

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN'S (AUTONOMOUS), VISAKHAPATNAM
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE SECOND YEAR CORE PAPER -II
IV SEMESTER WESTREN POLITICAL THOUGHT Max. Marks: 100
POL 4504(4)
(w. e. f 2020-21 –("20AH"))

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 behavior
- 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.

COURSE OUTCOMES: On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- understand the fundamental contours classical, western political philosophy, basic features of medieval political thought and shift from medieval to modern era.
- understand the Social Contract Theory and appreciate its implications on the perception of State in terms of its purposes and role.
- Acquaint with the Liberal and Marxist philosophy and analyze some trends in Western Political Thought.
- Critically analyze the evolution of western political thought

UNIT-I : ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and Education
2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship, Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

UNIT-II: MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. St. Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.
2. Niccol Machiavelli-State and Statecraft

UNIT-III : CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.
2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural Rights and Limited Government
3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty

UNIT-IV: UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Jermyn Bentham-Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms
2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government

UNIT-V : MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Karl Marx-Historical Materialistic Interpretation-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and Class Struggle.
2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

- O.P . Gauba: Western Political Thought SS
- G.H. Sabine: A History of Political Theory
- E. Baker: Greek Political Theory: Plato and His Predecessors
- Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy : A History of Political Thought-Plato to Marx
- Shefali Jha: Western Political Thought -From Plato to Marx
- B.N.Ray: Western Political Thought
- RadheySham Chaurasia : History of Western Political Thought
- P.B.Rathod : Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers-From Plato to Padua
- Andrew Hakes: Political Theory :Philosophy, Ideology and Science
- Harati Dwarakanath, Prof.G.Lalaiah, K.Saibaba, K.Ramachandra Murthy &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed) : Political Thought
- Anil Kumar Mukopadhyay : An Introduction to Political Theory, Western Political Thought
- William Ebenstien : Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present Modern Political Thought, The Great Issues
- J.P.Sudha : History of Political Thought —
- H.J.Laski : Political Thought from Bentham to Locke
- C.L.Wayper : Political Thought.