



**2024/TDC (CBCS)/EVEN/SEM/
PLSHCC-601T/251**

TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2024

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(6th Semester)

Course No. : PLSHCC-601T

(Modern 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 wrote the book, *The Social Contract*? In which year was it published?
- (b) What, according to Rousseau, is the general will?
- (c) Mention two harmful effects of inequality as identified by Rousseau.



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2. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

- (a) Discuss Rousseau's concept of self-government.
- (b) Write an estimate of Rousseau's ideas on direct democracy.

UNIT—II

3. Answer any two of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) What is feminism?
- (b) Name the famous book written by Mary Wollstonecraft. In which year was it published?
- (c) Why is Mary Wollstonecraft called the 'mother of feminism'?

4. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

- (a) Wollstonecraft is best known for *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*. Explain.
- (b) What are the arguments of Mary Wollstonecraft against Rousseau's ideas of education for women?

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UNIT—III

5. Answer any two of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) Name two books written by J. S. Mill.
- (b) What according to Mill are the two threats to individual liberty?
- (c) Define self-regarding action of J. S. Mill.

6. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

- (a) Explain J. S. Mill's distinction between self and other regarding actions. Is it justified to call J. S. Mill 'a prophet of empty liberty'?
- (b) Write a note highlighting the views of Mill in *The Subjection of Women*.

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any two of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) Which book is known as the 'Bible of Communism'?
- (b) Why did Karl Marx regard the state as an instrument of exploitation?
- (c) What are the two main classes in a capitalist society according to Marx?



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8. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

- (a) Discuss critically Marx's theory of alienation.
- (b) Explain the Marxian conception of historical materialism.

UNIT—V

9. Answer any two of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) Who was Antonio Gramsci? When was he born?
- (b) Was Gramsci a Marxist?
- (c) Who wrote *Prison Notebooks*? In which year was it published?

10. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

- (a) Explain the Gramscian concept of civil society.
- (b) What is hegemony? Discuss Gramsci's view on hegemony.

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