

Syllabus of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Major-Minor 2022-23 Batch

COURSE-2.4 Political Science (Minor-I-Paper 2)

UNIT – I

Law- meaning and nature; sources of law; kinds of law; laws and morality; rule of law; Administrative law; Delegated Legislation; the concept of justice.

Rights-Meaning, nature, kinds, Relationship between rights and duties, Kinds of duties, Human rights in brief.

Liberty- Meaning, importance, kinds.

Equality- Meaning, importance, kinds

Relationship between Liberty and Equality.

Justice

UNIT – II

Legitimacy of Power- The Classical theory (Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau) - Modern approaches to the notion of political obligation (Max Weber, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim) - Theories of political legitimacy.

UNIT – III

The Problems of Civil Disobedience and Political Obligation, with particular reference to Gandhian and Neo-Gandhian thought, Thoreau, Martin Luther King (in brief)

UNIT – IV

Utilitarianism as an approach to Political Obligation – Jeremy Bentham and J.S.Mill (in brief)

Foundation of Promissory and Contractual liability.

Idealism – its philosophy, merits and limitations- Kant, Hegel, T.H.Green (in brief)

UNIT – V

The problem of Punishment - Use of force by State against the citizen - The basis of criminal sanction

Theories of punishment.

The contemporary crisis of legitimation.

Power vs Authority; authority and responsibility; legitimation.

Legitimation of power- classical thought 1) Hobbes, Locks and Rousseau.

2) Max Weber- theory of bureaucracy and authority. 3) Durkheim - Policy obligation.

Prescribed Books:

1. Rajni Kothari - Democratic Policy and Social Change in India, Crisis and Opportunities .
2. Karl Loewenstein - Political Power and the Governmental Process.
3. J. C. Johari - Contemporary Political Theory

Reference Books:

1. Flatman -Political Obligation.
2. Leiser Burton (Ch. 12, Civil Disobedience), Liberty, Justice and Morals.
3. D. Entrives- the Nation of the State (Pages 1-10 Introduction, Part I, Ch. 10, pp. 141-155, Legality and Legitimacy.)