

② Political Science As a Study of Associations and Institutions

The scope of Political Science also includes the study of associations and institutions. Dr. Garner has observed, "In organised way the fundamental problems of Political Science include, first, an investigation of the origin and the nature of the State, second, an inquiry into nature, history and forms of political institutions and third, deduction therefrom, so far as possible, of laws of political growth and development."

In other words, we study in Political Science the origin and the development of the State and many other political institutions and associations. There are many types of institutions in a country or in a society and the State is an institution that stands supreme - controls all of them. These institutions are useful to the nation and have their utility in society. This is the reason why we study in Political Science, these institutions along with the State.

