

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE Syllabus
(Choice-Based Credit System - W.E.F. 2020-21)

SEMESTER II

COURSE-II : BASIC ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

Understand the Origin and Evolution of the concept of Constitutionalism and classification of Constitutions.

Acquaint themselves with different theories of origin of State.

Understand and analyses organs and forms of Governments along with a deep insight into the various agents involved in the political process.

Apply the knowledge to analyse and evaluate the existing systems

UNIT-I :	CONSTITUTION
	1. Meaning, Definition, Origin and Evolution of Constitution.
	2. Classification of the Constitutions-Written and Unwritten; Rigid and Flexible.

UNIT-II :	ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT
	1. Theory of Separation of Powers-B.D. Montesquieu.
	2. Legislature-Unicameral and Bicameral-Power and Functions, Executive-Types, Powers and Functions. Judiciary-Powers and Functions.

UNIT-III :	FORMS OF GOVERNMENT
	1. Unitary and Federal forms of Governments-Merits and Demerits.
	2. Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Governments- Merits and Demerits.

UNIT-IV :	DEMOCRACY
	1. Meaning, Definition, Significance, Theories and Principles of Democracy.
	2. Types of Democracy: Direct and Indirect Democracy-Methods, Merits and Demerits-Essential Conditions for Success of Democracy.

UNIT-V :	POLITICAL PARTIES, PRESSURE GROUPS AND PUBLIC OPINION
	1. Meaning, Definition and Classification of Political Parties: National and Regional-Functions of Political Parties.
	2. Pressure Groups (Interest Groups)- Meaning, Definition, Types, Functions and Significance of Public Opinion.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

➤ SukhbirBhatnagar	:	<i>Constitutional Law and the Governance</i>
➤ A.C.Kapur	:	<i>Select Constitutions</i>
➤ R.C.Agarwal	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ VidyaDhar Mahajan	:	<i>Political Theory (Principles of Political Science)</i>
➤ M.R.Biju	:	<i>Democratic Political Process</i>
➤ PeterRonald de Souja&E.Sreedharan (ed)	:	<i>Indian Political Parties</i>
➤ JadiMusalaiah, V.Vasundhara Devi &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Political Science Concepts, Theories & Institutions</i>
➤ Laski. H.J.	:	<i>Grammar of Politics</i>
➤ A.Appadorai	:	<i>Substance of Politics</i>
➤ Eddy Ashirvadam&K.K.Misra	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ SushilaRamaswamy	:	<i>Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts</i>
➤ S.P.Varma	:	<i>Modern Political Theory</i>

ANNEXURE

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I
Study of the outline features of Constitutions of U.S.A, U.K., Australia, Canada, South Africa, China and Japan in comparison to the Constitution of India.
Study projects on selected local real time problems.
Field visits to government establishments.