

Syllabi and Courses of Reading

Paper I Principles of Political Science

Marks 100

PAPER I Principles of Political Science

1. **Political Science:** Definition, Scope and Utility of Political Science and approaches to the Study of Political Science.
2. **The State:** Definition and Elements; State and Government; State and Society; State and Associations.
3. **Sovereignty:** Definition; Characteristics; Kinds. Monism versus Pluralism; Islamic Concept of Sovereignty.
4. **Liberty:**
 - (a) Nature; Kinds; Safeguards. Liberty and Equality; Liberty and Law.
 - (b) Definition, Meanings and Kinds of Rights. Fundamental Human Rights in Islam. Rights of Non-Muslims in an Islamic State.
5. **Law:** Definition; Meaning; Kinds; Sources. Law and Morality. Islamic Concept of Law. Sources of Law in Islam. Importance of Ijتهاد.
6. **Organization of Modern State:**
 - (a)
 - (1) Democracy: Nature; Attributes; reconditions.
 - (2) Islamic Concept of Democracy.
 - (3) Dictatorship; Kinds and Features.
 - (b) Unitary and Federal Systems.
 - (c) Parliamentary and Presidential Systems.
7. **Structure of Government:** Executive. Legislature and Judiciary.
8. **Political Participation:**

Elections and Electorate:

 - (a) Adult and Restricted Suffrage. Methods of Voting. Direct Legislation: Referendum, Initiative, Plebiscite and Recall. Qualifications of Voters and Candidates in an Islamic Policy. Role of an elected Representative.
 - (i) in a Modern Secular State.
 - (ii) In an Islamic state.

Role of Elected Representatives.

 - (b) Free Elections and its Pre-requisites. Direct and Indirect elections. Electoral Districts. Representation of Minorities. Proportional Representation. Functional Representation.
9. **Political Dynamics:**
 - (a) Political Parties: Types, Functions and Roles.
 - (b) Interest Groups: Types, Role in Modern Policy, Methods of Political Action.
 - (c) Public Opinion: Definition. Development of the Concept. Public Opinion Polls. Methods of Measurements.

10. Theories Regarding the Nature of the State:

Idealist View. Utilitarian View. Socialism,
Communism, Fascism. Welfare Concept of State.
Comparison of Western and Islamic Concepts.

Books Recommended

Rodee, Anderson
Muhammad Asad
Muhammad Sarwar
Farooq Akhtar Najib

Introduction to Political Science
and Christol
principles of State and Government
in Islam.
Muarif-e-Siyasiat (Urdu)
Siyasat-o-Riasat (Urdu)

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