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**Lesson n°2:**

**The State ……..What is it?**

1. **Meaning of State :**

* The term State has occupies the Important place in the study of political science.
* The modern term state is derived from the words STATUS earlier used the German tribe TEUTONOS member of Germanic tribe.
* The Greek used the words POLIS to denote the city state, and Roman used the term CIVITAS which means state.
* It was Machiavelli, who used the term state in political science in the modern sense.
* The term state means an association of people who live within geographical area under the organized government and subject to no outside control.
* State is an institution to ensure law and order and maintain harmony of social relations.
* Then, state must create healthy condition in order to develop individual personality it stand for the welfare of society as whole and protect the right and life of citizen from internal and external threats.

**2-Definition of political State :**

The State is an association of families and their common possessions, governed by supreme power and by the reason.

* Dr GARNER said that : “ the state is community of persons more or less numerous, permanent by occupying definite portion of territory independent or nearly so of external control of possessing an organized government to which the great body of inhabitants render habitual obedience ( legitimate oppression).
* WOOD ROW ZILSON said that :“ the state is people organized for law within a definite territory.
* HAROLD.J.LASKI said that:“ the state is territorial society divided into government and subject claiming with its allotted physical area, a supremacy over all other institutions.