

## **Course-II Political Science**

### **Major-4:**

#### MAJOR WORLD GOVERNMENTS

##### UNIT-I

1. 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 role 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 Organisation and functions the Law Lords and the Privy Council.

e. Political Parties- Organisation; the two major parties-organisations, 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)

2. The American federation Division of Powers; State Governments in the federal system Amendment procedure; Strict separation of Powers.

3. The Chief Executive & V.P: a real executive; election procedure- tenure & re-election (appropriate amendment) powers & functions; removal & impeachments; 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: Organisation, powers and functions, parallel courts both, federal & state

6. Political Parties: Organisation; 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 organisation, powers & functions Selection, tenure Organisation, Powers & Functions
5. Direct Democracy: The 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 Gaville constitution ie. the V 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: organisation, powers & functions: - relations between Legislature and Executive.

4. French Judiciary: Features, organisation, powers & functions: Driot Administratif Administrative Law and Administrative Courts.

5. Political Parties: Multi Party System- features, organisation & 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 & Council of 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: Organisation, powers & functions appointment dismissal; jurisdiction units- their working- (very brief mention- a few important cases).

5) Political Parties: Organisation functions and role- their working in India problems.