

Nature and scope of political theory

A Study of International Relations and International Law

Lastly, the scope of political theory includes a study of international relations which

has become significant since the first quarter of this century. It covers a wide range

of subjects and includes diplomacy, international politics, international law, international

organizations like the United Nations, etc. Because of scientific inventions and

discoveries, the cooperation'ss and contacts among the different nations of the world

have become easier and the whole world turns to be a family. The above contents

show the wide range of subjects that come under the fold of political theory.

Knowledge of the State

The primary aim of the study of political theory is to inculcate knowledge of the

state, its origin, nature, structure and functions. Knowledge about the state is of

great significance to modern man. Further, in democratic states, the citizens must

possess at least rudimentary knowledge about political theory and its principles. This

will make them conscious of the state. They will be able to keep a vigilant eye over

the rulers and assert their supremacy over them. They will try to check misuse of

power.

Knowledge of Government and Administration

The administrators, statesmen and diplomats, who conduct the affairs of the state,

also require sound knowledge of political theory in order to perform their functions