

CBCS: SYLLABUS - SEMESTER WISE (2015-16)
SECOND YEAR; SEMESTER – III
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE
PAPER-III(CORE): INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Unit-1: The Making of the Constitution

1. The ideological legacy of the Indian National Movement on the Constituent Assembly
2. The Nature and Composition of the Constituent Assembly

Unit-2: Philosophical Premises of the Indian Constitution

1. Preamble: The underlying values of the Indian Constitution
2. Salient features of the Constitution of India

Unit-3: Fundamental rights and Directive principles of State Policy

1. Individual and Collective Rights: Limitations on the fundamental Rights
2. Judicial Interpretation of Fundamental Rights
3. The doctrine of 'Basic Structure' of the Constitution: KesavanandaBharathi Case

Unit-4: Indian Federalism

1. Unitary and Federal features in the Indian Constitution
2. Tension Areas between the Union and State Governments
Legislative, Administrative and Financial Spheres

Unit-5: Working of the Indian Constitution

1. The Values of the Indian Constitution and Ushering of Social Revolution in India
2. The causes for the Ascendency of the Executive over legislature and Judiciary;
Major Controversies regarding the Amendments to the Constitution
3. Nature and Role of Higher Judiciary in India; Recent Debates on the mode of appointment of Judges

Reference books:

1. Granville Austin (1972) the Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a Nation Oxford university Press, New Delhi.
2. Madhavkhosla (2012) the Indian Constitution, oxford university press, New Delhi
3. Granville Austin (1999) Working a Democratic Constitution; A History of the Indian Experience, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
4. Zoya Hasan, Sridharan E and Sudharshan R (Eds) 2002 India's living Constitution, Permanent black, New Delhi
5. BaxiUpendra (1980) the Indian Supreme Court and Politics Eastern book co, Lucknow