

2025

( CBCS )

( 4th Semester )

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

FOURTH PAPER

**( Political Theory )**

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

**( SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE )**

( Marks : 10 )

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. The word 'theory' is originated from the Greek word

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|-------------|--------|------------|--------|
| (a) theorem | (    ) | (b) thor   | (    ) |
| (c) theoria | (    ) | (d) thesis | (    ) |

2. The propounder of post-behaviouralism is

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|-------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| (a) Robert Dahl   | (    ) | (b) David Easton | (    ) |
| (c) Graham Wallas | (    ) | (d) Karl Popper  | (    ) |

3. Which of the following is not the characteristic of Austin's sovereignty?

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|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| (a) Plurality    | (    ) | (b) Indivisibility | (    ) |
| (c) Absoluteness | (    ) | (d) Permanence     | (    ) |

4. The term 'sovereignty' is derived from the Latin word
- (a) superanus ( )                      (b) supreme ( )
- (c) poer ( )                      (d) power ( )
5. Which of the following is not the source of law?
- (a) Custom ( )                      (b) Religion ( )
- (c) Legislation ( )                      (d) Liberty ( )
6. Which philosopher is associated with the theory of Natural Rights?
- (a) John Locke ( )                      (b) J. S. Mill ( )
- (c) Edmund Burke ( )                      (d) David Hume ( )
7. 'Justice as fairness' is associated with
- (a) Taylor ( )                      (b) Rawls ( )
- (c) Green ( )                      (d) Kymlicka ( )
8. Who said, "Rights are those conditions of social life without which no man can seek in general to be himself at his best"?
- (a) Acton ( )                      (b) Skinner ( )
- (c) Laski ( )                      (d) Sartori ( )
9. Welfare State seeks to promote
- (a) communism ( )
- (b) morality ( )
- (c) individuality ( )
- (d) collective welfare of citizens ( )
10. The Greek word 'demos' implies
- (a) people ( )                      (b) power ( )
- (c) rule ( )                      (d) legitimacy ( )

**( SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS )**

**( Marks : 15 )**

Answer the following :

3×5=15

**UNIT—I**

1. Write a short note on the significance of political theory.

**OR**

2. What is post-behaviouralism?

**UNIT—II**

3. Write a short note on the Marxist theory of the origin of State.

**OR**

4. Write any three characteristics of sovereignty.

**UNIT—III**

5. Write any three kinds of law.

**OR**

6. Define negative liberty.

**UNIT—IV**

7. Write any three types of rights.

**OR**

8. Write any three kinds of justice.

**UNIT—V**

9. Write any three characteristics of Western liberal democracy.

**OR**

10. What is Welfare State?

**( SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE )**

**( Marks : 50 )**

Answer the following :

10×5=50

**UNIT—I**

1. Discuss the meaning and scope of political theory.

**OR**

2. Discuss the Marxist approach to the study of political theory.

**UNIT—II**

3. Discuss the social contract theory of the origin of State.

**OR**

4. Write an essay on monistic theory of sovereignty.

**UNIT—III**

5. What is equality? Discuss the various types of equality.

**OR**

6. Elaborate the relationship between liberty and equality.

**UNIT—IV**

7. Examine the social welfare theory of rights.

**OR**

8. Write an essay on John Rawls' theory of justice.

**UNIT—V**

9. Discuss the elitist theory of democracy.

**OR**

10. Discuss the relevance of Welfare State.

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