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PSIR Paper 1 syllabus

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1. Political Theory and Indian Politics

1. Political Theory: meaning and approaches.

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2. Theories of the State: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist.

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3. Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.

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4. Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.

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5. Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights.

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6. Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy - representative, participatory and deliberative.

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7. Concept of power, hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.

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8. Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism.

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9. Indian Political Thought: Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M.K. Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, M.N. Roy.

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10. Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.

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2. Indian Government and Politics

1. Indian Nationalism: Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle; Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Gandhi, Tagore, Nehru, Ambedkar, and the socialists.

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2. Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.

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3. Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.

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4. Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court.

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5. Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts.

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6. Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.

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7. Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, CAG, Finance Commission, UPSC, NCSC, NCST, NCBC, National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women and National Commission for Minorities, NITI Aayog.

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8. Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.

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9. Planning and Economic Development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.

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10. Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics.

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11. Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators.

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12. Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.

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