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GITAM SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PhD Entrance Test Syllabus

PhD in Humanities & Social Sciences: Political Science

Module I: Political Theory

Concepts: Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Democracy.

Traditions: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Marxism, Feminism, Ecologism, Multiculturalism, Postmodernism.

Postcolonial Theory, Critical Theory: The Frankfurt School and its critique of modernity, capitalism, and culture, **Decolonial Thought:** Exploring decolonial approaches to knowledge and governance.

Module II: Political Thought

i. Indian Political Thought:

- Ancient and Medieval Thinkers: Kautilya, Buddha, Barani
- Bhakti and Reform Thinkers: Kabir, Ramabai
- Modern Thinkers: BG Tilak, Vivekananda, Tagore, Gandhi, Aurobindo, Periyar E.V. Ramasamy, Muhammad Iqbal, M.N. Roy, V.D. Savarkar, Ambedkar, JL Nehru, Ram Manohar Lohia, Jaya Prakash Narayan

ii. Western Political Thought:

- Classical Thinkers: Plato, Aristotle
- Renaissance and Early Modern Thinkers: Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau
- Modern Thinkers: Hegel, Mary Wollstonecraft, John Stuart Mill, Karl Marx
- 20th Century Thinkers: Gramsci, Hannah Arendt, Frantz Fanon, Mao Zedong, John Rawls, Michel Foucault, Slavoj Žižek, Judith Butler, and Jacques Derrida.

Module III: Comparative Political Analysis

Approaches: Institutional, Political Culture, Political Economy, New Institutionalism

- Themes: Colonialism and Decolonization, State Theories, Globalization and Nation-States
- Political Regimes: Democratic and Non-Democratic Regimes
- Political Institutions: Constitutions, Constitutionalism, Development, Structures of Power



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- Political Behavior: Political Parties, Party Systems, Interest Groups, Social Movements, New Social Movements, NGOs, Civil Society Campaigns

Module IV: International Relations

- **Approaches:** Idealism, Realism, Structural Marxism, Neoliberalism, Social Constructivism, Critical International Theory, Feminism, Postmodernism
- **Concepts:** State and Non-State Actors, Power, Sovereignty, Security
- United Nations, Globalization, North-South Dialogue, WTO, G-20, BRICS, South Asian Politics
- Cybersecurity and Technology in International Relations
- **Contemporary Challenges:** International Terrorism, Climate Change, Human Rights, Migration and Refugees, Poverty and Development; Role of Religion, Culture, and Identity Politics

Module V: Indian Politics and Governance

i. Constitutional Framework:

- Philosophy of the Constitution
- Making of the Indian Constitution: Constituent Assembly Debates
- Basic Structure Doctrine, Constitutional Amendments

ii. Institutions and Governance:

- Union Executive, Council of Ministers, Union Parliament
- Judiciary: Judicial Review, Judicial Activism, Judicial Reform
- State Executive and Legislature, Federalism in India, Inter-State Council

iii. Political Dynamics:

- Electoral Process and Election Commission of India
- Constitutional and Statutory Bodies
- Identity Politics, Regionalization of Indian Politics, Gender
- Social Movements, Political Parties

iv. Development and Globalization:

- State, Economy, and Development



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- Process of Globalization

Module VI: Public Administration

i. Foundations of Public Administration:

- Meaning and Evolution: Public and Private Administration
- Approaches: System Theory, Decision-Making, Ecological Approach

ii. Theories and Concepts:

- Scientific Management Theory, Rational Choice Theory
- New Public Administration, Development Administration, Comparative Public Administration
- New Public Management: Changing Nature of Public Administration in the Era of Liberalization and Globalization

iii. **Public Policy Analysis:** Frameworks, evaluation techniques, and their application in governance.

iv. **E-Governance and Digital Administration:** Role of technology in public service delivery and governance.

v. **Climate Governance:** Public administration's response to environmental crises and sustainable development.

Module VII: Research Methodology

Philosophy of Social Science: Positivism, interpretivism, and critical approaches to political research.

Quantitative and Qualitative Methods: Surveys, ethnography, discourse analysis, and mixed-methods approaches.

Suggested Readings:

1. Andrew Heywood, Political Theory: An Introduction, Third Edition, Palgrave Macmillan, London 2005, Chapter 3.



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3. G H Sabine, A History of Political Theory, Oxford and IBH, 1973.
4. J. S. McClelland, A History of Western Political Thought, Routledge, London and New York, 1996.
5. L.D. White, Introduction to the study of Public Administration, 1926.
6. Aneek Chatterjee, International Relations Today: Concepts and Applications, 2010
7. John Baylis and Steve Smith, The Globalization of World Politics, 2014
8. Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, The Oxford Companion to Politics in India-. 2011
9. M. Laxmikanth, Governance in India, 2019.
10. Creswell, J. W. (2014). Research design: Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches (4th ed.). SAGE Publications.
11. Bryman, A. (2015). Social research methods (5th ed.). Oxford University Press.