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**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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# PAPER 01: THEORY AND METHODS OF RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCES

# UNIT 01: Philosophical Framework and Methodological Issues in Social Sciences

**Contents of the Unit**

* Traditionalist Approach to Social Inquiry
* Structure of Scientific revolution
* Application of Scientific Methods in Social Sciences
* Advantages and Limitations of Empiricism
* Concept Formation and Theory Building
* Probability, Causation and Validation
* Structuralism and Post Structuralism
* Reading Text: Narratives and Meta Narratives
* Ethnographic Methodology

# UNIT 02: Framework and Techniques of Research

# Contents of the Unit

* Identification of Problems and Research Designing
* Formulation and testing of Hypothesis
* Data Generation Techniques
  + Use of Available Data
  + Survey Research
  + Case Study Methods
  + Sampling
  + Interview
  + Questionnaire
  + Participatory Research
  + Data Verification, Validation and Quantification
* Data Interpretation
  + Codification, Systemisation and Classification of Data
  + Statistical Methods of Data Interpretation
  + Content Analysis
  + Forms and Structure of Event Analysis
  + Analogy and Comparison of Data
* Application and Use of Information Technology in Social Science Research
  + Use of Computer in Data Storage and Representation
  + Use of E Mail and Web Sources
  + Use of Audio Visual Media

Research Writing and Style Sheet Manual

* + Research Finding, Concept Formation and Standardisation
  + Use of Tables and Graphics
  + Citations, Notes and Bibliography

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**PAPER 02: POLITICAL SCIENCE: TEXT, BOUNDARIES AND CRITICAL CHALLENGES**

**UNIT 01: Theories, Concepts and Paradigms**

**Content of the Unit**

* Key Elements of Political Philosophy
* Approaches and Methodology of Political Analysis
* Key Concepts of Political Science
  + - State
    - Democracy
    - Nationalism
    - Multiculturalism
    - Power and Authority
    - Citizenship
    - Rights, Freedom and Justice
* Critical Political Theory and Emerging Challenges
  + - Cultural Studies
    - Environmentalism
    - Dissent, Protest and Social Change
    - Globalisation
    - Political Economy and Development Studies
    - Public Policy

**UNIT 02: Constitution, Institutions and Political Systems**

**Content of the Unit**

* State Formation
* Constitutionalism
* Approaches to Comparative Politics
* Comparing Legislatures
* Separation of Powers
* Comparative Federalism
* Comparative Judicial System
* Theories of Coalition and Government Formation
* New Institutionalism and Regulatory System
* Political Executives and Bureaucracy
* Local Governance
* Governing Globalisation
* Instruments of Political Mobilisation and Participation
* Parties and Party System
* Electoral System and Representation

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