

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
PhD Entrance Examination Syllabus  
2025

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## **A. Political Theory and Political Thought**

### **1.1 Classical and Modern Political Theories**

- Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli)
- Modern Political Theories (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Marx)
- Contemporary Political Ideologies (Liberalism, Socialism, Conservatism, Fascism)

### **1.2 Indian Political Thought**

- Ancient Indian Political Philosophy (Arthashastra, Manusmriti)
- Modern Thinkers (Gandhi, Ambedkar, Nehru, Deendayal Upadhyaya)
- Critique of Caste and Social Hierarchies

### **1.3 Political Ideologies and Governance Models**

- Theories of State and Sovereignty
- Democracy vs. Authoritarianism
- The Welfare State and Neoliberalism

## **B. Comparative Politics and Public Administration**

### **2.1 Comparative Political Systems**

- Presidential vs. Parliamentary Systems
- Unitary vs. Federal Systems
- Political Culture and Electoral Systems

### **2.2 Public Administration and Governance**

- Classical and Modern Theories of Public Administration
- Good Governance and E-Governance
- Policy-making and Implementation

## **C. International Relations and Global Politics**

### **3.1 Theories of International Relations**

- Realism, Liberalism, Constructivism, and Marxism
- Balance of Power and Collective Security
- Theories of War and Peace

### **3.2 International Organizations and Diplomacy**

- United Nations, WTO, IMF, World Bank
- Regional Organizations: SAARC, ASEAN, EU
- Soft Power and Diplomacy in the 21st Century

### **3.3 Global Issues and Foreign Policy**

- Cold War and Post-Cold War International Order
- India's Foreign Policy and Strategic Concerns
- Climate Change, Human Rights, and Globalization

## **D. Political Economy and Political Sociology**

### **4.1 Political Economy and Development**

- Capitalism, Socialism, and Mixed Economies
- Globalization and Economic Reforms
- Welfare State and Economic Inequality

### **4.2 Political Sociology and Social Movements**

- Political Socialization and Elite Theory
- Caste, Gender, and Identity Politics
- Social Movements and Civil Society

### **4.3 Governance and Public Policy**

- Policy Formulation and Analysis
- NITI Aayog and Planning in India
- Role of Bureaucracy in Policy Implementation

## **E. Indian Government and Politics**

### **5.1 Indian Constitution**

Basic Features of Constitution

Fundamental Rights, Human Rights

Directive Principles

### **5.2 Functioning of Government & Institutions**

President, Prime Minister

Parliament, Judiciary

Panchayati Raj and Local Governance

### **5.3 Debates in Indian Politics**

Regionalism, Secularism

Communalism

## Recommended Readings

1. **Andrew Heywood** – *Political Theory: An Introduction*
  2. **Robert Dahl** – *Democracy and Its Critics*
  3. **Rajeev Bhargava (Ed.)** – *Political Theory: An Introduction*
  4. **B.L. Fadia & Kuldeep Fadia** – *Indian Government and Politics*
  5. **Hans Morgenthau** – *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*
  6. **Paul Pierson** – *Politics in Time: History, Institutions, and Social Analysis*
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