

BA (Pass) SECOND YEAR

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Revised Syllabus

PAPER II

FREEDOM STRUGGLE AND CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Course Objective: The purpose of this course is to understand the Indian Constitution in the context of colonial rule and freedom struggle since roots of many institutions and processes central to Indian politics can be traced to its tumultuous past. Further, the course acquaints students with the basic structure of state institutions as given in the Constitution, with an objective to underline tensions and conflicting impulses which have unfolded over the past decades.

Unit I- Colonial Legacies:

- a. Impact of Colonial Rule and Rise of Indian Nationalism;**
- b. Phases of the Nationalist Movement: Liberal constitutionalist, Swadeshi and the Radicals;
Gandhi and Mass Mobilisation- Non-Cooperation, Civil Disobedience, and Quit India Movement- Their Impact on National Consciousness; Communalism in Indian politics- Formation of the Muslim League, Two-Nation Theory, negotiations over Partition.**

Unit II- Constitutional Developments:

Constitutional developments and the Colonial State- Special Reference to the British India Act of 1909, the Act of 1919 (Salient Features, Dyarchy) and, the Act of 1935 (Salient Features, Provincial Autonomy and Federal Structure).

Unit III- The Constituent Assembly and the Constitution:

- a. Formation of the Constituent Assembly- Selected Debates;**
- b. Philosophy of the Constitution and its Main Features, Process of Constitutional Amendment;**
- c. Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy.**

Unit IV- Organs of Government:

- a. The Legislature: Parliament, State Legislative Assembly;**
- b. The Executive: President, Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Governor;**
- c. The Judiciary: The Supreme Court, High Courts.**

Unit V- Federalism and Decentralisation:

- a. Centre-state Relations- Division of Powers; Emergency Provisions; Special Provisions for Some States and the Fifth and Sixth Schedule Areas;**
- b. Mechanisms of Cooperation- Union Public Service Commission, Election Commission of India, Finance Commission;**
- c. Third Tier of Government: Panchayati Raj; Urban Local Bodies.**

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