

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)**

### **Class - XII**

Full Marks 100

Theory Marks- 80 +20 (Project)

#### **1. International Relations**

- a) Meaning of International Relations – Development of International Relations as a discipline
- b) Some key concepts in International Relations:
  - i) Power – Meaning and components
  - ii) National Interest – Meaning and its role in the making of foreign policy
  - iii) Globalisation – Meaning and its impact on state sovereignty

#### **2. International Relations in the post-second world war period**

Cold war – Meaning and causes of its origin – Evolution – Challenges to Bipolarity: Non-Aligned Movement – its present relevance – From bipolarity to unipolarity

#### **3. Foreign Policy**

Foreign Policy – Meaning – Basic features of India's foreign policy- India and SAARC

#### **4. U.N.O.**

- a) Origin – Objectives and principles- major organs of U.N.O. (with special reference to General Assembly, Security Council and ECOSOC)
- b) The U.N. and peace keeping operations

#### **5. Some Major Political Doctrines**

- a) Liberalism – Basic Features
- b) Marxism – Basic Tenets
- c) Gandhism- Non-violence and Satyagraha

#### **6. Organs of Government**

- a) Separation of Power
- b) i) Executive: Functions – political and permanent executive (Bureaucracy)
- ii) Legislature: Functions and Structure – Unicameral and bi-cameral legislature – Arguments for and against

## SYLLABUS

iii) Judiciary: Functions – Independence of judiciary

### 7. Executive in India

- i) The President – Election, powers and position
- ii) The Prime Minister – Power and position
- iii) The Governor of a state – Powers and position
- iv) The Chief Minister of a state- Powers and position

### 8. Legislature in India

- i) The Parliament – Composition and functions – Relation between Lok Sabha and Rajyasabha– Role of the Speaker
- ii) State Legislative Assembly (with special reference to West Bengal) – Composition and function
- iii) Parliamentary procedure – Zero hour, No- confidence, Cut and adjournment motion, Calling Attention Motion (meaning)

### 9. Judiciary in India

- i) Supreme Court – Composition, Functions and role
- ii) High Court – Composition and Functions
- iii) Subordinate judiciary – Structure
- iv) Lok Adalat and Consumer Court

### 10. Local Self- Government

- a) Rural- 3-tier panchayat system-composition, functions and source of income
- b) Urban- Municipality and corporation- Composition and functions and sources of income

### 11. Project (some suggested areas) (20 Marks)

- i) Survey and observation on the functioning of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti or Zilla Parishad, Municipality, Borough Committee, Ward Committee etc.
- ii) Women's participation at local level politics
- iii) Functioning of legislative Assembly (If possible)

**(N.B. Teachers are at Liberty to carry out project work on any relevant topic included in the syllabus)**