

M.A./M.Sc. Geography
Second Semester
Paper – IV (42364) Political Geography

Unit – I

- a) Nature, scope and subject matter of political geography
- b) Geopolitics: meaning and contributions of Emmanuel Kant, Karl Ritter, Friedrich Ratzel, H. V. Tritischke, Rudolf Kjellen and Karl Haushofer
- c) Development of political geography
- d) Contributions of Alfred Thayer Mahan, H. J. Mackinder and Alexander-de-Seversky, D.W. Meining, N.J. Spykman and Hooson

Unit – II

- a) Recent trends in political geography
- b) The functional approach in political geography
- c) The unified field theory of political geography
- d) Nature of administrative areas and geography of public policy and finance

Unit – III

- a) Concept of nation, state and nation state
- b) The state as a politico-geographical region: location, shape, size
- c) Resources of state: natural, cultural and human
- d) Frontiers and boundaries: types and functions, boundary making and boundary problems

Unit – IV

- a) Core areas and capitals
- b) Unitary and federal states
- c) The impress of government on landscape
- d) Politics of world resources; globalization and WTO

Unit – V

- a) Electoral studies in political geography
- b) Conceptual model of voting decision; Gerrymandering: gerrymandering in relation to India
- c) Geographical influence on voting behaviour of the electors in India
- d) Spatial pattern of voting behaviour in Rajasthan

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