

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE
FIRST YEAR
SECOND SEMESTER
(Under CBCS w.e.f 2020-21)

Course-2: 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

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

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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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. |