

Class – XI
REVISED SYLLABUS
(For the Session of 2020-21 Only)
Political Science
(THEORY)

Part A: Indian Constitution at work

- 1. The Constitution : Why and How? The authority of a Constituion** Why do we need a constitution?
- 2. Rights in the Indian Constitution**
The Importance of Rights, Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution, Directive Principles of State Policy, Relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles
- 3. Election and Representation**
Elections of Democracy, Election System in India, Reservation of Constituencies, Free and Fair Elections, Electoral Reforms
- 4. Legislature**
What do we need a Parliament? Two Houses of Parliament. Functions and Power of the Parliament, Legistative functions, control over executive. Parliamentary committees. Self-regulation.
- 5. Executive**
What is an Executive? Different Types of Executives. Parliament ary Executive in India: Prime Ministers and Council of Ministers. Permanent Executive-Bureaucracy,
- 6. Judiciary**
Why do we need an Independent Judiciary? Structure of the Judiciary, Judicial Activism, Judiciary and Rights, Judiciary and Parliament
- 8- Local Governments**
73rd and 74th Amendments, implementation of 73rd and 74th Amendments
- 9- Constitution as a Living Document**
Are Constitutions static? The procedure to amend the Constitution. Why have there been so many amendments? Basic Structure and Evolution of the Constitution. Constitution as a Living Document
- 10- The Philosophy of the Constitution**
What is meant by Philosophy of the Constitution? The Political philosophy of our Constitution? Procedural Achievements, Criticisms

Part B: Political Theory

11. Political Theory: An Introduction

What is Politics? What do we study in Political Theory? Putting Political Theory to practice.

Why should we study Political Theory?

12. Freedom

The Ideal of Freedom. What is Freedom? Why do we need constraints? Harm principle. Negative and Positive Liberty

13. Equality

Significance of Equality. What is Equality? Various dimensions of Equality. How can we promote Equality?

14. Social Justice

What is Justice? Just Distribution. Justice as fairness. Pursuing Social Justice

15. Rights

What are Rights? Where do Rights come from? Legal Rights and the State. Kinds of Rights. Rights and Responsibilities

19- Peace

What is Peace? Can violence ever promote peace? Peace and the State. Different Approaches to the pursuit of peace. Contemporary challenges to peace.

20- Development

What is development? Criticism of the dominant. Development Model. Alternative conceptions of development