



**2020/TDC (CBCS)/ODD/SEM/  
PLSHCC-101T/182**

**TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2020  
held in March, 2021**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**( 1st Semester )**

**Course No. : PLSHCC-101T**

**( Understanding of Political Theory )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 28*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

**SECTION—A**

**1. Answer any *ten* of the following questions :  
2×10=20**

**(a) Mention two features of modern political theory.**

**(b) How did Pierre-Joseph Proudhon criticize private property?**



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- (c) Point out two differences between classical liberalism and modern liberalism.
- (d) Write Edmund Burke's views on the French Revolution of 1789.
- (e) What is normative political theory?
- (f) Mention two criticisms against the historical approach to political theory.
- (g) Write two characteristics of empirical political theory.
- (h) Mention two uses of normative political theory.
- (i) What is gender?
- (j) How did Mary Wollstonecraft advocate equal education for women and men?
- (k) What is radical feminism?
- (l) What is modernity?
- (m) Write two reasons why democracy fails in Third World countries.
- (n) Point out two differences between direct democracy and indirect democracy.
- (o) Write two conditions for the success of democracy.

- (p) What do you mean by 'three waves of democracy'?
- (q) What is deliberation?
- (r) Define political participation.
- (s) What is proportional representation?
- (t) Mention any two forms of political participation.

SECTION—B

Answer any five questions

- 2. Define political theory. Explain the functions of political theory. 4+6=10
- 3. Discuss Karl Marx's (a) theory of Historical Materialism and (b) theory of Class Struggle. 5+5=10
- 4. Discuss the features of the historical approach to political theory. What is the importance of the historical approach? 6+4=10
- 5. What are the main points of differences between normative political theory and empirical political theory? In which category do you place modern political theory? 6+4=10



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6. Critically examine the main features of feminism. 10
7. Write a note on postmodernism in political theory. 10
8. Explain the evolution and growth of democracy as an ideal. 10
9. What is procedural democracy? Is substantive democracy an improvement over procedural democracy? 4+6=10
10. Discuss the features of deliberative democracy. 10
11. What is representation? Is representation a precondition of democracy? Give arguments in favour of your answer. 4+6=10

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