UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Core Course in POLITICAL SCIENCE

for the students of BA Degree Programme in Political Science under CBCSS

SYLLABUS

Semester: **5** Type of course: **Core**
Course Code: **PS1542** Course Name: **ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THOUGHT**
Instruction Hours/Week: **4** Number of credits: **4**

Aim of the Course

To familiarize the ideas of ancient and medieval political thinkers.

Objectives of the course

1. To build in the minds of students an overall outlook about political thought.
2. To study about the relevance of ancient and modern political thought in the modern world.

MODULE I - GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT
Greek political community and institutions
Plato – Theory of justice
Aristotle – Theory of state and government, revolution
Characteristics of Greek Political Thought

MODULE II - ROMAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
Development of Roman Political Ideas
Cicero – Contribution to Legal system
Poybius and Seneca – political ideas
Contributions of Rome to Political Theory

MODULE III - ANCIENT INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
Sources of Ancient Indian Political thought – Varna System – Purusharthas and Rajadharma
Kautilya – Saptanga Thory, Mandala theory

MODULE IV - MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
Contributions of early Church Fathers _ St.Augustine
Nature of Medieval Political Thought
Contributions of St.Thomas Aquinas and Dante
Machiavelli – Political Realism
Contributions of Jean Bodin and Hugo Grotius on Sovereignty

BOOKS

1. Ebenstein – Great Political Thinkers(Plato to present),Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2007.
2. Sabine – History of Political Theory, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 2004.
3. Johari – Ancient Political Thuoght, Sterling , New Delhi
4. M.G. Gupta – History of political Thought, Macmillian India Ltd, 1998
5. Dunning- History of Pollitical Theory, S.Chand and Company, New Delhi, 2000.
6. Landamas and Dyson, Fifty Great Political Thinkers, Sterling Publishers, New Delhii, 2007.

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