

## (Semester II)

## Paper Psc.02

MAJOR POLITICAL SYSTEMS  
(U.K, U.S.A., RUSSIA AND CHINA)

The constitutional and legal provisions, ideological basis, institutional arrangements and their social and economic background are the focal points in this paper. The political processes need to be studied critically to gain an understanding of the dynamics of political systems in four selected countries.

## Course Content:

1. Historical and ideological basis of the political systems
2. Major Characteristics of the Political Systems
3. Electoral Process: Political parties and Pressure groups
4. Legislative Executive and Judicial Processes
5. Rights of Citizens: Socio-Economic and Political.
6. Women and the Political Process

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