

**2015**

**( October )**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**( Elective/Honours )**

**FIRST PAPER**

**( Political Theory )**

**Marks : 75**

**Time : 3 hours**

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

**Answer any five questions**

1. (a) What is political theory? 3
- (b) Briefly state the main features of political theory. 6
- (c) Mention the significance of political theory. 6
2. (a) Briefly discuss the idea, 'dictatorship of the proletariat'. 5

- (b) Briefly discuss the idea, 'withering away of the State'. 4
- (c) State the liberal perspective of the State. 6
- 3. (a) Define nation and nationality. 4
- (b) State any three features of a nation. 6
- (c) Differentiate between nation and nationality. 5
- 4. (a) Explain the term 'sovereignty'. 2
- (b) Briefly explain the characteristics of sovereignty. 5
- (c) Differentiate between internal sovereignty and external sovereignty. 4
- (d) Distinguish between titular sovereignty and real sovereignty. 4
- 5. (a) Explain the concept of liberty. 3
- (b) Examine the liberal view of liberty. 3
- (c) State the meaning of equality. 3
- (d) Examine the relationship between liberty and equality. 6

- 6. (a) Explain the meaning of 'rights'. 3
- (b) Examine five features of the theory of natural rights. 4
- (c) Explain the legal theory of rights. 4
- (d) Describe the social welfare theory of rights. 4
- 7. (a) What is political obligation? 3
- (b) Explain the divine theory of political obligation. 4
- (c) Examine the main features of the consent theory of political obligation. 4
- (d) State the prescriptive theory of political obligation. 4
- 8. (a) What is meant by justice? 3
- (b) Explain briefly John Rawls' theory of justice. 6
- (c) Examine the legal theory of justice. 6
- 9. (a) Explain the term 'law'. 3
- (b) Examine the features of the analytical theory of law. 6
- (c) Analyze the historical theory of law. 6

10. (a) What is democracy? 3
- (b) Examine six principles of liberal democracy. 6
- (c) Discuss the Marxist critique against liberal democracy. 6

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9. (a) Explain the term law. 3
- (b) Examine the features of the analytical theory of law. 6
- (c) Analyze the historical theory of law. 6

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2016

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( Political Theory )

(PSC-01)

Marks : 75

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Answer any five questions

1. What is political theory? Discuss its significance. 5+10=15
2. Examine Hobbes' theory of social contract on the origin of the State. What are the points of criticism against the theory? 8+7=15
3. Discuss the Liberal and Marxist perspectives on the nature of the State. 8+7=15
4. Explain the concept of nation. Distinguish between nation and nationality. 5+10=15

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( Turn Over )

5. What is sovereignty? Describe the essential characteristics of sovereignty. 3+12=15
6. What are rights? Critically examine the theory of natural rights. 3+12=15
7. Elucidate the meaning of equality both in its negative and positive senses. Examine the relationship between liberty and equality. 5+10=15
8. Define law. Critically examine the historical theory of law. 3+12=15
9. What is democracy? Discuss the main features of Western liberal democracy. 3+12=15
10. Write short notes on any three of the following : 5×3=15
  - (a) Kinds of liberty
  - (b) Legal theory of justice
  - (c) De jure and de facto sovereignty
  - (d) Prescriptive theory of political obligation
  - (e) Marxist theory of democracy

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( **Political Theory** )

(PSC-01)

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Answer any **five** questions

1. What is Political Theory? Discuss its nature and scope. 5+10=15
2. Define the term 'nation'. Differentiate between nation and nationality. 5+10=15
3. Define Sovereignty. Discuss various types of sovereignty. 5+10=15
4. Examine the evolutionary theory on the origin of the State. 15

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5. What is political obligation? Discuss the consent theory of political obligation. 3+12=15
6. Define Rights. Explain Marxist theory of rights. 5+10=15
7. Critically explain Rawls' theory of justice. 15
8. What is Liberty? Discuss Marxist theory of liberty. 5+10=15
9. Discuss the main features of Marxist theory of democracy. 15
10. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15
  - (a) Custom as a Source of Law
  - (b) Dictatorship of the Proletariat
  - (c) Distributive Justice
  - (d) Liberal Democracy
  - (e) Any two characteristics of Sovereignty

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( PSc-01 )

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**Answer any five questions**

1. What is Political Theory? Discuss the scope of Political Theory. 5+10=15
2. Critically examine the Social Contract Theory of the origin of the State. 15
3. Elucidate the main features of the liberal perspective on the functions of the State. 15

4. What is Sovereignty? Discuss the characteristics of sovereignty. 3+12=15
5. What are Rights? Critically discuss the Marxist Theory of Rights. 3+12=15
6. What is Law? Critically examine the Sociological Theory of Law. 3+12=15
7. What is Justice? Examine the concept of Social Justice. 3+12=15
8. What is Political Obligation? Discuss the grounds of resistance to political obligation. 3+12=15
9. Critically examine the Marxist Theory of Democracy. 15
10. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15
  - (a) Kinds of equality
  - (b) Positive and negative liberty
  - (c) Social dimension of democracy
  - (d) Pluralistic theory of sovereignty
  - (e) Dictatorship of the proletariat

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2018

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( Political Theory )

( PSc-01 )

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Answer **any five** questions

1. Discuss the nature and significance of political theory. 7+8=15
2. "The State is a growth, not a make." In the light of this statement, examine the Evolutionary Theory of origin of the State. 15
3. Discuss the Marxist perspective on the nature of the State. 15

4. Critically analyze Austin's Monistic interpretation of Sovereignty. 15
5. Define Rights. Critically examine the theory of Natural Rights. 3+12=15
6. Explain the meaning of liberty and discuss its relationship with equality. 5+10=15
7. Define Law. Critically examine the Marxian theory of law. 3+12=15
8. What is Political Obligation? Evaluate the prescriptive theory of political obligation. 3+12=15
9. Examine the nature and limitations of Liberal Democracy. 15
10. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15
  - (a) Positive Liberty
  - (b) Legal Sovereignty
  - (c) Rousseau's General Will
  - (d) Meaning of Equality
  - (e) Distributive Justice

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**2019**

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Answer any **five** questions

1. What is Political Theory? Explain its scope and significance. 3+6+6=15
2. Define Rights. Explain the legal theory of Rights. 5+10=15
3. Critically evaluate Marxist theory of the origin of the State. 15
4. Define Sovereignty. Explain how Monistic view differs from Pluralistic idea of Sovereignty. 3+6+6=15

5. Define Positive Liberty and Negative Liberty. Which among them you think is vital for Democracy? Give your reasons.  $4+4+7=15$
6. Discuss the significance of Law in public life. Explain different sources of Law.  $5+10=15$
7. Discuss the idea of Political Obligation and explain under what conditions the citizens can revolt against the State authority.  $7\frac{1}{2}+7\frac{1}{2}=15$
8. Discuss the main features of Liberal Democracy. 15
9. Define Nation and Nationality, and explain the factors that facilitate the development of modern nation state.  $3+3+9=15$
10. Write short notes on any *three* of the following :  $5 \times 3 = 15$ 
  - (a) Distributive justice
  - (b) Evolutionary theory of State
  - (c) Natural theory of Law
  - (d) Locke's idea of social contract
  - (e) De jure and de facto sovereignty