

2025

(NEP—2020)

(4th Semester)

POLITICAL SCIENCE (MAJOR)

(Western Political Thought)

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. Plato's works were written in the form of

- (a) treaties ()
- (b) dialogue ()
- (c) essay ()
- (d) poems ()

2. The most renowned work of Machiavelli is

- (a) *The Prince* ()
- (b) *Leviathan* ()
- (c) *Two Cities* ()
- (d) *Republic* ()

3. Who is the author of the book, *On Liberty*?

- (a) J. S. Mill ()
- (b) Jeremy Bentham ()
- (c) Rousseau ()
- (d) Machiavelli ()

4. Who advocated the theory of 'Natural Rights'?
- (a) Hobbes ()
 - (b) Rousseau ()
 - (c) Locke ()
 - (d) Bentham ()
5. Lyceum was an institution founded by
- (a) Plato ()
 - (b) Aristotle ()
 - (c) Socrates ()
 - (d) Marx ()
6. Who said, "It is better to be a human being dissatisfied than a pig satisfied"?
- (a) James Mill ()
 - (b) Hegel ()
 - (c) Jeremy Bentham ()
 - (d) J. S. Mill ()
7. Who is regarded as the father of Political Science?
- (a) Plato ()
 - (b) Aristotle ()
 - (c) Karl Marx ()
 - (d) Socrates ()
8. According to Karl Marx, the State is
- (a) a necessary evil ()
 - (b) an instrument of class exploitation ()
 - (c) a necessary good ()
 - (d) for the welfare of the people ()
9. Hegel
- (a) glorifies war ()
 - (b) opposes war ()
 - (c) says nothing on war ()
 - (d) is neutral on war ()
10. Rousseau made a strong plea for
- (a) democracy ()
 - (b) aristocracy ()
 - (c) oligarchy ()
 - (d) absolute democracy ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Explain Plato's theory of property.
2. Write a note on Aristotle's classification of government.

UNIT—II

3. Comment on Machiavelli's advice to the Prince.
4. What is General Will?

UNIT—III

5. Write any three features of happiness according to Bentham.
6. Explain J. S. Mill's view on liberty.

UNIT—IV

7. Explain Hegel's view on dialectic.
8. Comment on Karl Marx's theory of surplus value.

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Critically examine Plato's theory of justice.
2. Explain Aristotle's view on the causes and prevention of revolution.

UNIT—II

3. Describe Machiavelli's view on separation of State religion.
4. Discuss the Social Contract theory of Hobbes.

UNIT—III

5. Critically discuss Bentham's theory of utilitarianism.
6. Explain J. S. Mill's view on democracy.

UNIT—IV

7. Discuss Hegel's theory of State.
8. Describe Karl Marx's theory of historical materialism.
