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Semester II

**CC-3: Political Theory-Concepts and Debates Credit 06**

**C3T: Political Theory-Concepts and Debates**

**Section A: Core Concepts**

**I. Importance of Freedom**

a. Negative Freedom: Liberty

b. Positive Freedom: Freedom as Emancipation and Development

*Important Issue*: Freedom of belief, expression and dissent

**II. Significance of Equality**

a. Formal Equality: Equality of opportunity

b. Political equality

c. Egalitarianism: Background inequalities and differential treatment

*Important Issue*: Affirmative action

**III. Indispensability of Justice**

a. Procedural Justice

b. Distributive Justice

c. Global Justice

*Important Issue*: Capital punishment

**IV. The Universality of Rights**

a. Natural Rights

b. Moral and Legal Rights

c. Three Generations of Rights

d. Rights and Obligations

*Important Issue*: Rights of the girl child

**Section B: Major Debates**

a. Why should we obey the state? Issues of political obligation and civil disobedience.

b. Are human rights universal? Issue of cultural relativism.

c. How do we accommodate diversity in plural society? Issues of multiculturalism and toleration.

**CC-4: Political Process in India Credit 06**

**C4T: Political Process in India**

**i. I. Political Parties and the Party System**

Trends in the Party System; From the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions

**ii. II. Determinants of Voting Behaviour**

Caste, Class, Gender and Religion

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**iii. III. Regional Aspirations**

The Politics of Secession and Accommodation

**iv. IV. Religion and Politics**

Debates on Secularism; Minority and Majority Communalism

**v. V. Caste and Politics**

Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste

**vi. VI. Affirmative Action Policies**

Women, Caste and Class

**vii. VII. The Changing Nature of the Indian State**

Developmental, Welfare and Coercive Dimensions

**GE-2 : Governance: issues and challenges Credit 06**

**GE2T : Governance: issues and challenges**

**1. Government and governance: concepts**

Role of State in the Era of Globalisation

State, Market and Civil Society

**2. Governance and development**

Changing Dimensions of Development Strengthening Democracy through Good Governance

**3. Environmental governance**

Human-Environment Interaction

Green Governance: Sustainable Human Development

**4. Local governance**

Democratic decentralisation

People's Participation in Governance

**5. Good governance initiatives in india: best practices**

Public Service Guarantee Acts

Electronic Governance

Citizens Charter & Right to Information

Corporate Social Responsibility