

**MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE**

MODERN CONSTITUTIONS

III year B.A –Course No 3

Max-Marks 100
(80+20)

3 hours Examination

Hours of Instruction (150 Hours)

Course Rational:

1. To introduce the students to the framework, institutions and processes of modern politics and government
2. To enable the students to compare the principles, institutions and processes regulating modern political systems
3. To acquaint the students with the form and functioning of certain political systems

Block 1: Introduction

Unit 1: Meaning, and significance of the study of modern Constitutions

Unit 2: Approaches to study Constitutions: Historical and Comparative 25

Unit 3: Constitutionalism: Meaning and features

Block 2: The Constitution of United Kingdom

Unit 4: Evolution and Salient features

Unit 5: Legislature: Composition and Powers

Unit 6: Executive: King and the Crown, Prime Minister and Council & Ministers 25

Unit 7: Judiciary: Composition and Features

Block 3: The Constitution of United States of America

Unit 8: The Philadelphia Convention and Salient features

Unit 9: Legislature: Composition and Powers

Unit 10: Executive: President Election and Powers

Unit 11: Judiciary: The Supreme Court- Composition and Powers 25

Block 4: The Constitution of France

Unit 12: Salient features of Vth Republic

Unit 13: Legislature: Composition and Powers

Unit 14: Executive: Composition and Powers 25

Unit 15: Judiciary: Composition and Powers

Block 5: The Constitution of Peoples Republic of China

Unit 16: Salient features

Unit 17: Legislature: Composition and Powers

Unit 18: Executive: Chairman and State Council

Unit 19: Judiciary – Peoples Procuratorate 25

Block 6: The Constitution of Switzerland

Unit 20: Salient features

Unit 21: Legislature: Composition and Powers

Unit 22: Federal Executive- Organisation and Powers 25

Unit 23: Judiciary-Organisation and Power

Unit 24: Devices of Direct Democracy

Books for Study:

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3. A Lijphart, Parliamentary Versus Presidential Government, Oxford and New York, OUP, 1992
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