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Modern Constitutions: UK, USA, Japan, France and Switzerland

Unit I

Constitution of United Kingdom: Political System in the United Kingdom: Salient features, Conventions, King and the Crown, Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Bureaucracy and Delegated Legislation, Parliament, Judicial System, Party System.

Unit II

Constitution of the USA: Salient Features, Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances, Federal System, President, Congress, Supreme Court and Judicial Review, Party System.

Unit III

Constitution of Switzerland: Salient Features, Federalism, Federal Assembly, Federal Council, Federal Judiciary, Direct Democracy, Rights and Duties of citizens.

Unit IV

Constitution of Japan: Salient Features, Emperor, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Diet, Judiciary, Rights and Duties of Citizens, Political Parties.

Unit V

Constitution of France: (The Fifth Republic): Salient Features, President, Council of Ministers, Parliament, Judicial System, Rights of Citizens, Party System.

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