# **BA (Pass) SECOND YEAR**

**Code: 2481** 

**Revised Syllabus** 

#### PAPER I

# CONSTITUTIONALISM AND MODERN REPRESENTATIVE CONSTITUTIONS

Course Objective: The course introduces comparative study of various modern constitution types across the world. Study of each type is substantiated by an example of a working constitution. The purpose is to familiarise students with the evolution and functioning of different models of liberal-democratic and communist constitutions.

#### Unit I-

Constitutionalism: Meaning and evolution; Emergence of Modern Constitutions-Liberal Democratic and Socialist/Communist types; Flexible and Rigid, Written and Unwritten.

#### Unit II-

Parliamentary Type- Constitution of UK: Historical Context/Evolution, Conventions, Rule of law, Crown, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Parliamentary Sovereignty, Delegated Legislation and Party System.

### Unit III-

Presidential Type- Constitution of USA: Constitutional Developments, Federalism, Principles of Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances, President, Congress, Supreme Court, Judicial Review and Party System.

#### Unit IV-

Federal Type- Constitution of Canada: Constitutional Acts and Amendments, Federalism, Language and Rights of Aboriginals, Constitution of Switzerland: Federal Assembly, Federal Council, Federal Judiciary and Direct Democracy.

# Unit V-

Unitary Type- Constitution of China: Communist Revolution, Chinese Communist Party, President, National People's Congress, One State Two Systems.

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