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

# II SEMESTER POLITICAL SCIENCE Time:5hrs/week

POL-Ma1-2501(4) **FUNDAMENTALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE** Marks:100

w.e.f AK 2023-2024 (Admitted batch) **SYLLABUS**

**LEARNING OBJECTIVE:** The student will be able to understand the nature, various approaches, knowledge of the state and its origin and evolution of the modern state in Political Science.

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

• Learn nature, importance, and relationship with other social sciences.

• Understand the traditional and modern approaches.

• Know the origin and evolution of the state.

• Comprehend the development of social contract theory.

• Understand the birth of modern state.

**UNIT – I: INTRODUCTION:**

1. Definition Nature of Political Science

2. Scope and Importance of Political Science

3. Relations with allied disciplines: History and Economics

4. Relations with allied disciplines: Philosophy and Sociology

**UNIT – II: APPROACHES:**

1. Approaches to the study of Political Science:

2. Traditional Approaches: Philosophical, Historical.

3. Modern Approaches: Behavioral and Post-Behaviouralism

4. Modern Approaches: System Approach and Structural - Functional

**UNIT – III: STATE**

1. Definition of the State, Nature

2. Elements of the State

3. Theories of Origin of the State: Divine Origin

4. Theories of Origin of the State: Force and Evolutionary

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**UNIT – IV: THEORY OF SOCIAL CONTRACT**

1. Social Contract Theory: Origin of the theory

2. Social Contract Theory: Thomas Hobbes

3. Social Contract Theory: John Locke

4. Social Contract Theory: Jean Jacques Rousseau

**UNIT – V: MODERN STATE**

1. Concepts of Modern State: Meaning, Origin

2. Nature of Modern State

3. Welfare State: Origin

4. Nature of Welfare State

**UNIT - WISE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES & EVALUATION:**

1. **Assignments**: A two-minute presentation on the topic.

2. **Discussion**: Team evaluation by the faculty.

3. **Quiz Program**: Based on the scores.

4. **Classroom Seminar**: Faculty evaluation.

5. **Open forum:** A PPT presentation

**REFERENCES:**

1. Political Ideologies-An Introduction: Andrew Heywood

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: Eddy Ashirvadam & K.K.Misra

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