

**Paper – VIII**  
**Comparative Government and Politics**

**Unit I**

Evolution of Comparative Politics as a discipline: Nature and scope; Behaviouralism and Post- Behaviouralism, Approaches to the study of Comparative politics: Traditional, Structural- Functional, Systems and Marxist.

**Unit II**

Constitutionalism, Classification of Governments, Bureaucracy: types and roles; Theories of Party System: Lenin, Michels and Duverger; Political Elite and Elite Theory of democracy.

**Unit III**

Political process and change, Political Socialisation, Political Culture, Political Modernization, Political Development and Decay; Political Communication.

**Unit IV**

Dependency: Development and under-Development; Non-western political process, constitutional and political problems affecting Afro-Asian Societies.

**Unit V**

Civil Society, the Military and Mafia, Terrorism, Retreat of State: Privatization and Globalization, Human Rights.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. G. Almond, Harper/Collins, *et al.*, *Comparative Politics Today: A World View*, 7th edn., New York, London, 2000.
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3. J. Blondel, *An Introduction to Comparative Government*, London, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1969.

4. H. Eckstein, and D., E., Apter (eds.), *Comparative Politics: A Reader*, New York, The Free Press, 1963.
5. D. Farrell, *Electoral Systems: A Comparative Introduction*, Palgrave, Macmillan, 2001.
6. H. Finer, *Comparative Government*, Harmonds-worth, Penguin, 1974.
7. H. Keman (ed.), *Comparative Politics: New Directions in Theory and Method*, Amsterdam, VU University Press, 1993.
8. H.J. Laski, *American Democracy: A Commentary and An Interpretation*, London, Unwin, 1948.
9. A Lijphart, *Electoral Systems and Party System*, New Haven CT, Yale University Press, 1994.
10. D. Olson, *Legislative Institutions: A Comparative View*, Armonk, N Y, M.E., Sharpe, 1994.
11. V. Wright, *Government and Politics of France*, 3rd edn., London, Unwin Hyman, 1989.