

FYUG Odd Semester Exam., 2024

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(1st Semester)

Course No. : PLSIDC-101T

(Political Theory—Basic Concepts)

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 four from the following:

1×4=4

- (a) Who first used the term 'politics'?
- (b) Who is called the father of political theory?
- (c) Who said, "History gives the third dimension to political science"?

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- (d) "Political Science without history has no root." Who said this?
- (e) Sociology is the mother of all social sciences—Write yes or no.
2. (a) Write two points of dissimilarities between Political Science and Economics. 2
- Or
- (b) Distinguish between Political Science and Sociology. 2
3. (a) Discuss the meaning and relevance of the study of political science. 2+6=8
- Or
- (b) Define political science. Is political science a science or an art? Discuss. 2+(3+3)=8

UNIT—II

4. Answer any four of the following : 1×4=4
- (a) In which book was the term 'State' first used?
- (b) What is the number of population of a State according to Plato?

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- (c) Who is the author of the book, *Social Contract*?
- (d) Which Revolution was inspired by the theory of General Will?
- (e) Which theory says that the State is the product of the evolution?
5. (a) What are the main elements of the State? 2
- Or
- (b) What was the condition of the State of nature according to Hobbes? 2
6. (a) Discuss Rousseau's Social Contract theory of the origin of the State. 8
- Or
- (b) Discuss the merits and demerits of the evolutionary theory of the origin of the State. 4+4=8

UNIT—III

7. Answer any four of the following : 1×4=4
- (a) Which theory of the nature of the State is also known as metaphysical theory?

- (b) Who is the chief exponent of the organismic theory regarding the nature of the State?
- (c) Which theory considers the State as a legal person?
- (d) Who wrote *Das Kapital*?
- (e) Which theory of the nature of the State regards the State as a class institution?
8. (a) Write two basic principles of idealistic theory of the nature of the State. 2
- Or
- (b) What are the two opposite social classes according to Karl Marx? 2
9. (a) Critically discuss the organismic theory of the nature of the State. 8
- Or
- (b) Critically discuss the juridical theory of the nature of the State. 8

UNIT—IV

10. Answer any four of the following : 1×4=4

- (a) Who wrote the book, *A Grammar of Politics*?
- (b) Give an example of the legal sovereign.
- (c) Who said, "Law is the command of the sovereign"?
- (d) Is Assam a sovereign State? Write yes or no.
- (e) Who is the chief exponent of the concept of popular sovereignty?

11. (a) Write two characteristics of Austin's theory of sovereignty. 2

Or

(b) Define political sovereignty. 2

12. (a) Explain the pluralistic theory of sovereignty. 8

Or

(b) What is Monism? Give the arguments against the Monistic theory of sovereignty put forward by the pluralists. 2+6=8

UNIT—V

13. Answer any four of the following as directed :
1×4=4

- (a) Who said, "democracy is a government by discussion"?
- (b) Write one merit of a dictatorship.
- (c) Under which form of government, regional interests can be protected?
- (d) Write the name of a unitary State in the world.
- (e) In a Parliamentary form of government, the Executive is responsible to the ____ House of the Parliament.

(Fill in the blank)

14. (a) Write the name of two devices of direct democracy. 2

Or

(b) Write any two characteristics of the unitary form of government. 2

15. (a) Discuss the merits and demerits of democracy. 4+4=8

Or

(b) Make a comparative study of Presidential and Parliamentary government. 8
