

**C2BG230421T**

<b>Semester: IV</b>				
<b>Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A. IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES)</b>				
<b>Course: INDIAN CONSTITUTION</b>				
<b>Paper code: C2BG230421T</b>				<b>Credits: 4</b>
<b>Hours/week: 4</b>				
<b>Category: CORE/ MAJOR</b>				
<b>Theory / Practical / Composite: THEORY</b>				
<b>No of Modules: TWO</b>				
<p><b>Course Overview:</b> This paper aims at familiarizing the students with India's constitutional framework, focusing on the preamble, the fundamental rights and directives, the organs of government, major political institutions and the constitution's amendment process. It seeks to explain how the implementation of the constitutional provisions is impacted by the political circumstances and in turn shapes the same.</p>				
<b>Course Outcomes:</b>				
1. <b>Remember-</b> and recall the key constitutional provisions pertaining to parts III and IV, the powers and functions of the organs of government, and the amendment procedure.				
2. <b>Understand-</b> the key constitutional terms, concepts and provisions				
3. <b>Apply-</b> the understanding to comprehend how the concepts/ provisions have evolved over time, either through amendments or due to judicial interventions				
4. <b>Analyze-</b> the relationship between the various constitutional components such as the rights and directive principles, and the relationship between the organs of government				
5. <b>Evaluate-</b> the suitability of the constitutional framework to the political culture and socio-economic circumstances in India				
6. <b>Create-</b> an alternative preamble and set of rights/ institutions for the Indian Constitution. Redesign the powers and functions of the governmental organs and institutions to improve the system's efficiency.				
<b>Prerequisites: Basic knowledge about any prior course</b>				
<b>SYLLABUS</b>				
<b>UNIT/ Module</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES</b>	<b>CO Mapping</b>	<b>COGNITIVE LEVEL</b>
I.	Basic Features of the Indian Constitution	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy		CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6

			CO5 CO6	
	Constitutional Amendment		CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
II.	Union Executive: President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Council and the Cabinet	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	Union Legislature: Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Law-making		CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
.	Judiciary: Supreme Court, High Court		CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6

#### Text Books

1. Austin, G. (1999) Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
2. Abbas, H., Kumar, R. & Alam, M. A. (2011) Indian Government and Politics. New Delhi: Pearson, 2011.
3. Singh, M.P. & Saxena, R. (2008) Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and Concerns. New Delhi: PHI Learning.

#### Suggested readings

1. Austin, G. (2004) Working of a Democratic Constitution of India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
2. Chandhoke, N. & Priyadarshi, P. (eds.) (2009) Contemporary India: Economy, Society, Politics. New Delhi: Pearson.
3. Jayal, N. G. & Mehta, P. B. (eds.) (2010) The Oxford Companion to Indian Politics. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

#### Evaluation: Theory

CIA: 30 marks (Mid-semester exam: 20+ Assignment: 5+ Attendance: 5)

End semester exam: 70 marks

#### Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam per Module:

35 marks per module--- Short questions– 10 out of 15 of 2 marks each (10x2=20);

Essay Type– 1 out of 3 of 15 marks each (1X15= 15)  
35+35 (Module I + Module II=70); (70+30=100)

### Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	<b>Remember:</b> the key constitutional provisions pertaining to parts III and IV, the powers and functions of the organs of government, and the amendment procedure	<b>K1</b>
CO2	<b>Understand:</b> the key constitutional terms, concepts and provisions	<b>K2</b>
CO3	<b>Apply:</b> the understanding to comprehend how the concepts/ provisions have evolved over time, either through amendments or due to judicial interventions	<b>K3</b>
CO4	<b>Analyze:</b> the relationship between the various constitutional components such as the rights and directive principles, and the relationship between the organs of government	<b>K4</b>
CO5	<b>Evaluate:</b> the suitability of the constitutional framework to the political culture and socio-economic circumstances in India	<b>K5</b>
CO6	<b>Create:</b> an alternative preamble and set of rights/ institutions for the Indian Constitution. Redesign the powers and functions of the governmental organs and institutions to improve the system's efficiency	<b>K6</b>