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- theoretical contexts – basic tenets of modernity, Modernism and Postmodernism.
6. Marxism, Modernity and Postmodernism : an outline of the debate with special reference to the contributions of Habermas.
 7. Postcolonial theory: the notion of Orientalism- an outline of representative theories with special reference to the contributions of Edward Said.
 8. Gender, Politics and Society : the rise of Women's Studies : historical and theoretical contexts : key concepts and representative debates.

Second Half

Critical Perspective on some key concepts in contemporary political theory :

1. State : the transition from Liberal to Neoliberal approach - the perspective of Structural Marxism - the notion of reviving the idea of the state in the context of globalization with special reference to the ideas of Nozick, Althusser, Poulantzas, Skocpol.
2. Civil Society : an outline of its changing meaning - the perspective of Gramsci and its aftermath.

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3. Democracy : Liberal and Marxist perspectives - the notion of popular democracy and the concept of democracy from below.
4. Rights : the transition from the Liberal conception of Rights with special reference to the theoretical developments in the postwar period.
5. Power : Modernist and Postmodernist perspectives with special reference to the ideas of Lukes and Foucault.
6. Ideology : Liberal and Marxist understandings of ideology – ideology and science.
7. Revolution : an outline of contending Liberal and Radical perspectives in the postwar period.
8. Freedom : Liberal and Marxist perspectives.

Paper - II

Modern political Thought

First Half

1. Foundations of Modern political thought : Italian Renaissance, Humanism and Machiavelli's critique - theological premises and political implications of Lutheran. Reformation - Calvinism and the theory of revolution - political overtones of Copernican Revolution.