Discipline Specific Elective Course (DSE)

Themes in Comparative Political Theory

Total Marks – 100

Semester Exam – 70

Credits - 6

Sessional Exam - 30

Programme/Class	B.A.	Semester	V
Subject	Political Science		
Course Code	BPS-E502	Course	Themes in Comparative Political
		Title	Theory

Course Learning Outcomes

On the successful competition of the course the student will able to

- Understand the Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought.
- The course will enhance students understanding Indian and western tradition of Political theory through some selective themes.

Units	Topic	No. of
		Lectures
Unit 1	1. Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought	8
Unit 2	2. Western Thought: Thinkers and Themes	26
	a) Aristotle on Citizenship	
	b) Locke on Rights	
	c) Rousseau on inequality	
	d) J. S. Mill on liberty and democracy	
	e) Marx and Bakunin on State	
Unit 3	3. Indian Thought: Thinkers and Themes	26
	a) Shanti Parva and Rajdharma	
	b) Kautilya Saptang Theory.	
	c) Tilak and Gandhi on Swaraj	
	d) Ambedkar and Lohia on Social Justice	
	e) Nehru and Jayaprakash Narayan on Democracy	

Suggestive Reading

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Dallmayr, F. (2009) 'Comparative Political Theory: What is it good for?', in Shogimen, T. and Nederman, C. J. (eds.) Western Political Thought in Dialogue with Asia. Plymouth, United Kingdom: Lexington, pp. 13-24.

Parel, A. J. (2009) 'From Political Thought in India to Indian Political Thought', in Shogiman, T. and Nederman, C. J. (eds.) Western Political Thought in Dialogue with Asia. Plymouth, United Kingdom: Lexington, pp. 187-208.

Pantham, Th. (1986) 'Introduction: For the Study of Modern Indian Political Thought', in Pantham, Th. & Deutch, K. L. (eds.) Political Thought in Modern India. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 9-16.

Waldron, J. (2003) 'Locke', in Boucher, D. and Kelly, P. (eds.) Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 181-197.

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