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Dear Sir,

It is to inform you that the following papers in the syllabi of B.Com. and B.Com. (Hons.) have been approved by the University:

B.Com.

1. Paper CP 1.4 : **Political Theory and Thought**
2. Paper CP 4.5 : **Politics of Globalisation**

B.Com. (Hons.)

1. Paper 2.5 : **Reading Gandhi**

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. K. Singh', written over a horizontal line.

Deputy Registrar (Council)

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

READING GANDHI

C.H. 2.5

Duration 3 Hours

Maximum Marks 100

Lectures: 75

The course seeks to meet two essential objectives: one, to acquaint the students with the art of reading texts, to enable students to grasp its conceptual and argumentative structure and to help them acquire the skills to locate the texts in a broader intellectual and social-historical context. Second, it aims to acquaint the students with the social and political thought of Gandhi. We focus on Gandhi for three reasons: first, Gandhi is highly original; second, some of his texts have the requisite argumentative structure; third, the availability of a wide range of critical commentaries on his work. The themes in Gandhian thought that are chosen for a close reading are particularly relevant to our times.

1. Ways to read a text:

- a. Textual
- b. Contextual

- a) Terence Ball, *Reappraising Political Theory*, Chapter I, OUP, 1995
- b) "Meaning and Understanding in the History of Ideas" in *Visions of Politics*, Quentin Skinner (ed.), Vol. I, CUP, Cambridge, 2002

2. Gandhi in his own words: a close reading of *Hind Swaraj*.

3. Commentaries on *Hind Swaraj* and Gandhian thought:

- a. "Introduction", M.K.Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj and other writings* ed. A. J. Parel (1997).
- b. B.Parekh, *Gandhi* (1997), chs. 4 ("Satyagraha") and 5("The critique of modernity").
- c. D.Hardiman, *Gandhi in his time and ours* (2003), ch.4 ("An alternative modernity")

4. Gandhi and modern India.

- a. Nationalism.
- b. Communal unity
- c. Women's Question
- d. Untouchability

This component will contain the following selections from Gandhi's *India of my Dreams* (compiled R.K.Prabhu): "The meaning of Swaraj" (no.2); "In defence of Nationalism" (no.3); "India's cultural heritage" (no.45); "Regeneration of Indian women" (no.54); "Women's education" (no.55); "Communal unity" (no.59); "The curse of untouchability" (no.61); "Religious tolerance in India" (no.62); and, "The problem of minorities" (no.66)



INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY
C.P.1.4

Duration 3 Hours
Maximum Marks 100
Lectures: 75

Course Objective: This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in political theory and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

- 1(a) What is Politics?
- 1(b) What is Political Theory and what is its relevance?

2. Concepts: Democracy, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Gender, Citizenship, Civil Society and State

3. Debates in Political Theory:
 - a. Is democracy compatible with economic growth?
 - b. On what grounds is censorship justified and what are its limits?
 - c. Does protective discrimination violate principles of fairness?
 - d. Should the State intervene in the institution of the family?

Essential Readings:

1. Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman,
2. McKinnon, C. (ed.) Issues in Political Theory, New York: Oxford University Press.
3. Swift, A. (2001) Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Students and Politicians. Cambridge: Polity Press.
4. Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) The Democracy Sourcebook. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press,
5. Prezowrski, A., et al. (2003) 'Political Regimes and Economic Growth,' in Dahl, R., Shapiro, I. and Cheibub, A. J. (eds.) The Democracy Sourcebook. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press,
6. Frances E O. (1985) 'The Myth of State Intervention in the Family', University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. 18 (4), pp. 835-64.
7. Jha, M. (2001) 'Ramabai: Gender and Caste', in Singh, M.P. and Roy, H. (eds.) Indian Politic Thought: Themes and Thinkers, New Delhi: Pearson.



POLITICS OF GLOBALISATION

C.P. 4.5

Duration: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 100

Lectures: 75

1. Concept of Globalisation: Globalisation Debate; for and against.
2. Approaches to understanding Globalisation:
 - a. Liberal approach
 - b. Radical approach
3. Issues in Globalisation: Alternative Perspectives on its nature and character, critical dimensions: economic, political and cultural.
4. Globalisation and Politics in developing countries.
 - a. Globalisation and social movements
 - b. Globalisation and the demise of the Nation State
 - c. Globalisation and human migration
5. The Inevitability of Globalisation: Domestic and Global responses.

Suggested Readings:

1. Arjun Appadurai. Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalisation. University of Minnesota Press, 1996.
2. Deepak Nayyar (ed.) Governing Globalisation: Issues and Institutions. OUP, 2002.
3. Held, David and Anthony McGrew (ed.) The Global Transformations Reader: An Introduction to the Globalisation Debate. Cambridge: Polity Press, Blackwell Publishing.
4. Bhagwati, Jagdish. In Defence of Globalisation. OUP, 2004.
5. Stiglitz, Joseph E. Globalisation and its Discontents. W.W. Norton, 2003.
6. Keohane Robert and Joseph S. Nye Jr., Globalisation: what is new, What is not
7. Nye Joseph S and John D. Donanu(ed.) Governancè in a Globalising World, Washington DC: Brookings
8. Kegley W Charles, World Politics: Trend and Transformation. Cengage Learning, 2008.
9. Gilpin Robert. Global Political economy, Princeton University Press, 2008.
10. Tyler Cowen. Creative Destruction: How Globalisation is changing the World's Culture. New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2000.

