

1. Definition of the State, Nature
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: Theory 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

1. Concepts of Modern State: Meaning, Origin
2. Nature of Modern State
3. Welfare State: Origin
4. Nature of Welfare State

Books Recommended:

- 1 *Indian Political Parties*: Peter Ronald de Souja & E.Sreedharan (Ed.)
2. *Grammar of Politics*: Laski. H.J.
3. *Substance of Politics*: A. Appadorai
4. *Modern Political Theory*: S.P.Varma
5. *Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts*: Sushila Ramaswamy

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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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. Define Political Science and explain its scope
2. Explain the study of political science in Behavioral Approaches
3. Define state and Analyze the elements of state

PART-B

4. Critically examine the Thomas Hobbes Social Contract Theory?
5. Discuss the meaning and functions of welfare state?
6. Critically analyze in Rousseau's concept of General Will

SECTION - II

II. Answer any FOUR of the following questions. Each question carries
5 marks. 4x5 = 20 Marks

7. Explain importance of political science
8. Relation between Political science and Economics
9. Philosophical Approaches
10. Divine Origin Theory
11. System Approach
12. John Locke
13. Modern State

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

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