

B.A Political Science
II st Semester
Paper - II
Western Political Thought

Unit- I Greek Political Thought

- Greek Political Thought – Sophists
- Plato:- Concept of Justice , Ideal State , Education and Communism.
- Aristotle :- Forms of Governments, On revolution , Slavery , Best state

Unit- II : Medieval and Early Modern Thought

- Thomas Aquinas :- Theory of Laws, Christianized Aristotle
- Church – State Controversy
- Niccolo Machiavelli – Human Nature , StateCraft

Unit- III Social Contractualists

- Thomas Hobbes :- Individualism and Absolute (State) Sovereignty
- John Locke :- Natural Rights Limited Government
- J. J. Rousseau :- Romanticism, General will , Popular Sovereignty

Unit- IV : Utilitarian Thought

- Jeremy Bentham :- Utilitarian Principles; Hedonism
- J. S. Mill :- On liberty , Representative Government

Unit- V : Philosophy of Dialectics

- G.W. F. Hegal :- Dialectics Purpose of History Geist (Spirt) and State
- Karl Marx:- Historical Materialism, Class war and Revolution.

Reading list :

1. D.Mackenzie Brown, (1959), Indian Political Thought from Manu to Gandhi, University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles.
2. George Klosko, (eds), (2011), The Oxford Handbook of The History of Political Philosophy, Oxford University Press, New York.
3. Gregory Claeys, (eds)(2013), Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought, Sage Publication, New Delhi.
4. M.P.Singh and Himanshu Roy, (eds), (2011), Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers, Pearson, New Delhi.
5. N.D.Arora and S.S.Awashthy, (2007), Political Theory and Political Thought, Har-Anand Publications, New Delhi.
6. S.K.Sarma and Urmila Sharma, (2006), Western Political Thought (from Plato to Burke), Atlantic Publishers, New Delhi.
7. Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy, (2011), A History of Political Thought, : Plato to Marx, PHI Learning Private Limited, New Delhi.
8. Thomas Pantham, Kenneth L. Deutsch, (1986), Political Thought in Modern India, Sage Publication, New Delhi.