

2013

POLITICAL SCIENCE

( Major )

Paper : 5.1

( **Western Political Thinkers** )

*Full Marks : 60*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×7=7

(a) According to Plato, in the Ideal State the number of citizens should be

(i) 5040

(ii) 6025

(iii) 9250

( Choose the correct option )

(b) According to Aristotle, Democracy is a perverted type of government.

( State True or False )



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(c) "Finally the kingdom of God will be established on earth." Who said this?

- (i) St. Augustine
- (ii) Aquinas
- (iii) Bentham

( Choose the correct option )

(d) "There is no friend in politics." Who said this?

- (i) Marx
- (ii) Mill
- (iii) Machiavelli

( Choose the correct option )

(e) Hobbes was the supporter of 'unlimited sovereign power'.

( State True or False )

(f) Who wrote the famous book, *Two Treaties on Civil Government*?

- (i) Rousseau
- (ii) Hobbes
- (iii) Locke

( Choose the correct option )

(g) Who wrote the book, *De Civitate Dei*?

- (i) Aquinas
- (ii) St. Augustine
- (iii) J. S. Mill

( Choose the correct option )

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2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) Mention two shortcomings of Rousseau's thought.
- (b) Mention two books written by Machiavelli.
- (c) Write two qualifications of a philosopher king.
- (d) On what grounds does Aristotle support slavery?

3. Answer the following questions : 5×3=15

- (a) Explain, in brief, Aristotle's views on slavery.

Or

Discuss the characteristics of sovereignty depicted by Hobbes.

- (b) Evaluate Marx's theory of surplus value.

Or

"The State is not abolished, it withers away." Explain.

- (c) Explain Rousseau's view on human nature.

Or

Write a note on Machiavelli's view on monarchy.



4. Answer the following questions : 10×3=30

- (a) Explain Plato's theory of communism.  
How does it differ from modern communism?

Or

Narrate Plato's ideas of philosopher king.

- (b) Describe Aristotle's theory of revolution.  
What means did he suggest to overcome revolution in a tyranny?

Or

Critically examine St. Augustine's contributions to political thought.

- (c) Discuss Machiavelli's ideas of human nature and the role of the State as depicted in *The Prince*.

Or

"The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggle."  
Explain.

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