

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN'S (AUTONOMOUS), VISAKHAPATNAM
B.A. HONORS POLITICAL SCIENCE IV YEAR 2020-2021(Admitted batch)
POLITICAL SCIENCE
PAPER-V: ETHICS AND POLITICS (SKILL ENHANCEMENT)

VII SEMESTER (W.e.f. 2020-21 Admitted Batch) Marks:60

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Time: 3 hrs.

Objectives: The student will be able

- To study and assess human behaviour
- To establish principles and moral standards of behaviour.
- To improve ethical sensitivity, knowledge, awareness and judgement.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand the nature of ethical reasoning.
2. Aware of discrimination gender and caste.
3. Assess the nature and impact of poverty and hunger.
4. Sensitize on secularism and minority rights.
5. Familiarize with ethical and legal values of society.

Unit I: The Nature of Ethical Reasoning

1. The Domain of Ethics – Ethical Reasoning in Politics
2. Role of Family, Society and Educational Institutions in inculcating values.
3. Social Ethics: Basis of Human Conduct, Relation of Ethics with other fields

Unit II: Gender, Racial and Caste Discrimination

1. Gender Discrimination
2. Racial Discrimination
3. Caste Discrimination

Unit III: Poverty and Hunger

1. Hunger, Homelessness and Freedom
2. Hunger and Capabilities
3. International obligation to remove poverty

Unit IV: Significant Issues

1. Dirty hands and Democracy
2. Secularism and Minority rights
3. Ethics in politics

Unit IV: Major Concerns

1. Representation and the value of privacy
2. Legal Ethics
3. Ethical relation between people and political leaders

Suggested Books

1. Beitz, Charles, R. Marshall Cohen, Thomas Scanlon and A. John Simmons, 'International Ethics', New Jersey, Princeton University Press, 1985
2. Cohen, Marshall, Thomas Nagel and Thomas Scanlon (eds.), 'Equality and Preferential Treatment', New Jersey, Princeton University Press, 1977
3. Emanuel, Ezekiel J., 'The Ends of Human Life: Medical Ethics in a Liberal Polity, Harvard Mass', Harvard University Press, 1994
4. Gutmann, Amy, 'Democratic Education', New Jersey, Princeton University Press, 1987
5. Honneth, Axel. 'The Struggle for Recognition', Cambridge Mass, MIT Press, 1996
6. Lafollette, Hugh, 'Ethics in Practice', Massachusetts, 1997

Activities: Assignments – Quiz – Group Discussion – Classroom Debates – Current International Policies – interaction with local political leaders – Discussion on Previous Question papers – News Paper Clippings.