63/2 (SEM-1) PSC 101

2021

(held in 2022)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Theory Paper)

Paper Code : PSC-101 (New)

(Western Political Thought)

Full Marks – 80

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

    15×2=30

    (a) Critically discuss Plato's theory of Communism. How is it different from Modern Communism ?   10+5=15

    (b) What do understand by Social Contract Theory ? Discuss Thomas Hobbes' theory of Social Contract. Can you consider Hobbes to be an Absolutist ? Give reasons for your answer.   3+7+5=15

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(c) "While dialectical materialism represents philosophical basis of Marxism, historical materialism represents its empirical basis." — Elaborate the above statement in the context of Marxian theory of dialectical materialism and his materialistic interpretation of history. 15

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

(a) Critically analyze Aristotle's notion on Slavery.

(b) "Locke's state is a transformer state." — Comment.

(c) Make an assessment of J. S. Mill as a champion of Individual Liberty.

3. Write short notes on any *four* : 5×4=20

(a) Renaissance

(b) Machiavelli on Morality

(c) General Will

(d) Bentham on Utility

(e) Gramsci's Hegemony

(f) Hegel's Dialectics.

4. Answer the following qustions : 2×5=10

(a) Mention two attributes of the Ruler according to Machiavelli.

(b) What are the two phases in Locke's Social Contract ?

(c) Who do you understand by Utilitarianism ?

(d) Clarify the concept of 'Base' and 'Superstructure' in accordance to Marxian interpretation.

(e) Who wrote the book *On Democracy* and when ?

(Theory Paper)

Paper : PSC-101 (Old)

(Social and Political Thought (India))

Full Marks – 80

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

    15×2=30

    (a) "Raja Ram Mohan Roy was a Progressive Liberal Renaissance Thinker." – Illustrate the above statement in the light of Raja Ram Mohan Roy's social and political ideas.

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    (b) Critically discuss V. D. Savarkar's concept of Hindutva. Do you think his political ideas reflect militant nationalism ?   10+5=15

    (c) Elaborate on B. R. Ambedkar's understanding of Caste and Untouchability in Indian Society. What measures did he suggest for the abolition these two ?   10+5=15

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

    10×2=20

    (a) Comment on the unique social ideas of Jyotiba Phule.   10

    (b) What is Nation ? Analyze the 'Two Nations Theory' of Md. Ali Jinnah.   3+7=10

    (c) "Bal Gangadhar Tilak was an extremist in his views." – Do you agree ? Give reasons for your answer.   10

3. Write short notes on any *four* :   5×4=20

    (a) Varna System

    (b) Social philosophy of Swami Vivekananda

    (c) Radical Humanism of M. N. Roy

    (d) Nehru on Socialism

    (e) Brahmo Samaj.

4. Answer the following questions :   2×5=10

    (a) Mention two reasons of Brahmanic paramountcy in Manusmriti.

    (b) What is Tritiya Ratna ?

(c) Who wrote *Hindu Pad Padshahi* and when ?

(d) Who is the founder of Radical Democratic Party ? When did he/she found the party ?

(e) Define Secularism.