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MA 1st Semester Exam., 2017

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(MPS 02)

[Western Political Thought (Select Political Thinkers)]

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer any *five* from the following questions (each within *50* words) : 2×5=10

(a) According to Aristotle, what are the causes of revolution in aristocracies?

(b) Write briefly about Machiavelli's views on law-givers and law.

(c) Who is the author of the book, *The Limits of Jurisprudence*? State J. S. Mill's idea of 'self-regarding actions' of the individual. 1+1=2

(d) Mention two reasons put forward by St. Thomas Aquinas to justify human being's right to private property.

(e) According to Lenin, who is the 'vanguard of the proletariat'? Mention one maxim of revolution as propounded by Lenin.

(f) Write briefly about Foucault's views on imagery of power relations.

2. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each within *150* words) : 4×3=12

(a) Write a short note on Foucault's concept of universalism and knowledge.

(b) Write about Mao's concept of People's War.

(c) Write the meaning of utilitarianism. Write briefly about Bentham's views on punishment. 1+3=4

(d) Examine the relevance of Plato's thought in the contemporary world.

3. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each within *250* words) : 6×3=18

(a) Did St. Thomas Aquinas make any distinction between State and Church? Examine.

(b) Present an assessment of Noam Chomsky as a modern political philosopher.

(c) Explain Thomas Hobbes' views on the state of nature.

(d) Write a note on T. H. Green's views on political obligation.

4. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each within *500* words) : 10×4=40

(a) Critically discuss Marx's theory of revolution.

(b) Analyze Plato's concept of justice.

(c) "Modern study of politics began with Machiavelli." Examine Machiavelli's modernism in the light of the above statement.

(d) Analyze John Stuart Mill's views on the status and rights of women.

(e) Explain Henry George's theory of single tax system and theory of land and rent.

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