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## SEMESTER IV

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### I. MAJOR COURSE- MJ 6: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Marks: 25 (5 Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100

Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40

(Credits: Theory-04) **Theory: 60 Lectures**

#### Course Objectives:

1. This course will enable the students to understand the functioning of governments and political systems in comparative perspectives, especially the constitutions of Britain, U.S.A, France and Switzerland.
2. This course exposes the students to concepts and approaches which can be applied to understand different political regimes in terms of the origin of governmental structures and their functioning.
3. We have different political regimes even within the broader category of democratic regimes. However, they differ from each other in many respects. This course will allow the students to understand their functioning in a comparative perspective.

#### Course Learning Outcomes:

1. The students will be able to understand and apply different approaches to explain the functioning of different types of governing regimes in a comparative perspective.
2. They will be able to compare democratic regimes and evaluate their functioning.
3. They will be able to critically reflect on various aspects of electoral democracy which include functioning of parties and pressure groups and the relation between representation and democracy.

#### **Course Content**

##### **UNIT - I**

1. Comparative Government and Politics: Meaning, Nature and Scope
2. Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics: System Approach and Cultural Approach
3. **Constitutions and Constitutionalism**

##### **UNIT - II**

1. Constitutional Structures: Executive (UK, USA, France, Switzerland)
2. Constitutional Structures: Legislature (UK, USA, France, Switzerland)
3. Constitutional Structures: Judiciary (UK, USA, France, Switzerland)

##### **UNIT - III**

1. Political Party and Party System, (UK, USA, France, Switzerland)
2. **Interest Groups and Pressure Groups**

#### **Reference Books:**

1. Harihar Das- Comparative politics
  2. J.C. Johri -Comparative Government and Politics
  3. R. Hague and M Harrop – Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction
  4. J.C. Johari – Comparative Political Theory: New Dimension, Basic Concept and Major Trends
  5. VidyaBhushan- Comparative Politics
  6. Kenneth Newton- Foundation of Comparative Politics
  7. J.C. Johari- New Comparative Government
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