

**CLASS-XII  
POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**SYLLABUS**

**A. POLITICAL THEORIES**

**Part-I**

**Unit 1: Political System**

- Meaning, Characteristics
- Functions of Political system
- David Easton's input output model
- Difference between state and political system

**Part II**

**Unit 2: Major Contemporary Political Theories**

- Liberalism
- Marxism
- Political ideas of Mahatma Gandhi

**Part-III**

**Unit 3: (i) Bureaucracy (Civil Services)**

- Meaning and importance
- Recruitment, Role and Functions
- Distinction between Political Executive and Permanent Executive and their respective roles

**(ii) Public opinion**

- Role and importance of Public Opinion in a Democratic Polity.
- Agencies for the formulation and expression of Public Opinion

**Part-IV**

**Unit 4: (i) Party System**

- Political parties – their functions and importance
- Basis of formation of Political Parties
- Types of Party System
- The Role of Opposition

**(ii) Interest and Pressure Groups**

- Interest Groups and Pressure Groups – their nature types and functions
- Ways of functioning of pressure groups

## **B. INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM**

### **Part-V**

#### **Unit 1: (i) Indian Democracy**

- Parliamentary Model.
- Problems and challenges to Indian Democracy & future of Indian democracy

#### **(ii) Democracy at Grass root**

- Concept of Panchayati Raj
- Structure and Working of Panchayati Raj (73th Amendment)
- Panchayati Raj – Some problems
- Local Bodies in Urban Areas (74th Amendment)

### **Part-VI**

#### **Unit 2: (i) Party System in India**

- Nature of Party System in India
- Study of major 4 national political parties (INC, BJP, CPI, CPI -M) their programs and policies.
- Regional political parties in Punjab (SAD, AAP)
- Problems facing the Indian Party System

#### **(ii) Electoral System**

- Adult Franchise Direct and Indirect Elections and people's participation
- Voting behavior – meaning and determinants
- Election Commission and Election Procedure

### **Part-VII**

#### **Unit 3: (i) National Integration**

- Problems of National Integration
- Steps taken to promote National Integration

#### **(ii) Foreign Policy of India**

- Determinants of Foreign Policy
- Basic principles of Foreign Policy
- India and the United Nations, India and SAARC

### **Part-VIII**

#### **Unit 4: India and the World**

- India's relations with her Neighbours: Nepal, Sri Lanka, China, Bangladesh and Pakistan
- India's relation with U.S.A. and Russia
- India's approach to major world issues: Human Rights, Disarmament and Globalisation