Chapter five
Classifications of the Constitution

What is the traditional classification to the constitution?
Traditionally, constitutions are classified into written and unwritten and to flexible and rigid.

What does the written (Codified) constitution mean?
It means the constitution which is set out in a document which may possibly be amended. Nearly all states except the United Kingdom have unwritten constitution.

What does the written constitution supported by?
It’s supported by judicial decisions interpreting its provisions and by customs and conventions regulating the working machinery of the government.

What is the famous practical application of the unwritten constitution?
The British constitution is described as a famous practical application of the unwritten constitution. That means that in Britain, there is no single document in which one may find a constitutional law. Instead, there are judicial precedents and conventions, from which constitutional law is drawn.

Define the flexible constitution.
A flexible constitution is defined as one which may be altered or amended in the same way as a law on any other topic. In this sense, a flexible constitution is very rare.

What is the practical application of the flexible constitution?
Because an unwritten constitution is flexible. In this sense, the British constitution is extremely flexible as all laws are passed in the same way to the parliament.

Define the rigid constitution.
It is one which may be amended only by a special procedure, in this way the constitutions is safeguarded against rash alteration. Almost all constitutions are rigid.