

St. Josephs college for women (A) Visakhapatnam.

B.A. Political Science

III Semester, Indian Constitution and political process Time : 7 Hrs/week

POL 3501(4)

Max Marks: 100

w.e.f.2016-2019("16AD")

Objectives: To enable the student to

- Understand the institutional orientation with regard to the Indian government and politics.
- Develop the abilities for competitive examinations
- Become responsible citizens.

UNIT - I The making of the Constitution

1. The ideological legacy of the India national movement on the constituent Assembly
2. Preamble: The underlying values of the Indian constitution - salient features of the constitution.
3. Unitary and federal features in the Indian Constitution
4. Tension Areas between the Union and State Government – Legislative – and financial spheres.

Unit- II Fundamental rights and Directive Principles of state policy

1. Individual and collective rights : limitation on the fundamental rights – judicial Interpretation
2. Directive principles of state policy – significance the difference between F.R and directive Principles.
3. Fundamental Duties.

Unit – III Working of the Indian Constitution

1. The values of Indian Constitution and Ushering Social Revolution in India
2. The causes for Ascendency of the Executive over Legislature and Judiciary
Major Controversies regarding the Amendments to the Constitution
3. Role of Higher Judiciary in India.

Unit – IV Social structure and democratic process

1. Transition of caste system – politicisation of Intermediate and Dalit Caste Communities
2. Competing communalism: Majoritarian and Minoritarian. – Secularism : Role of the state towards religion

Unit- V Party and electoral processes in India

1. Electoral Trends of the Lok Sabha from 1952 to 2014: from the one party congress system to multi party coalitions.
2. Evolution of party systems in India : Major political parties and voting Behaviour in India.

Reference books:

1. Introduction to the Constitution on India – D.D.Basu Wadhuwas Company, 2000
2. Politics in India – Rajni Kothari – Orint Langman Ltd, 1994
3. Rajeev Bhargava (ED) Secularism and its critics 1998, Delhi, Oup
4. Chandhoke N and Priyadarshini p(Eds) (2009) contemporary India Economy, society, politics pearson, New Delhi