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**B.A. HONOURS COURSE**

**2015-2016**

**First Year**

**Paper – I**

**Basic Principles of Political Science**

**Unit I**

Meaning, Scope and Nature of Political Science, Methodology of Political Science, Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives; Interdisciplinary approach in Political Science, Political Science and History, Economics, Sociology and Ethics.

**Unit II**

Concepts: Liberty, Equality, Property and Justice, Power, Authority, Legitimacy, Sovereignty and Pluralism, Law.

**Unit III**

Democracy and Dictatorship, Parliamentary and Presidential Systems, Unitary and Federal Systems, State and Local Government, Political Parties.

**Unit IV**

Nature of the State, State and Society and Government, Theories of the Origin of the State, Organs of the Government: Legislature, Executive, Judiciary, Theory of Separation of Powers, Checks and Balances.

**Unit V**

Constitution and Constitutionalism, Electorate and Representation, Public Opinion, Citizenship, Rights and Duties, Revolution: Theories and Types.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Sir, E. Barker, *Principles of Social and Political Theory*, Calcutta, Oxford University Press, 1976.
2. A. Brecht, *Political Theory: The Foundations of Twentieth Century Political Thought*, Bombay, The Time of India Press, 1965.

3. R. Dahl, *Modern Political Analysis*, Englewood, Cliffs, NJ, Prentice Hall, 1963.
4. B. Goodwin, *Using Political Ideas*, Chichester, John Wiley and Sons, 1992.
5. D. Held, *Models of Democracy*, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1987.
6. P. Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers: Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500-2000*, London, Fontana, 1988.
7. R.M. MacIver, *The Modern State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1926.
8. R. Plant, *Modern Political Thought*, Oxford, Blackwell, 1991.
9. R.M. Titmuss, *Essays on the Welfare State*, London, George Allen and Unwin, 1956.