



SDGS College :: HINDUPUR
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



THIRD YEAR; SEMESTER – V
PAPER-VI (CORE): WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unit-1: Classical Western Political Thought

Plato: Theory of Forms, Critique of Democracy, Justice

Aristotle: Citizenship, State, Justice, Virtue

Unit-2: Early Medieval to the Beginning of Modern Thought

St. Augustine: Earthly City and Heavenly City, Evil, Freewill, Moral Action

Machiavelli, Statecraft, Virtue, Fortuna

Unit-3: Liberal Thought

Thomas Hobbes: Human nature, Social Contract, liberty, State

John Locke: Natural Rights, Consent, Social Contract, State

Rousseau: Social institutions and Moral Man, Equality, liberty and General Will

Unit-4: Liberal Democratic Thought

Jeremy Bentham: Utilitarianism

John Stuart Mill: Individual liberty, Representative Government

Unit-5: Philosophical Idealism and its critique

1. Hegel: Individual Freedom, Civil Society, State

2. Karl Marx: Alienation, Surplus Value, Materialist Conception of History, State

Reference books

1. Shefali Jha (2010) Western Political Thought from Plato to Karl Marx, Pearson, New Delhi
2. Boucher D and Kelly P (Eds) (2009) Political Thinkers from Socrates to the Present, Oxford University press, oxford
3. Coleman J (2000) A History of Modern Political Thought: From Ancient Greece to early Christianity, Blackwell publishers, oxford
4. Macpherson C B (1962) The Political Theory of Possessiveness Individualism, Oxford University press, oxford
5. Hampsher-monk I (2001) A History of Modern Political Thought: Major Political Thinkers from Hobbes to Marx, Blackwell publishers, oxford

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