

**M.A. / M.Sc. (Final) Geography
Paper - II: Political Geography**

Unit – I

- Nature, scope and subject matter of political geography.
- Geopolitics: meaning and contributions of Emmanuel Kant, Karl Ritter, Friedrich Ratzel, H.V. Triticshke, Rudolf Kjellen and Karl Haushofer.
- Development of political geography. Concepts and contributions of:
- Alfred Thayer Mahan, H.J. Mackinder and Alexander-de-Seversky.
- D.W. Meinig, N.J. Spykman and Hooson.

Unit - II

- Recent trends in political geography.
- The functional approach in political geography.
- The unified field theory of political geography.
- Nature of administrative areas.
- Geography of public policy and finance.

Unit – III

- Concept of nation, state and nation state.
- The state as a politico-geographical region: location, shape, size.
- Resources of state: natural, cultural and human.
- Population: growth, quality and problems.
- Frontiers and boundaries: types and functions, boundary making and boundary problems.

Unit - IV

- Core areas and capitals.
- Unitary and federal states.
- The impress of government on landscape.
- Politics of world resources.
- Politics of globalization and WTO.

Unit – V

- Electoral studies in political geography.
- Conceptual model of voting decision.
- Gerrymandering: gerrymandering in relation to India.
- Geographical influence on voting behaviour of the electors in India.
- Spatial pattern of voting behaviour in Rajasthan.

Suggested Readings:

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- भट्टाचार्य, ए.एन. एवं एस.एल. : राजनीतिक भूगोल (राजस्थान आच्छा हिन्दी ग्रन्थ अकादमी, जयपुर)
- दीक्षित, आर.डी.: राजनीतिक भूगोल – समसामयिक परिदृष्टि (प्रेन्टिस हॉल ऑफ इण्डिया)
- सक्सेना, एच.एम.: राजनीतिक भूगोल (रस्तोगी पब्लिकेशन्स, मेरठ)
- कपूर कालीदास: भारतीय भू-नीति (हिन्दी समिति सूचना विभाग)
- कोलोशोव, वी.: राजनीतिक भूगोल (प्रगति प्रकाशन, मास्को)
- दीक्षित श्रीकान्त : राजनीतिक भूगोल (ज्ञानोदय प्रकाशन, गोरखपुर)