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RATIONALE

A discipline of Social Science, Political Science deals with understanding the social structures and methods used to manage a government or State. It also encompasses the historical, philosophical, constitutional, and legal foundation of the political system. It further provides scope to identify the political values and ideas, governing institutions and their policy making process. The subject enhances the ability to address the functions and processes of government and politics in international, national, and state levels. It ensures that students acquire citizenship skills and engage as active citizens by appreciating human diversity. This subject is interdisciplinary by nature and draws upon other social disciplines or branches of knowledge and there by influenced by them in many ways. At the Senior Secondary level, the curriculum of Political Science is organized in a systematic manner to facilitate students to have an understanding of political ideas, ideologies, institutions, policies, processes, and behavior, as well as groups, classes, government, law, peace and war which are the bedrock of human society and polity. The contents enrich student's writing, communication, data analysis skills and also develop knowledge about current and past political events across the world. An earnest effort is directed towards laying the foundation for a serious engagement with the discipline and developing competencies that prepare students for higher education, learning, and acquiring knowledge.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Indian Constitution at Work:

- Understand the historical circumstances and the processes in which the Constitution was drafted.
- Be familiar with the diverse perspectives that guided the makers of the Indian Constitution.
- Analyze the working of the three pillars of democracy: Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary and their role with changing times.
- Identify the key features of the Indian Constitution and compare these to other constitutions in the world.

2. Political Theory:

- Recognize the ideas, concepts, and values inherent in the political life of a citizen.
- Systematic reflection and critical analysis of the political phenomenon.
- Provides a clarity on what is 'political' in relation to 'social', 'economic', 'moral', and the like.
- Augment the ability of students to build a good state in a good society, and create processes, procedures, institutions, and structures which could be rationally achievable.

3. Contemporary World Politics

- Enables an understanding of the nature of political interactions amongst the sovereign states in the World.
- Trace the key political events and processes in the post-cold war era.
- Analyze the all-encompassing impact of various global institutions, processes, and events.
- Promote international understanding and respect for humanity.

4. Politics in India since Independence

- Understand and analyze constitutional institutions and their working in the post-independence era.
- Appreciate the contribution of political leaders in Nation Building.
- Develop the capacity to link Government structure, processes, and their policies with contemporary political realities.
- Acquaint the students to the changing trends and developments in India.

CLASS XI

Links for NCERT Rationalised 2023-24 Political Science textbooks:

1. <https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php?keps1=ps-8>
2. <https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php?keps2=0-10>

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