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SYLLABUS POLITICAL SCIENCE

Class 12 Political Science Syllabus

Book I: Contemporary World Politics

1. The Cold War Era – Emergence of two power blocs, Cuban Missile Crisis, Non-Aligned Movement.
2. The End of Bipolarity – Disintegration of Soviet Union, Unipolar world, Democratic politics in Russia & Central Asia.
3. US Hegemony in World Politics – Nature of U.S. dominance, limits of American power.
4. Alternative Centres of Power – Rise of EU, ASEAN, China, BRICS, Japan.
5. Contemporary South Asia – India & neighbours: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives.
6. International Organisations – UN, reforms in UN, India's position in UN.
7. Security in the Contemporary World – Traditional & non-traditional security, disarmament, terrorism, environmental concerns.
8. Environment and Natural Resources – Global environmental movements, India's environmental policies.
9. Globalisation – Meaning, consequences, resistance movements, India's approach.

Book II: Politics in India Since Independence

1. Challenges of Nation-Building – Partition, Kashmir, reorganisation of states, integration of princely states.
2. Era of One-Party Dominance – Congress dominance, opposition parties.

3. Politics of Planned Development – Five Year Plans, Green Revolution, state vs market debate.
4. India's External Relations – India's foreign policy, non-alignment, nuclear policy.
5. Challenges to and Restoration of Congress System – Political crisis of 1960s, split in Congress, 1967 elections, Indira Gandhi.
6. The Crisis of Democratic Order – Emergency (1975–77), JP Movement, consequences.
7. Regional Aspirations – Punjab, North-East, Kashmir, regional movements.
8. Recent Developments in Indian Politics – Coalition era, 1989 onwards, Mandal issue, economic reforms, BJP's rise, contemporary trends.

