

Political Science, nature and Scope

Meaning: Political Science is the Branch of knowledge that deals with the state and Systems of government also. It includes the Scientific analysis of Political activity & behaviour The word Political derived from “polis” means city, sovereign state and science from “Scire” means to know that also indicates to study. Aristotle is considered as the “father of Political Science”. Aristotle first used the term politics and converted the subject into academic discipline.

Definitions

Garner – “Political Science begins and ends with the state”

John Lock- “political science deals with government only”.

Laswell- “political Science is the study of shaping and Shareing of power”

Paul Jeanet- “Political Science Is the part of science which treats of the foundation of the state and the principals of government”

Laski. “The study is concerned with the life of man in relation to organised state”.

Nature:

- Political science is still growing and developing subject
- There is no uniformity among political thinkers regarding the nature of political science.
- Weather it should be treated as science or not.
- Aristotle considered it as “ Master Science “.
- Human behaviour is unpredictable.
- Social science is different from natural science or physical science. It cannot tested in laboratory.
- Political philosopher’s like Bodin , Hobbes, Bryce considered it as science.
- Buckle and Comte deny the claim of political science as science.

Scope of Political Science

- The scope of political science has been definitely different according to different scholars.
- It study the organisations and activity of the state both at National and international level.
- It is study the relationship between the person and the state.
- It deals with the distribution of governing power among several agencies by which the action of the state are determined.
- It study international relation, organisation and lows.
- It study the past, present and future development of state.

