

Paper: Comparative Government and Politics

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Module I

1. Political System: Liberal-democratic, Authoritarian .Socialist – forms of Political Systems: Unitary and Federal, Parliamentary and Presidential.

2. U.K.: (a) Basic features with major focus on Conventions and rule of Law.

(b) Legislature: composition and functions with major focus on the concept of parliamentary

Sovereignty. © Executive: composition and functions of the Cabinet with major focus on the role of the Prime

Minister – the concept of Cabinet Dictatorship; (d) Role of the Crown;€ Party system – role of the Opposition.

3. U.S.A.: (a) Basic features (b) US federalism (c) Bill of rights (d) Legislature: composition and functions with

Major focus on the Presiding Officers and Committee System; € The Executive: The President: election, Powers and functions. US Cabinet: composition and functions; (f) Supreme Court: composition and functions; (g) Party system.

Questions

1. Define the different forms of political systems: Liberal-democratic, Authoritarian, and Socialist. How do these systems differ from each other? Explain the concepts of Unitary and Federal systems and their significance in politics.

2. For the United Kingdom (U.K.):

- a. Describe the basic features of the U.K. political system, focusing on Conventions and the rule of Law.
- b. What is the composition of the U.K. Legislature, and what are its functions? Explain the concept of parliamentary sovereignty.
- c. Discuss the composition and functions of the U.K. Cabinet, with an emphasis on the role of the Prime Minister and the concept of Cabinet Dictatorship.
- d. Explore the role of the Crown in the U.K. political system.
- e. Analyze the U.K. Party system and the significance of the Opposition.

3. For the United States of America (U.S.A.):

- a. Explain the basic features of the U.S.A. political system.

- b. Define U.S. federalism and its implications.
- c. Discuss the importance of the Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution.
- d. Describe the composition and functions of the U.S. Legislature, with a focus on the Presiding Officers and Committee System.

4. Continuing for the U.S.A.:

- e. What are the election, powers, and functions of the U.S. President?
- f. Explain the composition and functions of the U.S. Cabinet.
- g. Discuss the composition and functions of the U.S. Supreme Court.
- h. Analyse the Party system in the U.S.A.