



University of Madras
Department of Politics and Public Administration
Entrance Exam - 2026-2027
M.A. Political Science

Syllabus

Unit 1- Introduction to Political science

Meaning, nature, scope and significance of Political science– what is Politics?
Politics as Art of Government, Politics as Public Affair, Politics as Power – State,
Role of state– Civil Society and Nation

Concepts of Liberty– Equality– Justice– Democracy– Rights– Power

Unit 2 – Constitution of India

Preamble– Fundamental Rights and Duties– Directive Principles of State Policy –
Central Government – Parliament – President– Prime Minister– Council of
Ministers– Judiciary– Supreme Court & High court– Constitutional and Non-
Constitutional bodies– Local Self Governments– 73rd and 74th Constitutional
Amendment Act

Unit 3 – Political thinkers

Plato– Aristotle– Machiavelli– John Locke– J J Rousseau– Karl Marx

Unit 4 – Current Affairs

Current affairs on National and International importance.

Suggested Readings

Gauba, O. P. "An introduction to political theory." Macmillan, 2013.

Basu, Durga Das, et al. *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. Wadhwa, 2001.

Jha, Shefali. *Western political thought: From plato to marx*. Pearson Education
India, 2009.



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Evolution of Indian Constitution– Making of the Constitution– Salient Features of Indian Constitution– Preamble–Union and its Territory– Citizenship– Fundamental Rights and Duties– Directive Principles of State Policy – Amendment of the Constitution– Basic Structure of the Constitution– Parliamentary System– Federal System

Unit 2 – Government and Administration in India

Union Government– President– Vice President– Prime Minister– Council of Ministers– Parliament– State Government– Governor– Chief minister- Council of ministers –State legislature– Centre-State Relations– Inter-State Relations– Local Self Governments–Rural and Urban local bodies– 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Act–Bureaucracy– Prime Minister’s Office; Cabinet Secretariat– Central Secretariat– Ministries and Departments– Indian Civil services – Structure- Recruitment and training

Unit 3 – Recent developments in Indian Administration

Tax Reforms- GST; Institutional reforms- Planning Commission vs NITI Aayog- Election Commission Reforms; Administrative Reforms- ARC; Technology- Direct Benefit Transfer- Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana- Aadhar- UPI/BHIM- Digitization of Ration Cards-LPG Subsidies; Good Governance- Right To Information, Citizen Charter, Atma Nirbhar, CPGRAMS; Institutional Framework to Fight Corruption- Central Vigilance Commission ,Comptroller and Auditor General, Lokpal, Lokayukta.

Unit 4 – Current Affairs

Current affairs on National and International importance.

Suggested Readings

Fadia, B. L., and Kuldeep Fadia. *"Indian Administration."* (2011).

Basu, Durga Das, et al. *Introduction to the Constitution of India.* Wadhwa, 2001

Maheshwari, S.R. *"Indian Administration."*(2004)



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Unit I- History of International Relations

Westphalian system- Congress of Vienna- Concert of Europe- Unification of Italy –Unification of Germany- World War I- World War II-Cold war

Unit II- International Organizations and Groupings

Structure of UN -WHO-WTO-IMF-NAM- ASEAN-SAARC-NATO-BRICS-QUAD

Unit III-Foreign Policy of India

Structure of MEA- Panchsheel-Look East / Act East policy- Major border disputes with Pakistan and China-SAGAR doctrine- Indian Nuclear policy

Unit IV – Current Affairs

Current affairs on National and International importance.

Suggested Readings

Baylis, John. *The globalization of world politics: An introduction to international relations*. Oxford university press, USA, 2020.

Hurd, Ian. *International organizations: politics, law, practice*. Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Malone, David M. *Does the elephant dance?: contemporary Indian foreign policy*. OUP Oxford, 2011.



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Question Paper Pattern for Entrance Examination June 2026

I.	MCQs	--	20 Marks (20x1=20)
	Descriptive Answers	--	20 Marks (5x4=20)
II.	Interview	--	10 Marks
	Total	--	50 Marks

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Short Answers in 250 words (5x4 = 20)

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