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Semester I

**CORE COURSE (CC)**

**CC-1: Understanding Political Theory Credit 06**

**C1T: Understanding Political Theory**

**I: Introducing Political Theory**

1. What is Politics: Theorizing the ‘Political’

2. Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal, Marxist, Anarchist and Conservative

3. Approaches to Political Theory: Normative, Historical and Empirical

4. Critical and Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminist and Postmodern

**II: Political Theory and Practice**

**The Grammar of Democracy**

1. Democracy: The history of an idea

2. Procedural Democracy and its critique

3. Deliberative Democracy

4. Participation and Representation

CC-2: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India Credit 06

C2T: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India

I. The Constituent Assembly and the Constitution

a. Philosophy of the Constitution, the Preamble, and Features of the Constitution

b. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

II. Organs of Government

a. The Legislature: Parliament (1.5 weeks or 6 lectures)

b. The Executive: President and Prime Minister

c. The Judiciary: Supreme Court

III. Federalism and Decentralization

a. Federalism: Division of Powers, Emergency Provisions, Fifth and Sixth Schedules

b. Panchayati Raj and Municipalities

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**GE-1: Nationalism in India Credit 06**

**GE1T: Nationalism in India**

**I. Approaches to the Study of Nationalism in India**

Nationalist, Imperialist, Marxist, and Subaltern Interpretations

**II. Reformism and Anti-Reformism in the Nineteenth Century**

Major Social and Religious Movements in 19th century

**III. Nationalist Politics and Expansion of its Social Base**

a. Phases of Nationalist Movement: Liberal Constitutionalists, Swadeshi and the Radicals; Beginning of Constitutionalism in India

b. Gandhi and Mass Mobilisation: Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and Quit India Movement

c. Socialist Alternatives: Congress Socialists, Communists

**IV. Social Movements**

a. The Women’s Question: Participation in the National Movement and its Impact

b. The Caste Question: Anti-Brahminical Politics

c. Peasant, Tribals and Workers Movements

**V. Partition and Independence**

a. Communalism in Indian Politics

b. The Two-Nation Theory, Negotiations over Partition