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B.A DEGREE (CBCS) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2020

Fourth Semester

Core Course - PS4CRT06 - POLITICAL THOUGHT: WESTERN TRADITIONS

(Common for B.A Political Science Model I, B.A Political Science Model II Mass Communication and Journalism)

2017 Admission onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Marks: 80

Part A

*Answer any **ten** questions.*

*Each question carries **2** marks.*

1. Identify the importance of Plato's Republic.
2. Describe the meaning of communism of property and family in Plato's philosophy.
3. Assess Aristotle's views in justifying Polity as the best form of government.
4. Discuss the meaning of 'eternal law' put forward by St.Thomas Aquinas.
5. Discuss the meaning of the term 'virtue' as interpreted in the ideals of Machiavelli.
6. Describe Hobbe's views on state of nature.
7. Discuss on Bentham's comment "human beings are hedonists by nature".
8. Describe the meaning of the term Synthesis in Hegelian Dialectics.
9. Discuss on Hegel's views on civil society.
10. Critically examine the Marxian concept of classless society.
11. Engels criticises state as an 'engine of despotism'. Discuss.
12. Describe Neo- Marxism.

(10×2=20)

Part B

*Answer any **six** questions.*

*Each question carries **5** marks.*

13. Distinguish between textual and contextual method in political philosophy.





14. "Virtue is knowledge". Defend Socrates's statement.
15. Examine the views of Aristotle on slavery and revolution.
16. Distinguish between Locke's state of nature and Rousseau's state of nature.
17. Examine the political ideas of J J Rousseau.
18. Elucidate J.S. Mill's views on representative government.
19. Compare the views Hegel and Green on freedom.
20. Discuss the important features of Lenin's idea on imperialism.
21. Create a note on Gramsci's contributions of political thought.

(6×5=30)

Part C

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Each question carries **15** marks.*

22. Compare the Philosophical methods of Plato and Aristotle.
23. Discuss on Locke's theory of Social Contract and bring out its shortcomings.
24. "J.S. Mill is considered as a champion of individual liberty". Discuss .
25. Explain the major principles of Marxism.

(2×15=30)

