

Paper – VI

Government and Politics of India

Unit I

Framing of Indian Constitution and its sources, Basic Features, Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy; Constitutional Amendment.

Unit II

Union Government: President, Prime Minister, Cabinet, Parliament and its working; State Government: Governor, Chief Minister, State Legislature.

Unit III

Nature of Indian Federal System, Centre-State Relations, Supreme Court and the Constitutional process; Judicial Activism; Judicial Reforms, Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Unit IV

Political Parties: National and Regional, Election Commission and Electoral Reforms, Electoral Behaviour, Dynamics of State Politics, Pressure Groups.

Unit V

Problems of Nation- Building and Integration, Caste, Religion, Language, Poverty-alleviation, Gender and Class.

Suggested Readings:

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