

St. Joseph's college for women (A) Visakhapatnam.

B.A. Political Science

V Semester

Political Thought

Time : 5 Hrs/Week

POL 5502(4)

w.e.f.2015-2018("15AC")

Max Marks: 100

OBJECTIVES: To enable the students to

- Understand the nature and scope of political thought as it gives a clear vision about political life
- Become aware of the basic values in political behaviour
- Develop an insight into human nature in order to develop the spirit of accommodation and coexistence.
- Have a broad outlook of life, as rational human beings.

UNIT- I Traditions of Ancient Indian Political Thought

1. Sources and features of Ancient Indian Political Thought
2. Manu : Social Laws
3. Kautilya : Theory of the State

Unit- II Early Nationalism

1. Dadabai Naoroji – Drain Theory and Poverty
2. Savarkar V.D – Hindutva or Hindu Cultural nationalism
3. Pandit Ramabai – Gender.

Unit- III Democratic Egalitarianism

1. Gandhiji – Swaraj and Satyagraha
2. Jawaharlal Nehru – Democratic Socialism
3. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar – Annihilation of Caste System
4. M.N.Roy : Radical Humanism

Unit – IV Classical Western Political Thought

1. Features of Western Political Thought.
2. Plato — Theory of forms, Critique of Democracy, Justice
3. Aristotle — Citizenship, State , Justice, Virtue
4. Machiavelli — Renaissance Movement - 'The Prince' — Separation of Religion from Politics.

Unit- V Liberal and Democratic thought

1. Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau — Social contract theory.
2. Jeremy Bentham, Utilitarianism, J.S. Mill — Representative Government.
3. Karl Marx: The Scientific socialism — communist manifesto, class- war, Surplus Value, Materialistic interpretation of History .

Reference books:

1. "History of Political Thought" (Vol I & II)-Dr. Sukhbir Singh- Rastogi Publishers — 2001.
2. Great Political thinkers East and west — RC Gupta-Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal Educational Publishers, 1997.
3. Hamsher Monk I (2001) A History of Modern Political Thought : Major Political thinkers from Hobbies to Mark, Black well Publishers, oxford.