

GE6082 INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND SOCIETY

DETAILED SYLLABUS

OBJECTIVES:

- To know about Indian constitution.
- To know about central and state government functionalities in India.
- To know about Indian society.

UNIT I INTRODUCTION

Historical Background – Constituent Assembly of India – Philosophical foundations of the Indian Constitution – Preamble – Fundamental Rights – Directive Principles of State Policy – Fundamental Duties – Citizenship – Constitutional Remedies for citizens.

UNIT II STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Union Government – Structures of the Union Government and Functions – President – Vice President – Prime Minister – Cabinet – Parliament – Supreme Court of India – Judicial Review.

UNIT III STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF STATE GOVERNMENT

State Government – Structure and Functions – Governor – Chief Minister – Cabinet – State Legislature – Judicial System in States – High Courts and other Subordinate Courts.

UNIT IV CONSTITUTION FUNCTIONS

Indian Federal System – Center – State Relations – President's Rule – Constitutional Amendments – Constitutional Functionaries - Assessment of working of the Parliamentary System in India.

UNIT V INDIAN SOCIETY

Society: Nature, Meaning and definition; Indian Social Structure; Caste, Religion, Language in India; Constitutional Remedies for citizens – Political Parties and Pressure Groups; Right of Women, Children and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other Weaker Sections.

TEXTBOOKS:

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2. R.C. Agarwal, (1997) "Indian Political System", S. Chand and Company, New Delhi.
3. Maciver and Page, "Society: An Introduction Analysis", Mac Milan India Ltd., New Delhi.
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