

B.A (POLITICAL SCIENCE)

Semester	Subject code	Subject
Sem-I	BA(Political Sc)-101	PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
Sem-III	BA(Political Sc)-301	INDIAN CONSTITUTION
Sem-V	BA(Political Sc)-501	COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEMS (UK & USA)

LESSON PLAN B.A(POLITICAL SCIENCE) SEMESTER-I

Topic	Notes/strategies/resources	Time
Political science : meaning, nature and scope	Politics: origin and meaning Politics vs. political science Political science: meaning and definitions Scope of traditional and modern political science and difference between them	1 week
Relation of political science with other social science	Political science and history (reciprocal contribution and main differences) Political science and economics (reciprocal contribution and main differences) Political science and sociology (reciprocal contribution and main differences) Political science and ethics (reciprocal contribution and main differences) Political science and psychology (reciprocal contribution and main differences)	3 days
The state	Origin and the original use of the term Definition of state Essential elements of the state Non essential elements of the state Special discussion on the term sovereignty	5 days

	<p>State vs society; and interface</p> <p>State vs government; and interface</p>	
<p>Theories of the origin of the state</p>	<p>Social contract theory of <i>thomas hobbes</i>: context; hobbesian state of nature; terms of the social contract; significance and criticism</p> <p>Social contract theory of <i>john locke</i>: context; hobbesian state of nature; terms of the social contract; significance and criticism</p> <p>Social contract theory of <i>rousseau</i> : context; hobbesian state of nature; terms of the social contract; significance and criticism</p> <p>Criticism of the social contract theory on legal, philosophical, historical and logical grounds</p> <p>Meaning and significance of general will as propounded by rousseau</p>	<p>15 days</p>
<p>Marxist theory of the origin of the state</p>	<p>Stages of development of the state</p> <p>Decline of gentile system and the rise of the state</p> <p>Main ideas of marxian theory</p> <p>Criticism of marxian theory</p> <p>Contributions of engels and lenin</p>	<p>1 week</p>
<p>Liberal , marxian and gandhian view of the state</p>	<p><i>Liberal view of the state</i></p> <p>Classical and modern liberalism</p> <p>Main ideas of the liberal view of the state</p>	<p>2 weeks</p>

	<p>Criticism</p> <p><i>Gandhian view of the state</i></p> <p>Gandhi's ideal state: features and criticism</p> <p>Historical and philosophical context of gandhi's ideas</p> <p>Marxian view of the state</p> <p>Forms of the state as defined by marx</p> <p>Nature of bourgeoisie state</p> <p>Nature of proletarian state</p> <p>Nature of socialist state and stateless society</p> <p>Nature of the state according to marx</p> <p>Criticism and significance of marxian view</p>	
<p>Welfare state</p>	<p>Concept, meaning and definition and the historical context</p> <p>Objectives, functions and criticism of welfare state</p> <p>Welfare(non essential) and essential functions of the state</p>	<p>4 days</p>
<p>soverienty</p>	<p>Origin of the word</p> <p>Two aspects: internal and external</p> <p>Meaning and definition</p> <p>Features of sovereignty</p> <p>Kinds of sovereignty: nominal(titular) and real, de-jure and defacto, legal and political, popular sovereignty</p> <p>Popular sovereignty</p>	<p>4 days</p>

	<p>Popular vs political sovereignty</p> <p>Theory of limited sovereignty: significance and criticism</p> <p>Austin's theory of sovereignty: analysis, features and criticism, significance</p>	
<p>Pluralistic theory of the state</p>	<p>Factors responsible for development</p> <p>Main ideas; significance and criticism</p>	<p>4 days</p>
<p>Electoralates and electoral systems</p>	<p>Basis of franchise: property, education, gender</p> <p>Arguments for and against women franchise</p> <p>Universal adult franchise: for and against</p> <p>Principles of representation: territorial and functional; relative merits and demerits</p> <p>Simple majority system; proportional representation system; list system</p> <p>Minority representation</p> <p>Communal representation</p> <p>Second ballot system</p> <p>Reservation of seats</p> <p>Nomination</p> <p>Direct and indirect methods of election: relative merits and demerits</p>	<p>4 days</p>

LESSON PLAN B.A (POLITICAL SCIENCE) SEMESTER-III

Topic	Notes/strategies/resources	Time
Constitution assembly	<p>Historical background, composition and organization of constituent assembly</p> <p>Method of arriving at consensus</p> <p>Reasons for successful functioning</p> <p>Features and defects of constitution assembly</p>	4 days
Basic features of the Indian constitution	<p>Salient features and other non-salient features</p> <p>Theory of basic structure</p> <p>Ninth schedule of the constitution and the theory of basic structure</p>	2 days
Preamble to the Indian constitution	<p>Text, objectives and ideals and interpretation of the preamble</p> <p>Significance and critique of the preamble</p> <p>Discussion as to the preamble is the part of the Indian constitution: the judicial interpretation</p> <p>Meaning of Indian being a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic</p>	3 days
Nature of Indian federalism	<p>Meaning and definition of federalism</p> <p>Federal features of Indian polity</p> <p>Unitary features of Indian federation</p> <p>Working of Indian federation</p> <p>Special provisions of some states</p> <p>Evaluation of Indian federation</p> <p>Demand for state autonomy and</p>	4 days

	sarkaria commission	
Center -state relations	<p>Legislative relations</p> <p>Power of union over state matters</p> <p>Administrative relations</p> <p>Financial relations</p> <p>Critical evaluation of center-state relations</p> <p>Areas of conflict and cooperation b/w center and states</p> <p>Main recommendations of sarkaria commission</p> <p>Interstate council</p>	5 days
Fundamental rights	<p>Right to equality</p> <p>Right to freedom</p> <p>Right to education</p> <p>Right against exploitation</p> <p>Right to freedom of religion</p> <p>Cultural and educational rights</p> <p>Right to constitutional remedies</p> <p>Discussion as to fundamental rights are absolute or not</p> <p>Nature of fundamental rights in India</p> <p>Guarantees provided in case of violation</p> <p>Critical analysis and significance of fr</p>	1 week
Fundamental duties	<p>Various duties enshrined in article 51-a</p> <p>Criticism and significance of duties</p> <p>Discussion as to whether these duties are justifiable or not</p>	3 days

	<p>Chapter 8: directive principles</p> <p>Purpose, ideological classification, significance and criticism, and evaluation</p> <p>Sanctions behind directive principles</p> <p>Fundamental rights vs directive principles</p> <p>Nature of fundamental rights in India</p> <p>Guarantees provided in case of violation</p> <p>Critical analysis and significance of fr</p>	
<p>Indian parliament</p>	<p>Role and functions</p> <p>Features</p> <p>The two houses: people and the states; manner of elections and working</p> <p>Power and functions of loksabha and rajya sabha</p> <p>Speaker of the loksabha: election, role and functions</p> <p>Leader of opposition</p> <p>Privileges of the members</p> <p>Lok sabha vis a vis rajya sabha</p> <p>Legislative procedure in indian parliament: chapter 10</p> <p>Kinds of bills</p> <p>Stages of passing a bill</p> <p>Money bill and the procedure of passing the bill</p> <p>Parliamentary practice and procedure</p> <p>The various motions in parliament</p>	<p>1 week</p>

Committee system in indian parliament	<p>Rules, types, powers and functions and procedure and composition</p> <p>Joint committees, financial committees and standing committees</p> <p>Critical appraisal and significance</p>	3 days
Office of the president	<p>Constitutional provisions, qualifications, method of election, criticism of the method</p> <p>Role, powers and function of president</p> <p>All the above details on the vice-president of india</p>	3 days
Legislative procedure in indian parliament	<p>Kinds of bills</p> <p>Stages of passing a bill</p> <p>Money bill and the procedure of passing the bill</p> <p>Parliamentary practice and procedure</p> <p>The various motions in parliament</p>	3 days

LESSON PLAN B.A (POLITICAL SCIENCE) SEMESTER-V

Topic/chapter	Notes/strategies/resources	Time
Comparative government and politics	Students will learn about meaning, nature and scope of comparative government and politics	1 week
Comparative method	Emergence, nature, operational aspect, scope and importance of comparative method	1 week
System approach	David easton's and almond and powell's models: features, evaluation and importance	1 week
Salient features of the british constitution:	Sources of british constitution and detailed discussion on salient features	2 days
British monarchy	Salient features King vs crown Powers and functions of crown King's position The british king does not rule but reigns: discussion	4 days
The british cabinet	Salient features Concept of ministerial responsibility Cabinet vs council of ministers Types of ministers Shadow cabinet and cabinet Powers and functions of cabinet and prime minister	4 days
British parliament	House of lords: composition,powers,functions House of commons: composition,powers,functions and method of election Commons vs lords Position, role, functions and election of speaker and deputy speaker Role and sovereignty of parliament	4 days
Legislative procedure and committee system in	The different stages and reading of the bills Types of bills	3 days

british parliament	Method of closing debates in parliament	
Party system in uk	Origin and growth Main features of party system Labour party Conservative party Liberal democratic party Liberal party	2 days
Pressure groups and interest groups in britain	Meaning and definition Salient features of pressure groups in uk Classification, methods, merits and demerits, evaluation of such groups	2 days
British judiciary	Features, working and evaluation Rule of law Recent trends Organisation	3 days
Unitary system in england	Meaning and definition Special case of britain and evaluation	2 days
American president	Election, role, functions and evaluation Criticism of the method of election Powers and checks on president Same discussion as to the vice president President vis a vis the congress and the supreme court American cabinet	3 days
The american congress	Salient features, role, powers and functions Importance and critical evaluation Principle of checks and balances House of representatives Senate Senate vis a vis house of representatives	4 days

	Speaker of the house of rep.	
Supreme court in usa	<p>Organisation of judiciary</p> <p>Supreme court: powers and functions</p> <p>Judicial review: scope, importance and significance</p> <p>Justification and utility of judicial review</p>	3 days
American federalism	<p>Nature and working</p> <p>Relations between federal government and states</p> <p>Discussion on the increase of the powers of the federal government</p>	2 days
The american congress	<p>Salient features, role, powers and functions</p> <p>Importance and critical evaluation</p> <p>Principle of checks and balances</p> <p>House of representatives</p> <p>Senate</p> <p>Senate vis a vis house of representatives</p> <p>Speaker of the house of rep</p>	3 days
American war of independance	<p>Stages of war causes and impacts of war</p> <p>American expansion into the west</p> <p>Case of lousiana, alaska and san francisco</p>	2 days