

**B.A. (Hons.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**  
**Political Theory Concepts and Debates**

**Unit 1 Freedom**

a) Liberty: Negative and Positive

b) Freedom, Emancipation, Swaraj

Debate: Free speech, expression and dissent

**Unit 2 Equality**

a) Equality of opportunity and Equality of Outcome

b) Egalitarianism: Background inequalities and differential treatment

Debate: Affirmative action

**Unit 3 Justice**

a) Justice: Procedural and Substantive

b) Rawls and his critics

Debate: Scope of Justice – National vs Global

**Unit 4 Rights**

a) Rights: Natural, Moral and Legal

b) Rights and Obligations Debate: Human Rights - Universalism or Cultural Relativism

**Unit 5 Democracy**

a) Democracy: Idea and Practice

b) Liberal Democracy and its critics

c) Multiculturalism and Toleration

Debate: Representation vs participation

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Political Process in India**

**Unit 1-Political Parties and the Party System**

- a. National Parties and State Parties
- b. Trends in the Party System: From the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions

**Unit 2- Elections and Electoral Processes**

- a. Electoral Process, Representation and social determinants of voting behaviour
- b. Election Commission and Electoral Reforms

**Unit 3- Religion and Politics**

- a. Debates on Secularism
- b. Debates on Communalism

**Unit 4- Caste and Politics**

- a. Caste in Politics and the Politicisation of Caste;
- b. Intersectionality of Caste, Class and Gender, reservation and affirmative action policies

**Unit 5- Tribes and Politics**

- a. Policies and Challenges: Fifth and Sixth Schedules; Forest Rights Act
- b. Development and Issues of Displacement

**Unit 6-The Changing Nature of the Indian State**

- a. Developmental and Welfare dimensions
- b. Coercive Dimension

**Generic Elective Paper**  
**Politics of Globalization**

**Unit 1 Concept of Globalization: Globalization debate; for and against.**

**Unit 2 Approaches to understanding globalization:**

- a) Liberal approach
- b) Radical approach

**Unit 3 International Institutions/Regimes**

- a) World Bank
- b) International Monetary Fund
- c) The World Trade Organization

**Unit 4 Issues in Globalization:**

Alternative Perspectives on its nature and character, critical dimensions:  
economic, political and cultural

**Unit 5 Globalization and democracy: State, sovereignty and the civil society.**

**Unit 6 Globalization and Politics in developing countries**

- a) Globalization and social movements
- b) Globalization and the demise of Nation State
- c) Globalization and human migration

**Unit 7 The inevitability of globalization: Domestic and Global responses**

**B.A. (Programme) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
Indian Government and Politics**

**Unit 1 Approaches to the Study of Indian Politics and Nature of the State in India:**

- a. Liberal,
- b. Marxist
- c. Gandhian

**Unit 2 Indian Constitution**

- a. Basic features
- b. Debates on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

**Unit 3 Institutional Functioning:**

- a. Prime Minister
- b. Parliament
- c. Judiciary

**Unit 4 Power Structure in India:**

- a. Caste
- b. Class
- c. Patriarchy

**Unit 5 Religion and Politics:**

- a. Debates on secularism
- b. Communalism

**Unit 6 Parties and Party systems in India**

Unit 7 Strategies of Development in India since Independence: Planned Economy and Neoliberalism

**Unit 8 Social Movements:**

- a. Workers Movement
- b. Peasants Movement
- c. Environmental Movement
- d. Women's Movement