1. Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy

- Concept of Fundamental Rights and Relation with Natural Rights
- Enforcement of Fundamental Rights
  - Definition of ‘State’ - Rights against state
  - Rights against non-state actors
  - Is there need to enlarge the definition of State?
- Fundamental Rights: Limitations, Suspendability and Amendability
- Remedies against Violation/Threat of Violation of Fundamental Rights — Effects of Indemnity Granted under Article 34.
- Significance and Importance of Fundamental Duties
- Significance of Directive Principles of State Policy and their Unenforceability
- Emerging Regime of New Rights and Remedies under the Garb of Fundamental Rights — Use of DPSP and International Instruments in Interpreting FRs.
- Constitutional Torts
- FRs and Judicial Review
  - Reasonableness Test and Strict Scrutiny Test
  - Rights Test and Essence of Rights Test

2. Centre - State Relations

- Federal Features of the Indian Constitution
- Legislative Relations between Centre and States
- Administrative Relations and Cooperative Federalism
- Common Civil Service and Impact on Autonomy of States
- Financial Relations - Dependence of States on Centre
- Emergency and Division of Powers
- Judiciary and Division of Powers
- Article 356 and the Role of Governor

3. Media and Law

- The Concept of Freedom of Thought, Speech and Expression
- Role of Mass Media in Democratic Countries
- Media and Freedom of Expression under the Indian Constitution
- Ownership Pattern: Press, Film and other Electronic Media
- Pre-censorship
- Media and Rights of Others
4. **General Principles of Administrative Law**

- Administrative Law
  - Definition, Nature, Scope and Functions
  - Growth of Administrative Law in India
- Basic Constitutional Principles: Indian Perspectives
  - Rule of Law
  - Separation of Powers
  - Natural Justice
- Classification of Administrative Functions
- Administrative Discretion and Rules of Fairness
- Transparency and Accountability
  - *Lokpal* and *Lokayukt*
  - Right to Information
  - Vigilance Commission
  - Comptroller and Auditor - General of India
  - Commissions of Inquiry
- Delegated Legislation
  - Importance, Need and Constitutionality of Delegated Legislation
  - Conditional Legislation
- Controls on Delegated Legislation
  - Parliamentary Control
  - Procedural Control
  - Judicial Control
- Administrative Tribunals

5. **Judicial Review**

- The Concept of Judicial Review — Origin and Its Democratic Legitimacy
- Judicial Review of Legislation
- Judicial Review of Administrative Actions
  - Grounds
  - Scope of Permissibility of Merits Review
- Limits on Judicial Review
  - Doctrine of Political Questions
  - Judicially Manageable Standards
  - Policy Matters
- Constitutional Framework for Judicial Review of Administrative Actions in India
  - Power and Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
  - Power and Jurisdiction of High Courts
Subordinate Courts and Judicial Review of Administrative Actions: Is there a need to invoke Article 32 (3)?

Writs
- Mandamus
- Certiorari
- Quo warranto
- Prohibition
- Habeas Corpus

Judicial Activism as an Extension of Power of Judicial Review
Exclusion of Judicial Review

6. Comparative and Global Administrative Law

Comparative Administrative Law
- French concept of Separation of Powers and Administrative Courts
  - Droit Administratif
  - Administrative courts in France
  - Council d’état
- Scope of Judicial Review in UK
- Scope of Judicial Review in US
- Public Interest Litigation in India and US

Global Administrative Law
- Globalization and Global Governance
- Players in Global Governance: Public, Private and Hybrid
- Emergence of Global Administrative Law: Bottom - up and Top - down approach
- Global Administrative Law: Perspectives of Developing Countries

Suggested Readings*

BOOKS


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**ARTICLES**


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