



SYLLABUS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
AS
COMPLEMENTARY COURSES OF
BA SOCIOLOGY AND BA ENGLISH LITERATURE
(CBCSSUG 2019)

SCHEME AND SYLLABUS

2020 ADMISSION ONWARDS

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of studies in Social Sciences (Psychology, Political Science and History) held on 10-01-2020

The Board meeting of Social Sciences (History, Political Science and Psychology) of Vimala College(Autonomous) , Thrissur was held on 10th January 2020 in the visitor's room at 11:30am and the following members were present.

Dr K Manikandan Professor & Head Dept. of Psychology University of Calicut	Chairman	sd/-
Mr.Pratheesh P Assistant Professor Dept. of History St. Michael's college Cherthala	Subject expert	sd/-
Mr. Shibu M George Assistant Professor & Head Dept. of Political Science Baselious college Kottayam	Subject expert	sd/-
Dr Sinto P Anto Assistant Professor Dept. of Psychology Vimala College , Thrissur	Member	sd/-
Smt J Anuja Assistant Professor Dept. of Political Science Vimala College , Thrissur	Member	sd/-
Mr. Sreekumar V Assistant Professor Dept. of History Vimala College , Thrissur	Member	sd/-

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the Board of studies in Social Sciences. Following are the major recommendations

Psychology

The Board reviewed the existing complementary syllabus and recommended to incorporate/add two topics: Brief outline on Clinical features of Schizophrenia and Brief outline on Clinical features of mood disorders to Module IV in the course PSY3CO5/PSY4CO5 'Psychology of Abnormal Behaviour and Social Behaviour'.

History

The Board reviewed the existing complementary syllabus and suggested to incorporate/add the topic Constitutional Values to Module IV of the course HIS2C01 'Modern Indian History (1857 to the Present): II.

Political Science

The Board reviewed the existing complementary syllabus and recommended the following changes in the course ICP4 (3) CO2 Indian Constitution and Politics – Federalism, Decentralization and Political Dynamics:

- Right to Information Act has been shifted from Module V to Module III.
- In Module IV, addition of the topic Election Commission of India- Composition and Functions; Electoral Reforms.
- In module V, constitutional provisions to protect Human Rights, Civil and Political Rights, Socio-economic and Cultural Rights, Protection of Minorities- Religious and Linguistic were removed as it is already been covered in Module II under the topic Fundamental Rights and DPSP of the course 'Indian Constitution and Politics- Basic Features and Governmental Structures.
- Instead, the Board suggested to incorporate topics including
 - a) Challenges to Indian democracy- Communalism, Criminalization of Politics, Naxalism.
 - b) Gender Equality, Protection of Women and Sexual Minorities- Vishaka Guidelines, Recommendations of Varma Commission.
 - c) Politics of Presence- Reservation Issues; SC, ST Commission and Functions; Other Backward Classes- Mandal and Sachar Commission were added in Module V.

The Board ensured that these changes have been made within the permissible limits.

The Chairman thanked all the Board members and the meeting concluded at 01:30pm.

Sd/-
Dr K Manikandan
Chairman

Semester. 3/4 (IPS4 (3) CO2) Indian Constitution and Politics: Federalism, Decentralization and Political Dynamics		
Module	Current Syllabus	Changes recommended by the BoS
Module I	- a) Indian Federalism - Constitutional provisions b) Union- State Relations- Legislative, Administrative and Financial provisions c) Challenges to Indian federalism d) Finance Commission, Niti Ayog, GST Council, Inter State Council- Composition, Powers and Functions	No Change
Module II	a) Panchayath Raj System in Kerala- 73 rd and 74 th Constitutional Amendments, People's Planning Programme b) Impact of reservation in Panchayath Raj system	No Change
Module III	- a) Procedure to amend the constitution b) Major constitutional amendments with special reference to 1, 42, 44, 52, 86, 101	Right to Information Act –Shifted from Module 5
Module IV	a) Indian Party System- Major features and Emerging trends b) Major National and Regional political parties c) Regionalism – threat or strengthening of democracy?	Addition of the topic Election Commission of India- Composition and Functions; Electoral Reforms
Module V	Constitutional provisions to protect human rights – Civil and Political rights, Socio Economic and Cultural rights b) Protection of minorities – religious, linguistic and sexual minorities, (Omitted) , Right to Information Act –	Following topics were added a) Challenges to Indian democracy- Communalism, Criminalization of Politics, Naxalism. b) Gender Equality, Protection of Women and Sexual Minorities- Vishaka Guidelines, Recommendations of Varma Commission. c) Politics of Presence- Reservation Issues; SC, ST Commission and Functions; Other Backward Classes- Mandal and Sachar Commission.

EVALUATION SCHEME FOR COMPLEMENTARY COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The evaluation scheme for each complementary course shall contain two parts

- 1) Internal assessment
- 2) External Evaluation

20% weight shall be given to the internal assessment. The remaining 80% weight shall be for the external evaluation.

Internal Assessment: 20% of the total marks in each course are for internal examinations. The internal assessment shall be based on a predetermined transparent system involving written tests, Class room participation based on attendance in respect of theory courses

Components with percentage of marks of Internal Evaluation of Theory Courses are- Test paper 40%, Assignment 40% and Class room participation based on attendance 20%

Table 1: Components for evaluation of internals (Total-20 marks)

Sl.No.	Components	Marks
1	Class room participation based on Attendance	4
2	Test paper	8
3	Assignment	8
	Total	20

For the test paper marks, at least one test paper should be conducted. If more test papers are conducted, the mark of the best one should be taken.

Table 2: Split up of marks for Test paper

Range of marks in test paper	Out of 8 Marks (Maximum internal marks is 20)
Less than 35%	1
35%-45%	2
45%-55%	3
55%-65%	4
65%-85%	6
85%-100%	8

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER OF COMPLEMENTARY COURSE (TYPE I/TYPE II)
FIRST/SECOND SEMESTER BA DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020**

VPS1 (2) CO1: Indian Constitution and Politics: Basic Features and Governmental Structures

Name:

Reg No:

Time: 2.5 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION A

Answer **ALL** Questions. Answer in around 50 words. Each question carries 2marks each.
There shall be a Ceiling of 25marks in this section.

1. Explain how Constitutions can be classified
2. Define the term Dyarchy
3. Which words were added to the Preamble by the 42nd Amendment?
4. What is the present status of Right to Property in India?
5. List out the Gandhian Principles present in Part IV of the Constitution
6. What does Article 51 deal with?
7. What is the difference in the removal procedure of President and Vice President?
8. Explain the term Lame Duck session
9. Explain the term Casting Vote
- 10 .Define the term Zero Hour
11. What is the convention which is generally followed by the President while appointing the Governor?
12. What is the present status of Article 370?
13. Legislative Council is a Permanent Body or a Continuing Body .Justify
14. Who appoints the District Judges and what are their qualifications?
15. Explain the meaning of the term *Judicial Review*

Ceiling: 25 Marks

SECTION -B

Answer **ALL** Questions. Answer in about half a page to one page. Each question carries 5marks each. There shall be a Ceiling of 35marks in this section.

16. Describe the main provisions of the Indian Independence Act of 1947
17. Explain the composition of the Constituent Assembly
18. Explain the objectives embodied in the Preamble of Indian constitution
19. Mention the Characteristics features of Fundamental Rights
20. Discuss the powers and functions of speaker of Lok Sabha
21. How are Civil Services classified in India?
22. Discuss the powers and functions of the Governor of a State
23. How is the Independence of Judiciary maintained in India?

Ceiling -35marks

SECTION –C

Answer any **TWO** questions (Essay type).Each Question carries 10 marks.

24. Explain the salient features of the Indian Constitution
25. Discuss the functions of Indian Parliament
26. Critically evaluate the powers and functions of the President of India.
27. Write a brief essay on Judicial Activism in the Indian Context

(2 x 10 =20 Marks)

Program: Complementary course for BA Sociology and BA English Literature (2020 admission)

PSO1	Understand the process through which the constitution of India came into existence, its salient features, its philosophical base, fundamental rights, fundamental duties and directive principles of state policy
PSO2	Understand the structure and functions of different organs of governments in India; legislature, executive and judiciary,
PSO3	Understand the main features of Indian federal system, centre state relations and three tier system of decentralization ,procedure of amendment
PSO4	Understand about party system, regionalism, challenges to Indian Democracy

**SYLLABUS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AS COMPLEMENTARY COURSE OF
BA ENGLISH LITERATURE AND SOCIOLOGY**

Semester I/II

Credit: 4

96 hours

ICP1(2) CO1 Indian Constitution and Politics: Basic Features and Governmental Structures

Dynamics

Course Objectives

At the end of the course, the students will be able to understand the process through which the constitution of India came into existence, its salient features, its philosophical base, fundamental rights, fundamental duties and directive principles of state policy. This course also help students to understand the structure and functions of different organs of governments in India; legislature, executive and judiciary

Module I

10 hrs

a) Importance of Constitution b) Constitutional developments with special reference to Govt. of India Acts: 1909; 1919; 1935 and Indian Independence Act 1947

Module II

23 hrs

a) Basic features of the constitution b) The Preamble – with special reference to 42nd amendment act c) Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties, d) Directive Principles of State Policies, Tussle between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

Module III-

38hrs

- a. Union Executive- President and Vice President; Prime Minister; Council of Ministers – powers and functions
- b. Bureaucracy - Civil Services in India, UPSC
- c. Union Legislature – a) Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha – Composition, powers and functions; Role of the Speaker

Module IV -

8hrs

- a. State Executive – Governor; Chief Minister; Council of Ministers – powers and functions
- b. State Legislature – Assembly and Council- Composition, powers and functions

Module V -

17hrs

- a. Supreme Court and High Court- Composition, jurisdiction and functions b. Judicial review, Judicial Activism and Independence of Judiciary

Course : Complementary course in Political Science

Credits : 4

Faculty : J. Anuja

Complementary Course: Indian Constitution and Politics: Basic Features and Governmental Structures

(For BA English Literature & Sociology) Credits: 4:0:0

	Course Outcome	PO/PSO	CL	KC	Class sessions
CO1	Define Constitution and its importance Trace the history of the Constitutional Development – Acts of 1909 1919 ,1935 &1947	PSO1	U	F	10
CO2	List the characteristic features of the Indian Constitution, Explain the key words and objectives of the Preamble	PSO1	U	F	8
CO3	Assess the Fundamental Rights ,Fundamental Duties Directive Principles of State Policy	PSO1	A	C	15
CO4	List the power and functions of the President, Vice President, Council of Ministers, Prime Minister	PSO2	U	C	15
CO5	Explain the composition, powers and functions of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Outline the functions and role of the Speaker	PSO2	U	C	15
CO6	List the power and functions of the Governor and Chief Minister Understand the composition, powers and functions of Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council	PSO2	U	C	8
CO7	Identify the three types of services in India Illustrate the composition ,power and functions of the Union Public Service Commission and the State Public Service Commission	PSO2	U	C	8
CO8	Examine the composition, jurisdictions and functions of Supreme Court and High Court Appraise the concept of Judicial Review and Judicial Activism	PSO2	An	C	17
Total Hours					96 hrs

Semester III/IV

Credit: 4

96 hours

ICP4 (3) CO2 Indian Constitution and Politics: Federalism, Decentralisation and Political

Course Objectives

This course would help students to critically evaluate the main features of Indian federal system, centre state relations and three tier system of decentralization. The process of constitutional amendments and major amendments is another important discussion in this paper. Students also develop fairly good idea about party system, regionalism, minority rights, etc., by the end of the course.

Module I

30 hrs

a) Indian Federalism - Constitutional provisions b) Union- State Relations- Legislative, Administrative and Financial provisions c) Challenges to Indian federalism d) Finance Commission, Niti Ayog, GST Council, Inter State Council- Composition, Powers and Functions

Module II

8hrs

a) Panchayath Raj System in Kerala- 73RD and 74th Constitutional Amendments, People's Planning Programme b) Impact of reservation in Panchayath Raj system

Module III

8hrs

a) Procedure to amend the constitution b) Major constitutional amendments with special reference to 1, 42, 44, 52, 86, 101

Module IV

25hrs

a) Indian Party System- Major features and Emerging trends b) Major National and Regional political parties c) Regionalism – threat or strengthening of democracy? Election Commission of India- Composition and Functions; Electoral Reforms

Module V

25 hrs

a) Challenges to Indian democracy- Communalism, Criminalization of Politics, Naxalism.
b) Gender Equality, Protection of Women and Sexual Minorities- Vishaka Guidelines, Recommendations of Varma Commission.
c) Politics of Presence- Reservation Issues; SC, ST Commission and Functions; Other Backward Classes- Mandal and Sachar Commission.
d) Right to Information Act

Course : Complementary course in Political Science

Credits : 4

Faculty : J. Anuja

Complementary Course: Indian Constitution and Politics: Indian Constitution and Politics: Federalism, Decentralization and Political Dynamics

(For BA English Literature & Sociology) Credits: 4:0:0

	Course Outcome	PO/ PSO	CL	KC	Class sessions
CO1	Explain the characteristic features of Indian federalism ; Examine the legislative, administrative and financial relations between centre and state	PSO3	U	F	10
CO2	Examine the composition and functions of Finance Commission, NITI AYOOG, GST Council National Development Council	PSO3	An	C	10
CO3	Challenges to Indian federalism	PSO3	An	C	10
CO4	Explain the significance of the 73 rd and 74 th amendment with reference to Kerala	PSO3	An	C	8
CO5	Explain the 3 types of amendments of the Constitution Major Amendments to the Constitution	PSO3	U	C	8
CO6	Explain the features of the Indian Party System; Analyse the growth, ideology and programmes of 7 national parties ; Examine ideology and programmes of major regional parties: Scrutinize the reasons for the growth of regionalism	PSO4	An	C	15
CO7	Explain the Composition and Functions of Election Commission of India- Electoral Reforms	PSO4	An	C	10
CO8	Discuss the Challenges to Indian democracy and Gender Equality, -. Politics of Presence- Reservation Issues Right to Information Act	PSO4	E	C	25
Total Hours					96 hrs

Reading List

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