

# *Syllabus for Political Science Master's*

## **Section 1: Subject Knowledge**

Please Note: A Total of 40 Questions will be asked, combining the following topics, with the difficulty level commensurate to a Master's Candidate.

### Unit I: Political Theory

Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Democracy, Power, Socialism, Postmodernism, Utilitarianism, Citizenship, Liberalism, Conservatism, Marxism, Feminism, Ecologism, Multiculturalism.

### Unit II: Western Political Thought

Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John Stuart Mill, Karl Marx and Gramsci, John Rawls, Rousseau, Hegel, Mary Wollstonecraft, Hannah Arendt.

### Unit III: International Relations

Realism and neorealism, Liberalism and neoliberalism, Structural Marxism, Social Constructivism, Critical International Theory, Feminism, Postmodernism, State system, Globalisation, Regional Organisations, Climate Change and Terrorism, UN and its working, The World Wars and the Cold War.

### Unit IV: Comparative Politics

Approaches, Political Culture, Party System, Political Regimes, State theory, Concept of development, Nationalism- European and non-European, Structures of Power, Constitutionalism.

### Unit V: Public Administration

Meaning and evolution of public administration, Approaches, Theories and concepts, Principles of organisation, organisation management, communication, managing conflict in organisation, management objectives.

### Unit VI: Indian Political Thought

Dharmasastra and Arthashastra, Buddhism, Jainism, M.K Gandhi, J.L. Nehru and B.R. Ambedkar, Pandita Ramabai, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Swami Vivekanand, Rabindranath Tagore, Sri Aurobindo, Periyar E. V. Ramasamy, Muhammad Iqbal, M.N.Roy, V D Savarkar, Ram Manohar Lohia, Jaya Prakash Narayan.

### Unit VII: Indian Polity and Government

Indian National Movement, Indian Constitution, Executive, Legislature and Judiciary, Federalism, Local Government – ULBs and PRIs, Constitutional Bodies, Local government and Good governance.

## Unit VIII: Indian Political Processes

Nature of Indian State, Electoral Politics, Identity Politics, Regionalisation of Indian Politics, Social Movements.

## Unit IX: India's Foreign Policy

Principles and Determinants, Relations with neighbours and major powers, India's role in UN and Regional Organizations, Non-Aligned Movement, Contemporary challenges.

### **Section 2: Fundamental Research Skills**

Please Note: A Total of 31 Questions will be asked, combining the following topics, with the difficulty level commensurate to a Master's Candidate.

1. Research Methodology
2. Reading and Writing
3. Qualitative analysis