

**SYBA**  
**PAPER II- POLITICAL THEORY**  
**Semester-III**

**SEMESTER III- PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL THEORY**

**Module 1 - Introduction to Political Theory** [11 lectures]

- 1.1 Definition and Scope of Political Theory
- 1.2 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Traditional
- 1.3 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Contemporary

**Module 2 – State, Civil Society & Market** [12 Lectures]

- 2.1 State: Concept and Perspectives
- 2.2 Nation - State: Meaning and Changing Perceptions
- 2.3 State, Civil Society and Market

**Module 3 – Power, Authority and Legitimacy** [10 Lectures]

- 3.1 Power
- 3.2 Authority
- 3.3 Legitimacy

**Module 4 : Concept of Law and Political Obligation** [12 Lectures]

- 4.1 Concept of Law
- 4.2 Political Obligation
- 4.3 Right to Resist

## **SEMESTER IV- POLITICAL VALUES AND IDEOLOGIES**

### **Module1 – Rights**

**[ 10 Lectures ]**

- 1.1 Meaning and Nature of Rights
- 1.2 Theories of Rights
- 1.3 Classification of Rights

### **Module 2 – Basic Political Values**

**[12 Lectures]**

- 2.1 Liberty
- 2.2 Equality
- 2.3 Justice

### **Module 3 – Democracy**

**[11 Lectures]**

- 3.1 Theories of Democracy
- 3.2 Principles of Liberal Democracy
- 3.3 Conditions for the Successful Working of Democracy

### **Module 4 – Political Ideologies**

**[12 Lectures ]**

- 4.1 Marxism
- 4.2 Fascism
- 4.3 Feminism

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**Semester III- Principles and Concepts of Political Theory**

<b>Module 1 - Introduction to Political Theory</b>	<b>Explanatory Notes</b>
1.1 Definition and Scope of Political Theory	What is Politics? Theorising the 'Political' Definitions of Political Theory Nature and Scope of Political Theory Significance of Political Theory
1.2 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Traditional	Historical Normative Legal-Institutional
1.3 Approaches to the Study of Political Theory: Contemporary	Empirical Approach Behavioural Approach Post-behavioural Approach
<b>Module 2 – State, Civil Society &amp; Market</b>	
2.1 State: Concept and Perspectives	Theories of Origin of State: Divine Origin theory, Force Theory, Theory of Social Contract, Evolutionary Theory Perspectives of State: Liberal- Individualistic, Welfare
2.2 Nation - State: Meaning and Changing Perceptions	Concept of Nation- State Rise and Growth of Modern Nation- State Challenges to Sovereignty of Nation- States
2.3 State, Civil Society and Market	Concept of Civil Society Emergence of Civil Society Changing Nature of State ,Civil Society and Market
<b>Module 3 – Power, Authority and Legitimacy</b>	
3.1 Power	Concept, Sources and Forms of Power

3.2 Authority	Definitions, Sources and Types of Authority
3.3 Legitimacy	Meaning, Sources and Types of Legitimacy Weberian Classification
<b>Module 4 : Concept of Law and Political Obligation</b>	
4.1 Concept of Law	Meaning, Features and Sources
4.2 Political Obligation	Meaning and Grounds of Political Obligation
4.3 Right to Resist	Liberal and Radical Arguments (with reference to John Locke, T.H. Green and Harold J. Laski) Forms of Resistance Gandhian Techniques of Resistance to Authority

#### Semester IV- Political Values and Ideologies

<b>Module1 – Rights</b>	<b>Explanatory Notes</b>
1.1 Meaning and Nature of Rights	Definition and Meaning of Rights Positive and Negative concept of Rights
1.2 Theories of Rights	Theory of Natural Rights Historical Theory Legal Theory Idealist Theory
1.3 Classification of Rights	Civil, Political, Economic, Social, Cultural and Group Rights
<b>Module 2 – Basic Political Values</b>	
2.1 Liberty	Negative and Positive Concept of Liberty Types of Liberty Safeguards of Liberty
2.2 Equality	Development of the concept of Equality Dimensions of Equality (Civil, Legal,

	Political, Economic) Relation between Liberty and Equality
2.3 Justice	Meaning of Justice, Changing nature of the concept , Procedural and Distributive Justice
<b>Module 3 – Democracy</b>	
3.1 Theories of Democracy	Classical, Elitist, Pluralist, Participatory Democracy
3.2 Principles of Liberal Democracy	Salient features, Merits and Demerits
3.3 Conditions for the Successful Working of Democracy	Challenges to Democracy Safeguards of Democracy
<b>Module 4 – Political Ideologies</b>	
4.1 Marxism	Tenets of Marxism Critical Appraisal of Marxism
4.2 Fascism	Basic Tenets Critical Appraisal
4.3 Feminism	Origin and Types Three Waves of Feminism

