2015

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Paper : 102

POLITICAL THEORY-I

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer all the questions: 2x5=10

   a. Find out two differences between Plato's communism and modern communism.

   b. Summa Theologica - who wrote this and when?

   c. Mention two features of Rousseau's social contract?

   d. Name two exponents of laissez-faire individualism.

   e. Clarify the concepts of 'self-regarding' and 'others-regarding' freedom.

2. Answer any two: 15x2=30

   a. Elaborate the causes of revolution as stated by Aristotle. What mechanisms has he suggested to prevent revolution? 10+5=15

   b. "Political idea of Machiavelli is nothing, but the embodi-

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ment of the values of renaissance." -In the light of the above statement, examine Machiavelli as a modern thinker.   15

c. Critically examine Bentham's theory of Utilitarianism. Evaluate him as a critique of English Judicial System.

8+7=15

3. Answer any two: 10x2=20

a. "Rule of Philosopher-kings is the logical conclusion of Plato's theory of justice"

-Make an assessment of Platonic Justice in the light of the above statement.   10

b. Discuss Aquinas' classification of government. Do you think Aquinas favoured a constitutional monarchy?

5+5=10

c. "Locke's state is a transformer state" – Analyse.   10

4. Short notes (any four):   5x4=20

a. Plato's Philosophic Absolutism

b. Features of medieval political thought

c. Hobbes' depiction of 'state of nature'

d. Rousseau on General Will

e. Mill on Representative Government

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