



**2022/TDC/ODD/SEM/  
POLHCC-501T/190**

**TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2022**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**( Honours )**

**( 5th Semester )**

Course No. : POLHCC-501T

**( Classical Political Philosophy )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 28*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

**UNIT—I**

**1. Answer any two of the following questions :**

**2×2=4**

- (a) Who were the Sophists and what did they teach?
- (b) Mention two humanistic issues preached by the Sophists.
- (c) Point out two fundamental principles of Socrates.



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2. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- (a) Write a note on the ancient Greek political thought with special reference to Socrates.
- (b) Trace the origin of Sophism and elucidate their political philosophy.

UNIT—II

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) On the basis of what method, Plato classified people in his book, *The Republic* and *The Laws*?
- (b) For which two classes of people did Plato provide his scheme of communism?
- (c) What is 'education' according to Plato?

4. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- (a) "Plato's communism is half-communism." Critically discuss Plato's theory of communism in the light of the given statement.
- (b) "Plato was an idealist thinker." Discuss Plato's theory of philosopher king in the light of the given statement.

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UNIT—III

5. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) What are the two virtues according to Aristotle?
- (b) How did Aristotle distinguish between a good man and a good citizen?
- (c) What are the components of a household according to Aristotle?

6. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- (a) How did Aristotle define a citizen? State and criticize Aristotle's theory of citizenship. 2+8=10
- (b) Write a note on the Aristotle's views on the origin, nature and functions of the State.

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) Mention two important books of Machiavelli.
- (b) How did Machiavelli view a Republic?
- (c) What should be the basic components of a 'Prince' according to Machiavelli to be a successful ruler?



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8. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

(a) Discuss Machiavelli's thought on religion. Do you agree with the view that Machiavelli was the first secularist in politics? Give arguments.

(b) "Machiavelli laid the foundation of modern political thought." Critically discuss Machiavelli's contribution to political philosophy in the light of the given statement.

UNIT—V

9. Answer any *two* of the following questions :  $2 \times 2 = 4$

(a) How did Hobbes view the state of nature?

(b) Why is Locke regarded as the 'father of liberalism'?

(c) Why is Locke's government a limited government?

10. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

(a) Critically examine Thomas Hobbes' concept of 'Leviathan' in the context of his social contract theory.

(b) Give a critical estimate of John Locke's ideas on natural law and natural rights.

$5 + 5 = 10$

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