

CBCS: SYLLABUS - SEMESTER WISE (2015-16)
FIRST YEAR; SEMESTER – I
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE
PAPER-II (CORE): POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
(CONCEPTS, THEORIES AND INSTITUTIONS)

Unit-1: Constitutionalism

1. The Purpose of Constitutional law, Theory of Separation of Powers
2. Structural Forms of the Modern State: Basic features of Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Government

Unit-2: Territorial Division of Authority of the Modern State

1. Basic features of Federal form of Government
2. Basic features of Unitary form of Government

Unit-3: Institutional forms of the Modern State

1. Democracy: Basic features of Classical and Modern Representative Democracy
2. Models of Democracy: Procedural Democracy and Substantive Democracy

Unit-4: Judiciary and Democratic State

1. The nature, role and functions of the Judiciary
2. Judicial Review: Debates on the Supremacy of legislature or Judiciary in the protection of Constitutional law

Reference books:

1. Andrew Heywood (2007) Politics 3rd edition, Palgrave Macmillan, New York
2. Held, David (2006) Models of Democracy 3rd edition Oxford Polity Press
3. Birch A.H (2000) The Concepts and Theories of Democracy, London Routledge
4. Bogdanor, V (Ed) (1988) Constitutions in Democratic Politics Gower, Aldershot
5. Scott Gordon (1999) Controlling the State: Constitutionalism from Ancient Athens to Today, Cambridge, Harvard University Press.