

**Political Science-XII**  
**Session 2023-24**  
**SYLLABUS**

**PART-A**  
**POLITICAL THEORY**

**Unit I: Political System**

- (i) Meaning, Characteristics and functions.
- (ii) Difference between state and political system.
- (iii) Comparative Politics: Meaning and Nature.
- (iv) Modern concepts:
  - a) Political Culture: Meaning and Characteristics.
  - b) Political Socialisation: Meaning and Agents.

**Unit II: Some major contemporary Political Theories**

- (i) Liberalism
- (ii) Marxism
- (iii) Political ideas of Mahatama Gandhi

**Unit III: Bureaucracy (Civil Services)**

- (i) Meaning and importance
- (ii) Recruitment
- (iii) Role and functions
- (iv) Distinction between Political Executive and Permanent Executive and their respective roles

**Unit IV: Electorate**

- (i) Adult Suffrage
- (ii) Systems of Representation
- (iii) Direct and Indirect Elections

**Unit V: Public opinion**

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

**Unit VI: Party System**

- (i) Political parties – their functions and importance
- (ii) Basis of formation of Political Parties
- (iii) Types of Party System
- (iv) The Role of Opposition

**Unit VII: Interest and Pressure Groups**

- (i) Interest Groups and Pressure Groups – their nature types and functions
- (ii) Ways of functioning of pressure groups

**PART –B**  
**INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM**

**Unit VIII: Indian Democracy**

- (i) Parliamentary Model.
- (ii) Socio-Economic Factors Conditioning Indian Democracy
- (iii) Problems and challenges to Indian Democracy
  - a) Inequality, Social and Economic/poverty
  - b) Illiteracy
  - c) Regionalism
  - d) Communalism, Casteism, Separatism and Political Violence

### **Unit IX: Democracy at Grass root**

- (i) Concept of Panchayati Raj
- (ii) Structure and Working of Panchayati Raj
- (iii) Panchayati Raj – Some problems
- (iv) Local Bodies in Urban Areas

### **Unit X: Party System in India**

- (i) Nature of Party System in India
- (ii) Study of major national political parties – their programmes and policies
- (iii) Problems facing the Indian Party System

### **Unit XI: Electoral System**

- (i) Adult Franchise and people's participation
- (ii) Voting behaviour – meaning and determinants
- (iii) Election Commission and Election Procedure

### **Unit XII: National Integration**

- (i) Problems of National Integration
- (ii) Steps taken to promote National Integration

### **Unit XIII: Foreign Policy of India**

- (i) Determinants of Foreign Policy
- (ii) Basic principles of Foreign Policy
- (iii) India and the United Nations, India and SAARC

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

- (i) India's relations with her Neighbours : Nepal, Sri Lanka, China, Bangla Desh and Pakistan
- (ii) India's relation with U.S.A. and Russia
- (iii) India's approach to major world issues: Human Rights, Disarmament and Globalisation.