

PAPER-III Comparative Politics & Politics of Developing Countries

(Questions will be set from each unit / section)

Course Rational :

Comparative Politics

This paper deals with the theoretical evolution and approaches to the study of Comparative Politics. The paper intend to highlight on variations in systematic characteristics and processes, to equip us with a sound grasp of methodology of comparison and to enable thus to understand alternative theoretical models and explanations. It analyzes in a comparative way, a fundamental grasp over the various theories and explanations regarding political development in the third world countries. The paper concentrates specifically on some of the major paradigms or worldviews, which have elicited different theories of development, underdevelopment and change in the study of comparative politics.

Politics of developing countries

Beginning with "Politics of Developing Areas", Many works in the same genre have appeared,. Most of the developing countries face similar political, social and economic challenges and problems and solutions and the soultions are very dften similar. An Attempt is made to critically analyse these challenges and problems in a comparative perspective and to have an understanding of the relative successes and failure of individual countries in dealing with their challenges and problems. There is also a need to highlight the wide veriety within the developing world in context of political development, economic prosperity and democratization.

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- UNIT-I**
 - 1. Comparative Method in the Study of Political System Approaches : Political Sociology. Political Economy and Structural Functionalism.
 - 2. Political Culture and Political Socialization
 - 3. Constitutionalism
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 - 1. Classes and Political Elites
 - 2. Political Parties
 - 3. Pressure Groups and Social Mavements
- UNIT-III**
 - 1. Political Development
 - 2. Genesis of Colonialism
 - 3. Types of Colonialism
- UNIT-IV**
 - 1. Nature of Anti Colonial Struggle
 - 2. Post Colonial State
 - 3. Political Leadership
- UNIT-V**
 - 1. Political Institution
 - 2. New Social Movement
 - 3. Waves of Democratic Expansion : Recent Trends