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**SYBA Philosophy II (Semester IV)**

**Political Philosophy**

**Credit Based Semester and Grading System (CBCS) with  
effect from the academic year 2019-20**

***SYBA PHILOSOPHY SYLLABUS***

**Academic year 2019-20**

<b>Semester IV</b>			
<b>Course Code:</b> <b>APHI401</b>	<b>Course Title: Political Philosophy</b>	<b>Credits:</b> <b>3.5</b>	<b>Lectures</b> <b>/Week: 3</b>
<b>Learning Objectives</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To acquaint students with the basic philosophical questions and issues that are current in political philosophy.</li> <li>2. To equip students with argumentative and analytical skills involved in philosophizing through these issues.</li> <li>3. To encourage a spirit of rationality in philosophizing while appreciating and respecting differing philosophical ideas and perspectives.</li> </ol>			
<b>Course description:</b>			
Philosophical tenets and thoughts are applied to contemporary political issues for the purpose of analytic clarity.			
<b>Unit I</b>	<b>Political ideologies</b> What is ideology and characteristics of ideology Characteristics of: Liberalism Socialism Communitarianism	<b>11 lectures</b>	
<b>Unit – II</b>	<b>Liberty</b> Freedom – Liberty and Licence, Negative and Positive Freedom Toleration –Toleration and Difference, The case for toleration, Limits of toleration Liberation – National liberation, Sexual liberation, Politics of liberation	<b>11 lectures</b>	
<b>Unit – III</b>	<b>Equality</b> G A Cohen: On the Currency of Egalitarian Justice Rawl’s: The Difference Principle, and Equality of Opportunity Elizabeth S Anderson: What is the Point of Equality?	<b>11 lectures</b>	
<b>Unit – IV</b>	<b>Justice</b> Justice as preservation: Aristotle Justice as fairness: John Rawls Justice as entitlement: Robert Nozick	<b>12 lectures</b>	
<b>References</b>			
<b>Unit I</b>			
<i>A Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy</i> , Robert Goodman, Philip Pettit and Thomas Pogge Blackwell, 2007 (2 volumes)			
<i>Political Ideologies: their origins and impact</i> , Baradat Leon, Pearson-Prentice Hall, 2008			
<i>An Introduction to Political Philosophy</i> , Bird Colin, Cambridge University Press, 2006			
<i>Political Theory: An Introduction</i> , Heywood, Andrew Palgrave Macmillan, 2012/13			

*Political Philosophy*, Knowles, Dudley, London: Routledge, 2001

### **Unit II**

*The Liberty Reader* Routledge 2006: Readings from the above text as follows: (a) Two Concepts of Liberty by Isaiah Berlin (b) Negative and Positive Freedom by Gerald C. MacCallum, Jr. (c) *The Republican Ideal of Freedom* by Philip Pettit (d) *A Third Concept of Liberty* by Quentin Skinner, David Miller ed

### **Unit III**

Cohen, G A. *Why not Socialism?* Princeton University Press, Oxford  
Cohen, G A. *Rescuing Justice and Equality*, Harvard University Press, London  
Elizabeth S. Anderson. *What is the Point of Equality?* The University of Chicago Press

### **Unit IV**

“Distributive Justice”, Julian Lamont, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*  
*State and Utopia*, Robert Nozick, *Anarchy*, New York: Basic Books, 1974 (chapter 7)  
*A Theory of Justice*, John Rawls, Cambridge, MA Harvard University Press, 1971 (chapter 1 and chapter 2)  
*Modern Political Thought*, Raymond Plant, Wiley Blackwell 1991 (Relevant chapters)  
*Republic*, Plato, New Haven: Yale University Press, 2006 (Book 1)

## **Evaluation Scheme**

### **I. Continuous Assessment (C.A.) - 40 Marks**

- (i) **C.A. – I: Test – 20 Marks of 40 minutes duration:** Political Philosophy of Civil Disobedience – Socrates, Gandhi and Martin Luther King Junior
- (ii) **C.A. – II:** Quiz on the following Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Anarchism, Nationalism, Fascism, Feminism, Green Ideology, Multiculturalism and Islamism

Reference: Heywood, A. *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*, sixth edition

### **II. Semester End Examination (SEE)- 60 Marks**

Four questions shall correspond to the four units for 15 marks each.  
Each question shall carry internal choice.