Title: Introduction to Politics

Learning Objectives:
1. To understand the basic concepts.
2. To build a foundation for SYBA and TYBA students.

Number of lectures: 60

Unit 1: The study of Politics

1.1 Definitions and Changing nature of Politics

[14 Lectures]
1.2 Scope of Politics

1.3 Different approaches to the study of Politics:
• Normative Approach
• Empirical Approach
• Feminist Approach

Unit 2: The changing nature, meaning and inter-relationship of the state, the civil Society and the market [16 Lectures]

2.1 The State: Definition
• Constituent Elements of the State
• Distinction between the State and the Government.

2.2 The Civil Society: Definition and Meaning
• Relationship between the State and the Society.

2.3 The Market: Meaning
• Changing role of the State
• Relationship between the State and the market

Unit 3: Power, authority and legitimacy [14 Lectures]

3.1 Power

3.2 Authority

3.3 Legitimacy

Unit 4: Select Concepts [16 Lectures]

4.1 Law
• Sources of law

4.2 Political Obligation

4.3 Right to Resist the State
• Violent forms of resistance
• Non-Violent forms of resistance

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REFERENCES


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Text Books

1. An introduction to Politics by Manohar R. Wadhwani

2. Introduction to Politics by Ashok Jain