

POLITICAL SCIENCE – P-4

Major-4: MAJOR WORLD GOVERNMENTS

UNIT-I

I. Introduction - importance of a constitution parts of a constitution- (a brief resume)

II .UNITED KINGDOM

a. A very brief history : nature and sources; Features, conventions- meaning, importance and a few landmark conventions; Rule of Law

b. Executive

i). The chief executive- Justification of monarchy; functions and rule of the nominal head of state; distinction between King and Crown

ii). Political Executive- a brief history; cabinet vs council of ministers; important conventions Functions; Prime Minister Selection, functions & role

c. Legislature - Bicameral; House of commons & House of Lords - composition, tenure, Selection & Powers and Functions; the role of the speaker and the Law Lords.

d. Judiciary- Rule of Law in U.K; Composition, Organization and functions the Law Lords and the Privy Council.

e. Political Parties - Organization; the two major parties-organizations programmes and working; special role of the opposition - the queen's opposition.

UNIT-II

The United States of America

1. A very brief history: declaration of independence and the Philadelphia Convention; features of the federal Constitution(Centre)Division of Powers; State Governments in the federal

2. The American federation : Amendment procedure; Strict separation of Powers.- a real executive; election procedure- tenure & re-election system.

3. The Chief Executive & V.P : (appropriate amendment) powers & functions; removal- impeachment; Presidential Veto; The Vice President Selection & role.

4. The Congress : a) House of Representatives Membership, tenure, powers ;and functions.

b) The Senate- membership & election; tenure, powers and functions (as the most powerful upper house) senatorial courtesy.

5. Federal Judiciary.- Organization, powers and functions: parallel courts both federal & state

6. Political Parties- Organization; working of the two party system; functions &role.

UNIT-III

SWITZERLAND

1. Introduction : Development- features (highlight of its unique features)cantons and their role.
2. The Federal Executive - The federal Council its uniqueness- Selection, tenure and functions; the Chairman and his role.
3. Federal Legislature - Bicameral composition powers & functions; uniqueness.
4. Federal Judiciary : Federal tribunal, other courts Selection, tenure .
5. Direct Democracy - organization, powers & functions – four methods and their working; highlights; amendments to the constitution; a note on 'folk moot' and Lands gemeinde'

UNIT-IV

FRANCE

1. History- (very briefly) : The French Revolution, democracy, The first Republic& its failure; the second, third & fourth Republic (constitutions) The 'de Gavlle constitution i.e. the Va Republic-unitary system; features.
2. Executive -
 - a) Chief Executive- Selection functions and role; his special powers, tenure and dismissal
 - b) The Prime Minister and his Council of Ministers
 - c) The prefect & The Prefectures.
3. The Legislature - Organization, Powers & Functions- relations between Legislature and Executive.
4. French Judiciary - Features, organization, powers & functions; Driot Administratif - 'Administrative Law and Administrative Courts'.
5. Political Parties :Multi Party System- features, organization & working

UNIT-V

INDIA

1. A Brief History :Highlights: Govt of India Act-1935 Constituent Assembly & its role ; Preamble, features, amendment procedure; chapter III & IV(appropriate and landmark amendments.); its quasi federal status: centre state relations (Provisions)
2. Executive : a) Chief Executive- Selection functions and role; his privilege; impeachment
b) Political Executive- Prime Minister Cabinet & Councilof Ministers- Selection, tenure, functions, role.

3. Parliament :bicameral; Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha Selection (Methods);Powers & functions; relations between the two houses; role of the Speaker.:
4. Judiciary : Organization, powers & functions appointment dismissal; jurisdiction units- their working- (very brief mention- a few important cases).
5. Political Parties :Organization functions and role- their working in India-problems.

READINGS

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| 1 Wheare K.C. | :Modern Constitutions |
| 2 Harold J Laski | : Parliamentary Govt. in England |
| 3 Nelson & Polsby | : Congress and the presidency(U.S.A) |
| 4. Jack Bell | : The Presidency- Office of Power. |
| 5. Carr, Benstein & Morrison | :American Democracy- in theory & Practice |
| 6. Rappard | : The Swiss Constitution |
| 7. Kapoor A.C. & Mishra | :Select Constitutions |
| 8. Johari J.C | :a) Comparative Politics |
| | :b) Constitution of India |
| 9 Bhagwan & Bhushan | :World Constitutions |
| 10 Dubey S.N | :World Constitutions inclusive of India |
| 11 Morris Jones | :Government & Politics of India |
| 12 Pylee M.V | :Constitution of India |
| 13 D.C. Gupta | :Indian Government and Politics |
| 14 Basu D.D. | : Introduction to the Constitution of India |