



# POLITICAL SCIENCE I

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## OLD SYLLABUS

### **1. The discipline of Political Science:**

- a. Definition.
- b. Nature and Scope.
- c. Political Science and Political Philosophy.
- d. Is Political Science a science?

### **2. Approaches to the study of Political Science:**

- a. Traditional Approaches.
- b. Modern Approaches: Behavioral and Post- Behavioral Approaches.

### **3. State:**

- a. Meaning and Definition.
- b. Elements of the State.
- c. Distinction between:
  - i) The State and Government.
  - ii) The State and other Associations.
  - iii) The State and Society.

### **4. Origin of the State:**

- a. The Social Contract Theory: Concept of General Will.
- b. The Historical or Evolutionary Theory:  
Components:
  - i) Divine Origin,
  - ii) Force Theory and
  - iii) Patriarchal and Matriarchal Theory.

### **5. Sovereignty:**

- a. Meaning and Definition.
- b. Features.





- c. Kinds of sovereignty.
- d. Different Theories of Sovereignty:
  - i) Monistic Theory.
  - ii) Philosophical Theory.
  - iii) Pluralistic theory.

#### **6. Liberty and Equality:**

- a. Meaning, Definition and Nature.
- b. Kinds of Liberty.
- c. Meaning, Definition and Nature of Equality.
- d. Relation between Liberty and Equality.

#### **7. Rights:**

- a. Meaning and Nature of Rights.
- b. Theories of Rights, Natural Legal and Marxist Theory of Right.
- c. Classifications of Rights
- d. Relations between Rights and Duties

### **NEW SYLLABUS**

- 1.Introduction:** Introduction to the study of Political Science/Politics; Origin, different meanings, definitions of Political Science; Scope of Politics- Ancient/Greek view, and Modern view; Significance of study of Political Science for Law.
- 2.State:** Definitions; essential elements; distinction between State and Government, State and Nation and State and Society. Theories of the origin of state- Social Contract Theory: Views of Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau: Critical appraisal of the theory; Historical/Evolutionary Theory; Marxist Theory; Liberal theory; New Liberal theory.
- 3.Sovereignty:** Definitions and meaning; Internal and External Sovereignty; Types of Sovereignty; Characteristics of Sovereignty; John Austin's theory of Sovereignty; Pluralist Theory of Sovereignty.



**4.Liberty:** Meaning, Definition, and Nature of Liberty; Kinds of Liberty (Positive and Negative); Liberty vs License Debate.

**5.Equality:** Meaning, Definition, and Nature of Equality; Kinds of Equality: Social, Economic, Political, Legal; Liberty-Equality Debate.

**6.Rights:** Meaning and Nature of Rights; Theories of Rights- Natural Theory; Legal Theory; Marxist Theory; Classification of Rights; Relationship between Rights and Duties



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**2024 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I**

Answer any five questions.

- 1.(a) Discuss the nature of Political Science. 8+8  
(b) Write down the subject matter of Political Science.
- 2.(a) Discuss the Behavioural approach as a modern approach to the study of Political Science. 10+6  
(b) Write down the different criticisms levelled against this approach.
- 3.(a) Define 'State' and discuss its essential elements. 10+6  
(b) Differentiate between state and other associations.
4. Critically examine the views of Greek and the Social Contract Theory regarding the origin of the state in the discipline of Political Science. 16
5. (a) Write down the Patriarchal and Matriarchal Theory of the origin of state.  
(b) Discuss the respective criticisms levelled against these theories.8+8
6. (a) Define Sovereignty. Explain the essential attributes of Sovereignty.  
(b) Distinguish between Political and Legal Sovereignty.4+6+6
- 7.(a) Write down the Monistic Theory of Sovereignty.  
(b) Explain how Harold J. Laski criticized this theory.10+6
- 8.(a) Write down the meaning and nature of liberty and equality.  
(b) Discuss the different kinds of Liberty.10+6





9. (a) Define Rights. Discuss in detail different kinds of Rights.  
(b) Enumerate the Natural Theory of Rights. 10+6

10. Write short notes on any two of the following : 8x2

- (a) Pluralistic Theory of Sovereignty
- (b) Institutional Approach
- (c) Distinguish between State and Society
- (d) Relation between liberty and equality
- (e) Rights imply duties.

### 2023 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I

Answer any five questions.

- 1. (a) Discuss the nature of Political Science (Is it a science?) 8+8  
(b) Write down the subject-matter of Political Science.
- 2. (a) Discuss the traditional approaches to the study of Political Science. 10+6  
(b) Write down different criticisms levelled against this approach.
- 3. (a) Define State. 4+6+6  
(b) Discuss the essential elements of the state.  
(c) Differentiate between the state and the government.
- 4. (a) Discuss the Force theory regarding the origin of the state.  
(b) What are the criticisms levelled against this theory? 10+6
- 5. (a) Discuss the Historical or the Evolutionary theory regarding the origin of the state. 10+6  
(b) Explain the limitations of this theory.
- 6. (a) Write down the Pluralistic theory of sovereignty. 8+8  
(b) Distinguish between De-Jure and De-Facto Sovereignty.







- 7.(a) Write down the meaning of Rights. 4+12  
(b) Discuss the Marxist theory of rights.
- 8.(a) Discuss, in detail, different kinds of rights. 10+6  
(b) 'Rights imply duties' - Explain.
- 9.(a) Write down the meaning and nature of liberty. 6+10  
(b) Discuss the different kinds of liberty.
10. Write short notes on any two of the following : 8x2
- (a) Essential attributes of sovereignty.
  - (b) Patriarchal theory of the origin of the state
  - (c) State and association
  - (d) Attributes of sovereignty.

**2022 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I**

Answer any five questions.

1. (a) Define Political Science. 6+10  
(b) Is Political Science a science? Give reasons for your answer.
- 2.(a) Discuss in details the behavioural approach to the study of Political Science.  
(b) On what grounds this approach is criticised? 10+6
3. (a) Discuss the essential elements of the State. 10+6  
(b) Write down the difference between the State and association.
- 4.(a) Explain the social contract theory regarding the origin of the State.  
(b) What are the criticisms levelled against this theory? 10+6
- 5.(a) Write down the meaning of sovereignty. 4+6+6  
(b) Discuss the essential attributes of sovereignty.  
(c) Discuss the difference between legal and political sovereignty.





6. (a) Write down the Matriarchal and Patriarchal theory of the origin of the State.  
(b) Mention different criticisms levelled against this theory. 10+6
7. (a) Write down the meaning of liberty and equality.  
(b) Discuss the relationship between liberty and equality. 8+8
- 8.(a) Write down the Austin's theory of sovereignty.  
(b) Discuss different criticisms levelled against this theory. 8+8
9. (a) What do you mean by the term 'Right'?  
(b) Discuss the Natural theory of Rights. 6+10
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 8+8
- (a) State and Society
  - (b) De-jure and De-facto sovereignty
  - (c) Rights imply Duties
  - (d) Different kinds of Liberty.

### 2021 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I

Answer any five questions.

- 1.(a) Discuss the nature of Political Science.  
(b) What is the subject-matter of Political Science? 8+8
- 2.(a) Discuss in detail the traditional approaches to the study of Political Science.  
(b) On what ground this approach is criticized? 10+6
- 3.(a) Define 'State' and discuss its essential elements.  
(b) Differentiate between State and Government. 10+6
- 4.(a) Examine the Divine Origin Theory of the State.



(b) What are the criticisms leveled against this theory? 10+6

5.(a) Discuss the Historical or the Evolutionary theory regarding the Origin of the State.

(b) Explain the limitations of this theory. 10+6

6.(a) What do you mean by the Pluralistic Theory of Sovereignty?

(b) Distinguish between De-Jure and De-facto Sovereignty. 8+8

7.(a) Discuss in detail the classification of Rights

(b) 'Rights imply duties' – Explain. 8+8

8. (a) Define Liberty and explain the concepts on Negative and positive liberty.

(b) What are the different kinds of liberty? 8+8

9.(a) What do you mean by Rights?

(b) Discuss the Marxist theory of Rights. 6+10

10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 8x2

(a) Political Right

(b) Social Equality

(c) Different kinds of rights

(d) Patriarchal Theory of the Origin of the State.

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## 2020 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I

Answer any five questions.

1. (a) Define Political Science. 6+10  
(b) Is Political Science a Science? Give reasons for your answer.
2. (a) Discuss the behavioural approach to the study of Political Science. 10+6  
(b) Write down on what grounds this approach is criticised.
3. (a) Discuss the essential elements of the state.  
(b) Write down the difference between the State and Society. 10+6
4. (a) Write down the matriarchal and Patriarchal theory of the Origin of the state.  
(b) Discuss different criticisms levelled against this theory. 10+6
5. (a) Write down in detail the Social Contract theory regarding the origin of the state.  
(b) What are the criticisms levelled against this theory? 10+6
6. (a) What is meant by sovereignty? 4+6+6  
(b) Discuss the essential attributes of sovereignty.  
(c) Distinguish between legal and political sovereignty.
7. (a) What is meant by liberty and equality? 4+4+8  
(b) Write down the relation between liberty and equality.
8. (a) Discuss Austin's theory of sovereignty.  
(b) Discuss different criticisms levelled against this theory. 8+8
9. (a) What do you mean by 'Right'?  
(b) Discuss the Natural theory of Rights. 6+10



10. Write short notes on any two of the following:8x2

- (a) State and Association
- (b) Rights imply Duties
- (c) Civil rights
- (d) Different kinds of liberty
- (e) De-jure and De-facto sovereignty.

**2019 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I**

Answer any five questions.

- 1.(a) Define Political Science.  
(b) Write down the subject-matter of Political Science. [15+25]
- 2.(a) Discuss the traditional approaches to the study of Political Science.  
(b) Write down the different criticisms levelled against this approach. [20+20]
- 3.(a) Define State.  
(b) Discuss the essential elements of the State.  
(c) Differentiate between the State and Government. [10+15+15]
- 4.(a) Explain the force theory regarding the origin of the state.  
(b) What are the criticisms levelled against this theory? [20+20]
- 5.(a) Discuss the historical or the evolutionary theory regarding the origin of the state.  
(b) Explain the limitations of this theory. [25+15]
- 6.(a) Write down the Pluralistic Theory of Sovereignty.  
(b) Explain the limitations of this theory. [25+15]
- 7.(a) What do you mean by 'Rights'?  
(b) Discuss the Marxist Theory of Rights. [15+25]



- 8.(a) Discuss in detail different kinds of Rights.  
(b) 'Rights imply duties' - Explain. [20+20]
9. (a) Write down the meaning and nature of liberty.  
(b) Discuss the different kinds of liberty. [15+25]
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: [20+20]
- (a) Is Political Science a Science?  
(b) Essential attributes of Sovereignty.  
(c) Relation between liability and equality.  
(d) State and Society.

### 2018 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I

Answer any five questions.

- 1.(a) Define Political Science. [6+10]  
(b) Is Political Science a Science? Give reasons for your answer.
2. (a) Discuss in details the Behavioural Approach to the study of Political Science.  
(b) On what grounds this approach is criticised? [10+6]
- 3.(a) Discuss the essential elements of the State. [10+6]  
(b) Write down the difference between the State and Association.
- 4.(a) Explain the Social Control Theory regarding the origin of the State. [10]  
(b) What are the criticism levelled against this theory? [6]
- 5.(a) Write down the meaning of Sovereignty. [4]  
(b) Discuss the essential attributes of Sovereignty. [6]



- (c) Distinguish between Legal and Political Sovereignty. [6]
- 6.(a) Write down the Matriarchal and Patriarchal theory of the origin of the State.  
(b) Mention different criticisms levelled against this theory. [10+6]
- 7.(a) Write down the meaning of Liberty and Equality. [8]  
(b) Discuss the relation between Liberty and Equality. [8]
- 8.(a) Write down the Austin's theory of Sovereignty. [8]  
(b) Discuss different criticisms levelled against this theory. [8]
9. (a) What do you mean by the term 'Rights'? [6]  
(b) Discuss the Natural theory of Rights. [10]
10. Write short note on any two of the following: [8+8]
- (a) State and Society.  
(b) De-jure and De-facto Sovereignty.  
(c) Rights imply duties.  
(d) Different kinds of liability.

### 2017 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I

Answer any five questions

- 1.(a) Discuss the nature of Political Science. [8]  
(b) What is the subject matter of Political Science? [8]
- 2.(a) Discuss in details the Traditional Approaches to the study of Political Science. [10]  
(b) On what grounds this approach is criticized? [6]
- 3.(a) Define 'State' and discuss its essential elements. [10]  
(b) Differential between State and Government. [6]



- 4.(a) Examine the Divine Origin Theory of the State. [10]  
(b) What are the criticisms levelled against this theory. [6]
- 5.(a) Discuss the Historical or the Evolutionary Theory regarding the origin of the State. [10]  
(b) Explain the limitations of this theory. [6]
- 6.(a) What do you mean by the Pluralistic Theory of Sovereignty?  
(b) Distinguish between De-Jure and De-Facto Sovereignty. [8+8]
7. (a) Discuss in details the classification of Rights. [8]  
(b) "Rights imply duties" - Explain. [8]
8. (a) Define liberty and explain the concepts of Negative and Positive liberty. [8]  
(b) What are the different kinds of liberty? [8]
9. (a) What do you mean by Rights? [6]  
(b) Discuss the Marxist Theory of Rights. [10]
10. Write short notes on any two of the following : [8×2]
  - (a) Political Rights.
  - (b) Social Equality.
  - (c) Rights are not absolute - Discuss.
  - (d) Patriarchal Theory of the origin of the state.



## **2016 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I**

Answer any five questions

1. Define Political Science. Is Political Science a Science? Give reasons for your answer. [6+10]
2. Discuss the Behavioural Approach to the study of Political Science. On what grounds this approach is criticized? [10+6]
3. Explain the Social Contract Theory regarding the origin of the State. Write down different criticisms levelled against this theory. [10+6]
4. Discuss the essential elements of the State. [8]  
Write down the difference between the State and Society. [8]
5. Write down the Matriarchal and Patriarchal Theory of the origin of the State. What are the criticism against theory? [10+6]
6. What is meant by Sovereignty? Write down the essential attributes of Sovereignty. Distinguish between Legal and Political Sovereignty. [4+6+6]
7. What is meant by Liberty and Equality? Write down the relations between Liberty and Equality. [4+4+8]
8. Write down the meaning of the term 'Right'. Discuss the Natural Theory of Rights. [6+10]
9. Explain Austin's Theory of Sovereignty. Point out different criticisms levelled against this theory. [8+8]
10. Write short notes on any two of the following : 8x2
  - (a) State and Association.
  - (b) De Jure and De Facto Sovereignty.
  - (c) Rights imply duties.

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(d) Different kinds of Rights.

### **2015 | POLITICAL SCIENCE I**

Answer any five questions

1. Define Political Science. Write down the nature and scope of Political Science. [6+10]
2. (a) Discuss the Traditional Approaches to the study of Political Science. [10]  
(b) Write down the different criticisms levelled against this approach. [6]
3. (a) Define State and explain essential characters. [10+6]  
(b) Difference between State Government and State Association.
4. (a) Explain the Force Theory regarding the origin of all State. [12]  
(b) What are its limitations? [4]
5. (a) Define Sovereignty and enumerate the essential attributes of Sovereignty.  
(b) Distinguish between De-jure and De-facto Sovereignty. [10+6]
6. Write down the meaning and nature of liberty, discuss the different kinds of Liberty. [6+10]
7. Examine the nature of Rights. Discuss the Rights in different social system. [4+12]
8. (a) Discuss the classification of Rights. [8]  
(b) "Rights imply Duties" - Explain. [8]
9. (a) Explain the Austin's Theory of Sovereignty. [8]  
(b) Point out different criticisms levelled against this theory. [8]
10. Write short notes on any two of the following : 8x2



- (a) Is Political Science a Science?
- (b) Discuss in brief the concepts of Negative and Positive Liberty.
- (c) Relation between Political Science and Political Philosophy.
- (d) Discuss the Historical or Devine Theory or Matriarchal Theory of the origin of the State.
- (e) Discuss the Philosophical and Pluralistic Theories of Sovereignty.
- (f) Discuss Liberty and Equality.
- (g) Concept of General Will.
- (h) Different Theory of Rights.



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