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P.G. Entrance Syllabus for 2-Year P.G. Programme in Political Science,2026 (NEP 2020)

Unit 1: Political Science: Introduction

1. Understanding Politics
2. Perspectives on Politics: Liberal and Marxist
3. Normative and Scientific Debates in Politics
4. State: Evaluation and Elements; Theories of its origin, Difference between State, Civil Society and Nation
5. Perspectives of State: Liberal, Marxist and Feminist

Unit 2: Political Theory: Concepts

1. Liberty: Negative vs. Positive
2. Equality: Liberal, Libertarian and Socialist Perspectives
3. Justice: Procedural and Distributive
4. Democracy: Procedural and Substantive
5. Power and Legitimacy: Gramsci and Althusser

Unit 3: Indian Government and Politics:Institutions

1. Constituent Assembly of India: Formation and Working
2. Basic Features of Indian Constitution
3. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy
4. Union Legislature and Executive: Structure and Powers
5. Supreme Court and Election Commission: Composition and Jurisdiction

Unit 4: Indian Politics: Processes

1. Indian Federalism: Nature and emerging issues
2. Decentralization(73rd and 74thAmendments)
3. Party System:Working and Dynamics
4. Religion and Caste in Indian Politics
5. Ethnicity and Regional Disparities

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Unit 5: International Relations: Introduction and Key Concepts

1. International Relations: Meaning and Evolution
2. Nature, Scope and Significance of International Relations
3. Nation-State System: Emergence and Features
4. National Power and National Interest: Meaning and Elements
5. Balance of Power, Arms Race and Disarmament

Unit 6: Cold war and Post-Cold War Global Issues

1. Cold War: Origin, Phases and End
2. UNO: Working, Organs and Reforms
3. Globalization: Different Perspectives
4. Non-Alignment: Historical Context and Contemporary Relevance
5. Contemporary Global Issues: Climate Change, Human Security, Poverty and Hunger

Unit 7: Indian Political Thought

1. Ancient and Modern Indian Political Thought: Salient Features
2. Indian Renaissance: M. N Roy and Sir Syed
3. Gandhi and Ambedkar: Modernity, Swaraj and Emancipatory thought
4. Nationalism: Maulana Azad and V D Savarkar
5. Alternative Discourses: Tagore and Iqbal

Unit 8: Political Ideologies

1. Ideology: Meaning, Significance and Different Approaches
2. End of Ideology Debate
3. Liberalism: Nature, Foundations and Principles
4. Conservatism: Nature, Foundations and Principles
5. Marxism: Dialectical and Historical Materialism

Unit 9: Contemporary Political Theory

1. Debate on Decline and Resurgence of Political Theory
2. John Rawls: Distributive Justice
3. Robert Nozick: :Libertarianism
4. Michael Sandel: Communitarianism
5. Will Kymlicka: Aboriginal Rights

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Unit 10: India's Foreign Policy

1. Understanding Foreign Policy:Decision-Making Approach
2. Determinants of India's Foreign Policy
3. Changing Nature of India's Foreign Policy: From Nonalignment to Multi-alignment
4. India's Neighbourhood Policy (SAARC and Relations with Neighbours)
5. Look East Policy

Unit 11: Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies

1. Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies
2. Peace and Conflict Studies: Different Theories
3. Sources of Conflict: Socio-Economic, Ethnic, Religious and Environmental
4. Mediation and Negotiation
5. Peace Building and Post-Conflict Reconstruction
6. Contemporary Issues: Cyber Security, Human Rights and Migration

Unit 12:Post-Colonial Theory and Practice

1. Post Colonial Theory: Definition and Key Concepts—Orientalism, Subaltern and Hybridity
2. Key Thinkers and Texts: Said's *Orientalism* and Fanon's *TheWretched of the Earth*
3. Neocolonialism and Economic Dependency
4. Post-Colonial Perspectives on Global Institutions
5. Constitutionalism and Development Models in Postcolonial Societies

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