ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) VISAKHAPATNAM

III SEMESTER   **POLITICAL SCIENCE** TIME:3HRS/WEEK

# POL-Ma1-3501(4) POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS MARKS:100

w.e.f 2023-2024 (24AL Batch) **SYLLABUS**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The student will

1. Recall and describe the fundamental components and functions of each organ of government.
2. Dissect how the separation of powers is applied across various systems and assess its success in preventing power concentration.
3. Evaluate democratic principles and their application, using case studies to support their critical assessments.
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5. Analyze the influence of various political actors and public opinion on the political process and policy decisions.

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

CO-1: Describe the distinct functions and roles of each branch of government and explain

their interrelationships.

CO-2: Examine how the separation of powers operates within different political systems and

assess its role in maintaining checks and balances.

CO-3: Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different government forms and their

implications for political stability and governance.

CO-4: Critique democratic principles and their implementation in various democratic

contexts, using real-world examples to support their assessments.

CO-5: Analyze how political parties, pressure groups, and public opinion shape political

outcomes and influence policy decisions.

# UNIT – I: Organs of Government:

1. Legislature: Unicameral and Bicameral
2. Legislature: Power and Functions
3. Executive: Types, Powers, and Functions
4. Judiciary: Powers and Functions

# UNIT – II: Separation of Powers:

1. Theory of Separation of Powers: Meaning, Nature
2. Montesquieu’s doctrine of separation of powers
3. Advantages & Disadvantages
4. Case study of USA & UK

# UNIT – III: Forms of Government:

1. Unitary form of Governments: Merits and Demerits
2. Federal form of Government: Merits and Demerits
3. Parliamentary form of Government: Merits and Demerits
4. Presidential form of Government: Merits and Demerits

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# UNIT – IV: Democracy:

1. Democracy: Meaning, Definition, Significance
2. Theories and Principles of Democracy
3. Types of Democracy
4. Condition for the success of democracy

# UNIT – V: Political Parties, Pressure Groups and Public Opinion:

1. Political Parties: Meaning, Definition, Classification of Political Parties: National
2. Classification of Political Parties: Regional, Functions of Political Parties.
3. Pressure Groups: Meaning, Definition, and Types
4. Public Opinion: Meaning, Definition, and Significance

# Unit-wise proposed activities & evaluation: Celebrations on International Day of Democracy

1. **Quiz Program**: Marks scored by teams.
2. **Debate**: Faculty evaluation.
3. **Essay writing**: Based on understanding and scores.
4. **Classroom Seminar**: Peer evaluation.
5. **Study Project:** Faculty evaluation.

# REFERENCES:

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2. Principles of Political Science: A.C. Kapoor
3. Contemporary Political Theory: J.C.Johari
4. An Introduction to Political Theory: O.P.Gauba
5. Political Theory: R.C.Agarwal

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