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5 SEM TDC PSCH (CBCS) C 11

2024

(November)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Core)

Paper : C-11

(Classical Political Philosophy)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives : 1×8=8

(a) According to Plato, which of the following are the three elements in man?

- (i) Reason, Justice, Equality
- (ii) Reason, Spirit, Appetite
- (iii) Justice, Liberty, Equality
- (iv) Reason, Spirit, Justice

- (b) In Plato's Ideal State, one reaches the pinnacle of the State order at the age of
- (i) 35
 - (ii) 40
 - (iii) 50
 - (iv) None of the above
- (c) Who is regarded as the founder of philosophical idealism?
- (i) Plato
 - (ii) Aristotle
 - (iii) Socrates
 - (iv) Cicero
- (d) According to Aristotle, which is the bad government of the rich?
- (i) Tyranny
 - (ii) Oligarchy
 - (iii) Democracy
 - (iv) None of the above
- (e) According to Machiavelli State is
- (i) a means to an end
 - (ii) an end in itself
 - (iii) neither a means nor an end in itself
 - (iv) None of the above

- (f) According to Hobbes, life in the state of nature was
- (i) better than life in his own time
 - (ii) free and noble
 - (iii) poor, solitary, nasty, brutish and short
 - (iv) difficult but honest
- (g) Hobbes' ethical theory is clearly a form of
- (i) rational egoism
 - (ii) rational altruism
 - (iii) deontology
 - (iv) universalism in ethics
- (h) One of the most basic rights, according to Locke, is the right to own private property, and the most basic private property one can own is
- (i) land
 - (ii) clothing
 - (iii) one's own body
 - (iv) None of the above

2. Write on the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16

- (a) Feminist interpretation of texts
- (b) Aristotle's classification of Government
- (c) Machiavelli on morality and Statecraft
- (d) Hobbes' description of state of nature

Answer the following questions (**within 500 words** each) :

3. Discuss the Marxian approach to the interpretation of texts with relevant examples. 12

Or

Explain the psychoanalytic approach to the interpretation of texts with critical insights.

4. Explain Plato's theory of justice. 11

Or

Write an essay on Aristotle's theory of Citizenship and State.

5. Examine Machiavelli's views on virtue and religion. 11

Or

What does Machiavelli describe as the role of a statesman in his *The Prince*?

6. Compare and describe the similarities and differences in Locke and Hobbes' understanding of state of nature. 11

Or

Write an essay on the social contract theory.

7. Critically evaluate Hobbes' concept of atomistic individualism. 11

Or

Discuss Locke's ideas on natural rights.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Core)

Paper : C-12

(Indian Political Thought—I)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×8=8

- (a) Write one basic tenet of Brahmanic traditions.
- (b) Write one basic difference between Brahmanic and Shramanic traditions.
- (c) What is the basic idea of Rajadharma?

(2)

- (d) Which one of the following is not included in the seven elements of the State according to Kautilya?

- (i) Durga
- (ii) Danda
- (iii) Kali
- (iv) Amatya

(Choose the correct option)

- (e) The absolute form of sovereignty in Hindu political thought is called ____.

(Fill in the blank)

- (f) Who laid the idea of a good Sultan?
- (g) How many parts does *Agganna Sutta* have?
- (h) How many Tirthas were mentioned in *Arthashastra*?

2. Write short notes on the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16

- (a) Shramanic Tradition
- (b) Relationship between Politics and Ethics in *Arthashastra*
- (c) Element of Sovereignty in Kautilya's *Arthashastra*
- (d) Kabir's Syncretism

(3)

Answer the following questions (**within 500 words** each) :

3. Evaluate critically the elements of democracy in the Buddhist and Jain traditions. How are they different from the Brahmanic tradition? 8+4=12

Or

Critically evaluate the scope of the Indian political thought. 12

4. Evaluate critically the duties of the King and the concept of good governance in *Rajadharma*. 11

Or

Analyse critically the relevance of the Saptanga theory in the present context.

5. Describe Manu's rules of action in times of adversity. 11

Or

Critically analyse the social structure in *Manusmriti*.

6. Evaluate the State as an instrument of Dhamma. 11

Or

State the evolution and the features of the monarchical State in *Digha Nikaya*.

7. Critically evaluate Barani's views on the duties of king and just rule. 11

Or

Make a comparative analysis of Abul Fazl and Barani's views on religion.

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