

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.

<p>f) Resource Geopolitics g) Rights of Indigenous peoples</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to conserve critical resources like oil and water • Environmental movements • Concerns of indigenous communities, the role of governments and international organizations in protecting their rights. 	<p>environmental morality</p>	<p>and appreciation towards India's responsibility in protecting environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realize the need to conserve resources and exhibit responsibility towards prudent use to facilitate sustainable development • Know about the nature of concerns of indigenous communities and understand how the governments of different countries respond to their plea
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Globalisation</u></p> <p>Topics to be focused:</p> <p>a) Concept of globalisation b) Causes and Consequences of globalisation c) India and globalization d) Resistance to globalization e) India and resistance to globalisation</p>	<p>Familiarize students with the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept of Globalisation. • Causes of Globalisation. • Political, economic, and cultural consequences of Globalisation. • Impact of Globalisation on India. • Resistance to globalisation and its future course. 	<p>Group discussion: <i>Positive and negative impact of globalization.</i></p> <p>Interpretation of Cartoons</p> <p>Question strategy</p>	<p>After completion of the chapter, Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate the significance of Globalization • Elucidate the political, economic, and cultural dimensions of Globalisation. • Critically evaluate the impact of globalisation on India.

CLASS XI-XII
QUESTION PAPER DESIGN

S. No.	Competencies	Marks	Percentage
1	Knowledge and Remembering: Exhibit memory of previously learned material by recalling facts, terms, basic concepts.	22	27.5%
2	Understanding: Understanding of facts and ideas by organizing, comparing, explaining, describing, and stating main ideas.	24	30%
3	Applying: Solve problems by applying acquired knowledge, facts to interpret a situation/ cartoon/ clippings/ sources/ Map	22	27.5%
4	Analysis and Evaluation: Classify, compare, contrast, or differentiate between pieces of information; organize and/ or integrate from a variety of sources; Examine, synthesize information into parts and identify motives or causes. Make inferences and find evidence to support generalizations.	12	15%
		80	100%

Note: Competency based questions for the examinations to be conducted in the academic year 2024-25 will be 50% in class XII.

QUESTION PAPER DESIGN

Book	Objective Type/ MCQ (1 Mark)	Short Answers Type I (2 Marks)	Short Answers Type II (4 Marks)	Passage /Map / Cartoon based (4 Marks)	Long Answers (6 Marks)	Total Marks
Book 1 Contemporary World Politics	6	3	3	1(Passage)	2	40
Book 2 Politics in India since Independence	6	3	2	2(Cartoon and Map)	2	40
Project/Practical						20
Total No. of Marks and Questions	1x12=12	2x6=12	4x5=20	4x3=12	6x4=24	80+20=100

➤ **Scheme of Options:**

- Question paper will be in five parts (A, B, C, D & E). There will be an internal choice in Part C (Short Answer Type II in one or two questions) and Part-E. (Long Answers in all the questions)
- In order to assess different mental abilities of learners, question paper is likely to include questions based on passages, visuals such as maps, cartoons. No factual question will be asked on the information given in the plus (+) boxes in the textbooks.
- Map question can be given from any lesson of Book 2(Politics in India since Independence); but weightage of lessons should remain unaltered.
- Cartoon and passage-based questions can be asked from either textbook, but weightage of lessons should be maintained.

CLASS XI & XII
GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT WORK

Project Work: 20 Marks

Rationale

Political Science as a field of study in senior secondary classes enable students to get an exposure to political activities and processes that they are exposed to in everyday life. The study of political science has emerged as a multifaceted discipline, involving a contemporary interdisciplinary approaches and empirical framework, emphasizing more on field work rather than theoretical perceptions. The connect between government and citizen ensures the emergence of an active and reflective citizens and vibrant democracy. CBSE has therefore incorporated project work in Political Science to enable students to extend their interest beyond textbooks and provide them with a platform to gather information, value the decisions made to shape the community and visualize future course of action to be taken to ensure healthy democracy.

Objectives of project work:

- To enable learners to probe deeper, initiate action and reflect on knowledge and skills acquired during the course of class XI and XII
- To analyze and evaluate real world scenarios using social constructivism, a theory based on observation and scientific study
- To become independent and empowered to choose their topic and gather data from a variety of source, investigate varied viewpoints acquired during the course XI-XII and arrive at logical deductions.
- To enquire into, and reflect on, issues independently /in collaboration with others and identify the limitations
- To develop 21st century skills of communication, cooperation, coordination, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration to produce an extended and independent work.

Role of the teacher:

A teacher should:

- help each learner select the topic based on recently published extracts from the news media, government policies, RBI bulletin, NITI Aayog reports, IMF/World Bank reports etc., after detailed discussions and deliberations of the topic.
- play the role of a facilitator to support and monitor the project work of the learner through periodic discussions.
- guide the research work in terms of sources for the relevant data
- ensure that students understand the relevance and usage of primary evidence and other sources in their projects ensure that students are able to derive a conclusion from the content; cite the limitations faced during the research and give appropriate references used in doing the research work
- educate learner about plagiarism and the importance of quoting the source of the information to ensure authenticity of research work

Project overview:

- The Project work will be implemented for 20 Marks.
- Out of 20 marks, 10 marks are to be allotted to viva voce and 10 marks for project work.
- For class XII, the evaluation for 20 marks project work should be done jointly by the internal and external examiners and for class XI the evaluation can be done by the internal examiner.
- The project can be individual/pair/group of 4-5 each. The Project can be made on any of the topics given in the syllabus of a particular class or any contemporary issues.
- The project work can be culminated in the form of films, albums, songs, storytelling, debate, Role Play, Skit, Presentation, Model, Field Survey, Mock Drills/Mock Event etc.
- The teacher should give enough time for preparation of the Project Work. The topics for Project Work taken up by the student must be discussed by the teacher in classroom.

- Students can use primary sources available in city archives, Primary sources can also include newspaper cuttings, photographs, film footage and recorded written/speeches. Secondary sources may also be used after proper authentication.

Viva-Voce

- At the end of the stipulated term, each learner will present the research work in the Project File to the External and Internal examiner.
- The questions should be asked from the Research Work/ Project File of the learner.
- The Internal Examiner should ensure that the study submitted by the learner is his/her original work.
- In case of any doubt, authenticity should be checked and verified.

The marks will be allocated under the following heads:

SL.NO.	COMPONENTS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW	2
2.	VARIETY OF CONTENTS	3
3.	PRESENTATION	3
4.	CONCLUSION	1
5.	BIBLIOGRAPHY	1
6.	VIVA-VOCE	10
	TOTAL	20

Class XII: Assessment will be done by external examiner in coordination with internal examiner and the date of Project Assessment will be fixed by CBSE. The project reports are to be preserved by the school till the final results are declared, for scrutiny by CBSE.

Class XI: Assessment will be done by internal examiner.

Suggested Topics

CLASS XI

1. Making of the Constitution.
2. Elections in India.
3. Working of the Indian Judiciary System.
4. Social Justice: Are ethics followed in Indian Politics
5. Human Rights Act and its gratification in India.
6. Political impact on Indian Legislation.

CLASSXII

1. NAM- 1961 to present times.
2. Division of Germany with special focus on the construction and dismantling of the Berlin Wall.
3. CIS-Central Asian Republics
4. Disintegration of USSR with special focus on Gorbachev.
5. Arab Spring
6. Cover the negative as well as positive aspects of relationship between India and the following countries.

Focus on any one of the following (current updates should be highlighted):

- a) Relationship between India and Russia
- b) Relationship between India and China
- c) Relationship between India and Pakistan
- d) Relationship between India and Bangladesh

7. ASEAN

8. European Union and BREXIT
9. BRICS
10. SAARC
11. India's Nuclear Policy
12. United Nations with focus on India's candidature in Security Council.
13. UN Agencies – UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO
14. Pandemics: Covid 19- Its global impact (focus on worldwide cooperation and preparedness along with controversies (please collect newspaper clippings for the same)
15. Partition of India-Theory behind it and its legacy
16. Comparison between NITI AAYOG and Planning Commission and their contribution in India's Development.
17. Election 2019- Rise of BJP and Downfall of Congress (1989-2019).
18. Emergency – A blot on Indian Democracy
19. NDA III and NDA IV – Social and Economic welfare programmes.