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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)

For Regular Candidates: 2019 Admission only For Private Candidates: 2017 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

Instructions to Private candidates only: This question paper contains two sections. Answer SECTION I questions in the answer-book provided. SECTION II, Internal examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under

SECTION II

SECTION I

Part A

Answer any **ten** questions. Each question carries **2** marks.

- 1. Categorise the kinds of 'knowledge' as interpreted in the ideals of Socrates.
- 2. Identify the importance of Plato's Republic.
- 3. Assess Aristotle's views in justifying Polity as the best form of government.
- 4. Explain the meaning of 'natural law' according to St. Thomas Aguinas.
- 5. Briefly describe St. Thomas Aquinas' views on state.
- 6. Distinguish between human nature in the theories of Hobbes and Locke on social contract.
- 7. Discuss on the measures of pleasure and pain according to Bentham.
- 8. List out the important works of J.S. Mill.
- 9. Discuss on Hegel's views on state.
- 10. Describe briefly about Marxism.



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- 11. Examine the reasons of class struggle in Marxian philosophy.
- 12. Define imperialism.

 $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

Part B

Answer any **six** questions. Each question carries **5** marks.

- 13. Describe the meaning of 'hermeneutics' with examples.
- 14. Compare and Contrast Plato's communism and modern communism.
- 15. "Slavery is natural and beneficial both for masters and their slaves" (Aristotle). Comment.
- 16. Examine Locke's statement "Where there is no law, there is no freedom".
- 17. Describe Rousseau's views on state of nature.
- 18. Assess Green's views on state.
- 19. Discuss the importance of Hegelian concept of dialectics.
- 20. List out the major contributions of Frederic Engels.
- 21. Appraise Gramsci's theory of Hegemony.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$

Part C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 22. Disuss in detail the approaches and methods to the study of Political Science.
- 23. "With Machiavelli began modern Political Philosophy". Defend the statement.
- 24. Describe the contributions made by Jeremy Bentham to modern political thought.
- 25. Discuss on the political ideas of Antonio Gramsci.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$

