

Social Science
(Political Science)
Class – IX & X

Introduction

Political Science is an integral component of social sciences at the secondary level and is a compulsory subject at the secondary stage. Political science helps the students in understanding the socio-political environment, Political institutions, democratic processes, Electoral system and its functioning in our country. Courses designed at this level aim at increasing the understanding of students about the Indian Constitution, their duties and rights and to provide them with an insight into the challenges faced by democracy.

To sum up it is of paramount importance to make the young learners conversant with the functioning of govt. at all levels and to develop them into well informed and responsible citizens. The course has been structured so as to give students basic orientation and opportunities to reflect and debate on their own experiences of the Indian Constitution and democratic politics and it would develop their capacity and skills. Some topics have been included to make the curriculum local specific and to make the concept clear. Different activities have been included to be carried out after discussion. The learner also needs time to reflect in class room and to do activity. This can be successful only if content load is reduced. The content for each class at secondary stage has been reduced for the said purpose.

General Objectives

1. To help the learners understand the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution and to prepare them for their roles and responsibilities as effective citizens of a democratic society.

2. To provide elementary knowledge of the democratic system and the electoral process in India and visualize democratic functioning in India.
3. To provide a detailed information about the rights and duties of citizens and the responsibilities of the Government.
4. To establish linkages between ideals and real - life knowledge.
5. To equip students with moral and mental energy so as to provide them the ability to think independently and reflect critically on social issues.
6. To develop an understanding of the functioning of govt. at National and local level.

Specific Objectives

Class – IX

1. To analyze democratic values, impart skills to critically evaluate the concept of liberty, equality, justice & fraternity.
2. To develop respect for the Constitution and appreciation for Constitutional values and to understand the basic structure of the Indian Constitution.
3. To make the students aware of Constitutional responsibilities of the government towards the masses.
4. To develop among students an awareness of their rights and duties, recognition of the ways in which these rights are exercised and or denied in real life situations, especially the right to information.

5. To develop among students an understanding of the functioning of the Govt. at national, state and local level so as to make them responsible and enlightened citizens.
6. To deepen the knowledge and understanding of the political environment and to enable them to analyse it critically.
7. To impart the knowledge of the Indian judicial system at the Union level, the role of judiciary in safeguarding the constitutional provisions and to create awareness about Lok-Adalat as a speedy redressal mechanism especially for the poor people.

Specific Objectives

Class – X

1. To develop an awareness and critical understanding of the Casteism, Regionalism, Communalism and Challenges of democracy facing our Country.
2. To make the students aware of the emerging problems in social development and their impact on the society and to sensitize the students about the plight of the disadvantaged groups.
3. To make the students aware of the functioning of our political system and its election process.
4. To help the students appreciate the role and contribution of India and the U.N.O in the promotion of international peace and to create in them a sense of humanism and brotherhood.

Expected Outcome (IX-X)

1. The students shall get the mental skills needed to think and reason independently.
2. They shall understand the philosophical foundation that underlining the value framework of the Indian Constitution, i.e. in depth inculcation of the concept of equality, liberty, justice and fraternity.
3. They shall develop respect for the Constitution and appreciation for Constitutional values.
4. They shall develop an awareness of their rights and duties and the way in which these rights are exercised / denied in real life situations.
5. They shall be introduced to the centrality of power sharing in India.
6. They shall develop capability to identify communalism, casteism, regionalism and major problems facing contemporary India.
7. They will be able to reflect upon India's efforts in maintaining peace within and outside the country with a sense of humanity and cohesiveness in society.
8. They shall become active and participatory citizens and develop skills of comparison and evaluation.
9. They shall be able to analyze the functioning of global institutions such as U.N.O.