

LEGAL STUDIES

Course Structure

Units	Topics	Marks
1	Theory and Nature of Political Institutions	20
2	Nature and Sources of Law	20
3	Historical Evolution of Indian Legal System	20
4	Civil and Criminal Courts and Process	20
5	Family Justice System	20
Total		100

Course Syllabus

Unit 1: Theory and Nature of Political Institutions

- Concept of State/Nation
- Organs of Government:
 - Legislative
 - Executive
 - Judiciary
- Separation of Powers:
 - Parliamentary Sovereignty
 - Judicial
- Independence
- Constitutional Framework of India

Unit 2: Nature and Sources of Law

- Legislation:

- Process
- Delegated and subordinate legislation
- Case Law:
 - Stare decisis
 - Precedents within the hierarchy of courts
- Authoritative Sources
- Custom
- Law Reform

Unit 3: Historical Evolution of Indian Legal System

- Ancient Indian Law
- English law in India
- Administration of Justice in British India
- Charter of 1861 and subsequent Charters
- Establishment of High Courts and the Federal Court
- Drafting of the Indian Constitution
- Ancient Indian Law in Modern Legal Framework

Unit 4: Civil and Criminal Courts and Process

- The Civil Court Structure
- The Criminal Court Structure
- The Civil Process
- The Criminal Process:
 - Investigation
 - Prosecution

Unit 5: Family Justice System

- Institutional Framework

- Marriage and Divorce
- Children
- Domestic Violence