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SYLLABUS

M.A. Course
in

POL. SCIENCE

Syllabus of M. A. (Political Science With Rural Administration)

PAPER – 1

Indian Government and Politics

FIRST HALF

(Structure and Process) :-

1. The Political Heritage – legacy of the British Raj-importance of the nationalist struggle,
2. The socio-economic structure – nature of the Indian State.
3. The federal system – politics of Centre-State relations.
4. Decision-making structures at the Union level : the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary.
5. Groups and interest articulation – Business, Trade Unions, Agrarian Movements.
6. Party System-evolution and structure of the national parties-the problem of defection.
7. Political participation and the electoral process.
8. Political culture in India.

SECOND HALF

(Issues and Problems) :-

9. Regionalism.
10. Communalism, roots of communalism, Secularism and Minority politics.
11. Caste in Indian politics.
12. Language in Indian politics.
13. State Politics in India with special reference to West Bengal.
14. Politics of Planning & Development in India-the role of the multinationals.

Recommended Readings :

Democratic Politics in India – K.L.kamal and

Ralph C. Meyer.

“ The Indian Political System “ in R.N. Kearney (ed).

- S. A.Kochanek.

Politics and Modernization in south and South-East

