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**Bachelors Degree Programme (BDP)**

**Subject: Subsidiary Political Science (SPS)**

Paper- I (SPS-I):	Political Theory and Institutions
Paper- II (SPS-II):	Government and Politics in Europe and America
Paper-III (SPS-III):	Government and Politics in India

## **Paper I (SPS-I): Political Theory and Institutions**

### **Module-1: Approaches and Theories**

Definition and Approaches –Traditional & Modern Theories of ( a ) Origin of the State  
– Social Contract, Evolutionary, ( b ) Nature of the State–Organismic , Idealist  
( c ) Theories of the functions of the State–Individualism, Socialism, Welfare State  
( d ) Theories of State Sovereignty–Monism and Pluralism.

### **Module-2: Political Ideologies**

Marxian Anarchism: Democratic Socialism: Guild Socialism, Fabianism. Sarvodoya.

### **Module-3: Organs of Government**

Theory of Separation of power: Executive, Legislature, Judiciary.

### **Module-4: Constitutionalism and Political Institutions**

Constitution and Constitutionalism: Forms of Government, political Parties, Pressure Groups.

## **Paper II (SPS-II): Government and Politics in Europe and America**

### **Module-1: U.K**

**U.K. :** Evolution and Basic Principals; The Executive –The Crown, Prime Minister and the Cabinet ; Parliament; Parties and Pressure groups.

### **Module-2: U.S.A**

**USA :** Evolution and Basic principles ( including amendments ) ; The Presidency and the Congress ; The Supreme Court ; Parties and Party System and Pressure groups.

### **Module-3 :France**

**France:** Evolution and Basic Principles; President, Government and Parliament; Constitutional Council and Judiciary; Parties and Pressure groups.

### **Module-4: Germany**

**Germany:** Evolution and Basic principles; The Executive and Parliament; Constitutional Council and Judiciary; Parties and Pressure groups.

## **Paper-III (SPS-III): Government and Politics in India**

### **Module -1: Freedom Struggle and Constitutional Development**

Phases of Freedom Struggle; Constitutional development ( 1857–1950 );  
Constitutional Assembly.

### **Module-2: Indian Constitution: Ideas and Institutions**

Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principal; Union Executive;  
Parliament; Judiciary.

### **Module-3: The Union and the States**

Federal System: Union– State relations; State Executive; State Legislature; Constitutional  
Amendment.

### **Module-4: Social basis of Indian Politics**

Social basis of Indian politics; Political Parties in India; Regionalism; District  
Administration and Local Government ( with Special reference to West Bengal ).

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