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63/2 (SEM-1) PSC 102

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Theory Paper)

Paper Code : PSC-102 (New)

(Political Theory – I)

Full Marks – 80

Time – Three hours

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

1. Answer any *two* questions : 15×2=30

**(a) Define Political Theory. Discuss the debate
on decline and resurgence of Political
Theory. 3+6+6=15**

**(b) Trace the evolution of Equality as a concept
of Political Theory. Analyze three metrics of
Equality in the context of "Equality of
What ? " Debate. 7+8=15**

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- (c) What do you understand by Power in Political Theory? Examine Power from Feminist perspective. $5+10=15$

2. Answer any two questions : $10 \times 2 = 20$

- (a) Why is it necessary to study Political Theory? Discuss different types of Political Theory. $5+5=10$

- (b) "Rawls sought to achieve the goal of substantive justice through the methodology of procedural justice."

— Illustrate the above statement in the context of John Rawls' theory of 'Justice as Fairness'. 10

- (c) What is Right? Discuss various types of Rights. $3+7=10$

3. Write short notes on any four : $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Behavioral Approach to the study of Politics.
(b) Distinction between Positive and Negative Liberty.
(c) Entitlement Theory of Justice.
(d) Features of Liberal Democracy.

- (e) Method of acquiring and losing of citizenship.

- (f) Role of Ideology in Politics.

4. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Mention two features of Political Theory.
(b) What does the concept 'Logical Positivism' mean?
(c) Name two thinkers associated with Libertarianism.
(d) Distinguish between 'Direct Democracy' and 'Indirect Democracy'.
(e) Write the name of two thinkers who developed Class perspective on Power.
(f) What do you understand by Utilitarianism?

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 - (a) Define Justice. Critically discuss Plato's theory of Justice. 5+10=15
 - (b) Discuss Machiavelli's concept of Morality. What did he suggested to the Prince ? 8+7=15
 - (c) "Locke's State is a transformer state."
– Illustrate the above statement. 15
2. Answer any *two* questions : 10×2=20
 - (a) Critically analyze Aristotle's view on Slavery. Who are the citizens according to him ? 7+3=10
 - (b) Discuss St. Aquinas' concept of Law. How did he classify it ? 3+7=10
 - (c) Examine J. S. Mill as a champion of Individual Liberty. 10

3. Write short notes on any *four* : 5×4=20
 - (a) Plato's Communism
 - (b) St. Augustine's Two Cities
 - (c) Hobbes on Social Contract
 - (d) General Will
 - (e) Bentham's Utility.
4. Answer the following questions : 2×5=10
 - (a) Mention two features of Aristotle's Ideal State.
 - (b) Point out two features of Medieval Political Thought.
 - (c) What is Social Contract Theory of State ?
 - (d) Who wrote the book *Emile* and when ?
 - (e) What do you understand by Utilitarianism ?