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# **B.A DEGREE (CBCS) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2021**

## **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 Max. Marks: 80

#### Part A

Answer any **ten** questions.

Each question carries **2** marks.

- 1. Describe historical approach to the study of Political thought.
- 2. Distinguish the concepts 'Virtue' and 'Vice' according to Socrates.
- 3. Discuss the qualification of citizenship put forward by Aristotle.
- 4. Discuss the meaning of the term 'fortuna' as interpreted in the ideals of Machiavelli.
- 5. Justify John Locke's view in observing democracy as the best form of Government.
- 6. Analyse Rousseau's doctrine of General Will.
- 7. Describe 'Felicific Calculus'.
- 8. Discuss on Bentham's views on legislation.
- 9. Critically evaluate J.S. Mill's views on Liberty.
- 10. Describe briefly about Materialistic interpretation of history by Karl Marx.
- 11. Briefly discuss on Lenin's views on organisation of political Party.
- 12. Define the term Hegemony.

 $(10 \times 2 = 20)$ 

### Part B

Answer any **six** questions.

Each question carries **5** marks.



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- 13. Compare the views of Socrates and Plato on 'virtue' and 'knowledge'.
- 14. Explain in detail about the Platonean concept of Justice.
- 15. Discuss on the main features of scheme of education put forward by Plato.
- 16. Distinguish between divine law and eternal law.
- 17. Machiavelli's views on human nature influences his views on government. Discuss.
- 18. Appraise the steps suggested by J.S. Mill to empower women.
- 19. Assess Green's view, "Human consciousness postulates liberty, liberty involves rights, rights demand state ".
- 20. List out the major contributions of Frederic Engels.
- 21. Explain the functions of state and civil society according to Gramsci.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$ 

#### Part C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 22. "The state exists for the sake of good life and not for the sake of life only" Discuss on Aristotle's comment.
- 23. Discuss on Hobbes's theory of Social Contract and bring out its shortcomings.
- 24. Examine the significance of Hegelian Dialectics in modern political thought.
- 25. Examine the contemporary relevance Marxism.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$ 

