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**CLASS XII**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**COMPLETE SYLLABUS**

Remark: Highlighted portion in the following syllabus is to be taught as per the teaching schedule, however it may not be the part of any examination.

**A. Theory**

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**B. Project Work**

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**COURSE CONTENTS**

<b>Part A: Contemporary World Politics</b>	
1	<p><b>Cold War Era</b> Emergence of two power blocs after the second world war. Arenas of the cold war. Challenges to Bipolarity: Non Aligned Movement, quest for new international economic order. India and the cold war.</p>
2.	<p><b>The End of Bipolarity</b> New entities in world politics: Russia, Balkan states and Central Asian states. Introduction of democratic politics and capitalism in post- communist regimes. India's relations with Russia and other post-communist countries.</p>
3	<p><b>US Hegemony in World Politics</b> Growth of unilateralism: Afghanistan, first Gulf War, response to 9/11 and attack on Iraq. Dominance and challenge to the US in economy and ideology. India's renegotiation of its relationship with USA.</p>
4	<p><b>Alternative Centres of Power</b> Rise of China as an economic power in post-Mao era, creation and expansion of European Union, ASEAN. India's changing relations with China.</p>
5	<p><b>Contemporary South Asia in the Post-Cold War Era</b> Democratisation in Pakistan and Nepal. Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka, Impact of economic globalization on the region. Conflicts and efforts for peace in South Asia. India's relation with its neighbours.</p>
6	<p><b>International Organizations</b> Restructuring and the future of the UN. India's position in the restructured UN. Rise of new international actors: new international economic organizations, NGOs. How democratic and accountable are the new institutions of global governance?</p>
7	<p><b>Security in Contemporary World</b> Traditional concerns of security and politics of disarmament. Non-traditional or human security: global poverty, health and education. Issues of human rights and migration.</p>
8	<p><b>Environment and Natural Resources</b> Environment movement and evolution of global environmental norms. Conflicts over traditional and common property resources. Rights of indigenous people. India's stand in global environmental debates.</p>
9	<p><b>Globalization</b> Economic, cultural and political manifestations. Debates on the</p>

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	nature of consequences of globalization. Anti-globalization movements. India as an arena of globalization and struggle against it.
<b>Part B: Politics in India since Independence</b>	
10	<b>Challenges of Nation-Building</b> Nehru's approach to nation-building; Legacy of partition: challenge of 'refugee' resettlement, the Kashmir problem. Organization and reorganization of states; Political conflicts over language.
11	<b>Era of One-Party Dominance</b> First three general elections, nature of Congress dominance at the national level, uneven dominance at the state level, coalitional nature of Congress. Major opposition parties.
12	<b>Politics of Planned Development</b> Five year plans, expansion of state sector and the rise of new economic interests. Famine and suspension of five year plans. Green Revolution and its political fallouts.
13	<b>India's External Relations</b> Nehru's foreign policy. Sino-Indian war of 1962, Indo-Pak war of 1965 and 1971. India's nuclear programme. Shifting alliance in world politics.
14	<b>Challenges to the Congress System</b> Political succession after Nehru. Non-Congressism and electoral upset of 1967, Congress split and reconstitution, Congress' victory in 1971 elections, politics of 'garibi hatao'
15	<b>Crisis of the Democratic Order</b> Search for 'committed' bureaucracy and judiciary. Navnirman movement in Gujarat and the Bihar movement. Emergency: context, constitutional and extra-constitutional dimensions, resistance to emergency. 1977 elections and the formation of Janata Party. Rise of civil liberties organizations.
16	<b>Popular Movements in India</b> Farmers' movements, Women's movement, Environment and Development-affected people's movements. Implementation of Mandal Commission report and its aftermath.
17	<b>Regional Aspirations</b> Rise of regional parties. Punjab crisis and the anti-Sikh riots of 1984. The Kashmir situation. Challenges and responses in the North East.
18	<b>Recent Developments in Indian Politics</b> Participatory upsurge in 1990s. rise of the JD and the BJP. Increasing role of regional parties and coalition politics. Coalition governments: NDA (1998-2004) UPA (2004-2014) NDS (2014 onwards)

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**Prescribed Books:**

1. Contemporary World Politics, Class XII, Published by NCERT
2. Politics in India since Independence, Class XII, Published by NCERT

**Note:** The above textbooks are also available in Hindi and Urdu versions.

The weightage or the distribution of marks over the different dimensions paper shall be as follows:-

1. Weightage of Content

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2. Weightage of Difficulty Level

<b>Estimated difficulty level</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Difficult	20%
Average	50%
Easy	30%

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**3. Scheme of Options:**

There is internal choice for long answer questions. Map question has choice only with another map.

There are three passage-based or picture-based Questions.

**4. Project Work:**

Details of Project Work

1. The Project work will be implemented in class XII from the session i.e. 2019-20.
2. Out of 20 marks, 10 marks are to be allotted to viva voce and 10 marks for project work.
3. For class XII, the evaluation for 20 marks project work should be done jointly by the internal as well as the external examiner.
4. The project can be individual/pair/group of 4-5 each. The Project can be made on any of the topics given in the syllabus of a particular class.
5. The suggestive list of activities for project work is as follows:-  
Role Play, Skit, Presentation, Model, Field Survey, Mock Drills/Mock Event etc.
6. The teacher should give enough time for preparation of the Project Work. The topics for Project Work taken up by the student must be discussed by the teacher in classroom.

5. In order to assess different mental abilities of learners, question paper is likely to include questions based on passages, visuals such as maps, cartoons, etc. No factual question will be asked on the information given in the plus (+) boxes in the textbooks.