

2015

POLITICAL SCIENCE

( Major )

Paper : 5.1

( Western Political Thought )

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) Which English philosopher has described life in the State of nature as 'solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short'?

- (i) Thomas Hobbes
- (ii) John Locke
- (iii) Jeremy Bentham
- (iv) Rousseau

( Choose the correct option )

(b) Which of the following books was not written by John Locke?

- (i) *Two Treatises on Civil Government*
- (ii) *City of God*
- (iii) *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*
- (iv) *The Reasonableness of Christianity*

( Choose the correct option )



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- (c) Hobbes separated religion from politics.  
( State True or False )
- (d) Which of the following statements regarding Plato is true?
- (i) Plato supported democracy as ideal form of Government.
  - (ii) Plato was an advocate of individual freedom.
  - (iii) Plato emphasized on the role of education for administrators.
  - (iv) Plato justified ownership of private property by the administrator.
- ( Choose the correct option )
- (e) Who has authored the book, *The Republic*?
- (i) Aristotle
  - (ii) Plato
  - (iii) Rousseau
  - (iv) Locke
- ( Choose the correct option )
- (f) Who among the following claimed that justice could not exist in a non-Christian State?
- (i) Plato
  - (ii) Aristotle
  - (iii) St. Augustine
  - (iv) Rousseau
- ( Choose the correct option )

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- (g) Who is regarded as the father of Scientific Socialism?
2. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (a) What are the defects of philosopher king?
  - (b) Mention two defects of oligarchy as pointed out by Aristotle.
  - (c) What, according to Aristotle, are the particular causes of revolution?
  - (d) Mention two books written by Machiavelli.
3. Answer the following questions :  $5 \times 3 = 15$
- (a) Why is communism of wives and property necessary in order to establish justice as mentioned by Plato?
- Or
- What are the points of agreement between Plato and Aristotle?
- (b) Examine critically the theory of surplus value of Karl Marx.
- Or
- Evaluate Marx's principle of dialectical materialism.



- (c) Examine critically Aristotle's classification of constitution.

Or

Evaluate the qualities of a Prince as mentioned by Machiavelli.

4. Answer the following questions :  $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) To what extent is it true that "Marx is a false prophet"?

Or

State and criticize Plato's theory of education.

- (b) Explain Plato's concept of communism. How far is it different from modern communism?

Or

Discuss the nature of the State as outlined by J. J. Rousseau with special reference to his theory of general will.

- (c) Examine critically St. Augustine's concept of two cities.

Or

Explain Machiavelli's concept of separation of politics from ethics and religion.

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