

Course-I Political Science

Major-3: State & Political Obligations

UNIT-1

1. Introduction-Political obligation meaning nature & characteristics.
2. Kinds of political obligations.
3. Obligations of the State under monarchy (ancient & medieval); according to individualism, socialism & welfare state
4. Political obligations of individuals citizens and other members of the state, to the state

UNIT-II

1. Law-meaning nature, sources, kinds; law and morality
2. Delegated legislation (a special mention); meaning need for growth of, advantages & limitations; safeguards.
3. A) liberty-meaning, importance, kinds.
B) Equality meaning, importance, kinds.
C) Relations between liberty & Equality.
4. Justice-meaning & interpretation; kinds; ancient, medieval & modern interpretations.

UNIT-III

1. Approaches to Political Obligation
 - a) Individualism-background, statement, merits & limitations.
 - b) Utilitarianism background, statement, merits & limitations a note on the contributions of Jeremy Bentham & J. S. Mill
 - c) Idealism-background, statement, merits & limitations; Kant, Hegel and T. H. Green- a brief study.

UNIT-IV

1. Power-meaning, aspects, sources, kinds.
2. Authority meaning, power vs authority, Legitimation of power, limitations and conditions; kinds (reference to Max Weber on kinds of domination)
3. Responsibility-
 - a) meaning, relationship with authority & kinds- personal, institutional & Professional.
 - b) accountability (as an adjunct of responsibility) meaning, importance & kinds.

UNIT-V

1. Obedience to Law a legal duty; need for and importance, why do people obey law normally, reasons.
2. Problem of Punishment
 - a) can the state use force against its citizens? arguments for and limitations conditions to be observed.
 - b) kinds of punishment
 - c) Theories of punishment
3. Can laws be disobeyed? under what conditions?
 - a) The problem of Civil disobedience meaning, features, conditions, and limitations (according to laws) civil disobedience to be contrasted with revolution.

- b) a special reference to the civil disobedience movement under Gandhiji's satya, ahimsa & satyagraha influence of Thoreau.
- c) Neo-Gandhian movement a brief reference to Martin Luther King (Sr) U. S. A. and Nelson Mandela (South Africa)