AECC – 2: CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)

Course Title: CONSTITUTION OF INDIA	
Course Code: AECC-2	Course Credits: 2
No. of Teaching Hours/Week: 3	Duration of End Sem. Exam: 2 Hours
Total Contact Hours: 42	Assessment (Marks): 30 (Theory) + 20 (IA) =50

Course Objectives:

1. To familiarize the students with the key elements of the Indian constitution.
2. To enable students to grasp the constitutional provisions and values.
3. To acquaint the students with the powers and functions of various constitutional offices and institutions.
4. To make students understand the basic premises of Indian politics and role of constitution and citizen oriented measures in a democracy.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course the students will-

1. Understand the key aspects of the Indian Constitution.
2. Comprehend the structure and philosophy of the Constitution
3. Understand the power and functions of various constitutional offices and institutions.
4. Realise the significance of the constitution and appreciate the role of constitution and citizen oriented measures in a democracy.

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Unit 1: Indian Constitution: Making and basic premise 10 Hours

1.1 Meaning and Significance of Constitution.

1.2 Constituent Assembly- Composition, Objectives

1.3 Preamble and Salient features of the Indian Constitution.

1 .4 Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties. Directive Principles

Unit 2: Union and State Government 10 Hours

2.1 President of India- Election, Powers and functions

2.2 Prime Minister and Cabinet – Structure and functions

2.3 Governor- Powers and functions

2.4 Chief Minister and Council of Ministers – Functions.

Unit 3: Legislature and Judiciary 11 Hours

3.1 Parliament – Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Composition and powers

3.2 State Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council – Composition and powers

3.3 Judicial System in India – Structure and features

3.4 Supreme Court and High Court: Composition, Jurisdiction.

Unit 4: Governance and Constitution 11 Hours

4.1 Federalism in India - Features

3.2 Local Government -Panchayats –Powers and functions; 73rd and 74th amendments

3.3 Election Commission – Composition, Powers and Functions; Electoral Reforms

3.4 Citizen oriented measures – RTI and PIL – Provisions and significance.

Pedagogy:

Lectures/ Tutorials/ Interactive Sessions/ Self-guided Learning Materials/ Open Educational Resources (as reference materials)/ Practical Exercises/ Assignments/ Seminars/ Group Discussions and Week-end Counselling.

Exercise:

- Department can debate on the role of Constitution in the country's development.
- Students can empirically find evidence on the effectiveness of concepts like–Freedom, Equality, Justice, Rights and Duties by conducting surveys.
- Can hold special lectures on various provisions of Constitution like working of Election Commission, Art 246,356 etc

Suggested Readings:

1. Durga Das Basu,*Introduction to the Constitution of India*, Gurgaon; LexisNexis, (23rd edn.) 2018.
2. M.V. Pylee, *India's Constitution*,New Delhi; S.Chand Pub., (16th edn.) 2017.
3. J.N.Pandey, *The Constitutional Law of India*, Allahabad; Central Law Agency,(55th edn.) 2018.
4. *Constitution of India* (Full Text), India.gov.in., National Portal of India, https://www.india.gov.in/sites/upload_files/npi/files/coi_part_full.pdf
5. K B Merunandan, *Bharatada Samvidhana Ondu Parichaya*, Bangalore, Meragu Publications, 2015.
6. K.Sharma, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, Prentice Hall of India, NewDelhi, 2002.
7. P.M Bakshi, *Constitution of India*, Universal Law Publishing House, NewDelhi, 1999.
8. D.C.Gupta, *Indian Government and Politics*, Vikas publishing House, NewDelhi,1975.
9. S.N.Jha, *Indian Political System: Historical Developments*, Ganga Kaveri Publishing House, Varanasi, 2005.
10. Arora & Mukherji, *Federalism in India, Origin and Developments*, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 1992.

Model Question Paper

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---------- Semester Examination, (Month & Year)

Time: 2 hours Maximum Marks: 30

Section A (2 x 5 = 10 marks)

Note: Answer **any five** of the following, each not exceeding 2-3 sentences

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Section B (5x 4 = 20 marks)

Note: Answer the following, each not exceeding two pages

9. (a)

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   (b)

10. (a)

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11. (a)

    OR

    (b)

12. (a)

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