St. Xavier’s College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabus
For 2nd Semester Courses in Political Science
(June 2016 onwards)

Number of lectures: 60

Contents:
Theory Syllabus for Courses:
A.Pol.2.01 – Political Theory

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
1. To introduce the basic framework of Political Theory and ideologies.
2. To understand Rights and it’s Kinds, Basic Political Values and Democratic Models.

Number of lectures: 60

Unit 1: Rights [16 Lectures]
1.1 Definition, Meaning
1.2 Various theories of rights
1.3 Classification of Rights

1.4 Types of Rights

**Unit 2: Basic Political Ideas** [16 Lectures]

2.1 Meaning and role of Political Ideas

2.2 Liberty:
   - Theory of Liberty (Ideas of J. S. Mill)
   - Kinds of liberty
   - Safeguards of liberty
   - Relation between law and liberty

2.3 Equality:
   - Types of equality
   - Relationship between liberty and equality

2.4 Justice:
   - Various dimensions of justice
   - Distributive justice (Ideas of John Rawls)

**Unit 3: Democracy** [14 Lectures]

3.1 Meaning, basic assumption of democracy

3.2 Types of Democracy:
   - Classical Democracy – Athenian Direct democracy
   - Liberal Democracy

3.3 Strengths and weaknesses of democracy

3.4 Conditions necessary for the success of democracy and Challenges to democracy

**Unit 4: Ideologies** [14 Lectures]

4.1 Meaning and Role of Ideology

4.2 Ideology of Nationalism

4.3 Communism

4.4 Gandhism

**CIA: Assignment**
REFERENCES

17. Mohanty, Monoranjan: Contemporary Indian Political Theory, Sanskriti, New Delhi, 2002.

Text Books
1. An introduction to Politics by Manohar R. Wadhwani
2. Introduction to Politics by Ashok Jain