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[18–HRGPKAC–M1S]

MA 1st Semester Exam., 2018

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) Why is Plato considered to be the father of idealism in philosophy?

(b) State the meaning of 'New Left'.

(c) Write briefly about St. Augustine's concepts of 'City of Heaven' and 'City of the World'.

(d) Briefly write about the state of nature as advocated by Thomas Hobbes.

(e) Briefly write about the economic basis of Fabianism.

(f) Write briefly about 'existential freedom'.

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

(a) Write about Aquinas' theory of law and justice.

(b) Analyse Machiavelli's conception of human nature.

(c) Critically analyse Bentham's views on jurisprudence and punishment.

(d) Analyse Mao's 'new democracy'.

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

(a) Critically analyse Machiavelli's 'The Prince'.

(b) Discuss Plato's theory of communism.

(c) Critically analyse J. S. Mill's views on individual liberty.

(d) Critically discuss Marx's theory of alienation.

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

(a) Critically evaluate Aristotle's theory of citizenship.

(b) Critically analyse Rousseau's concept of 'General Will'.

(c) Explain J. S. Mill's views on representative government.

(d) Critically analyse the concept of 'historical materialism'.

(e) Critically discuss the concept and importance of 'utopian socialism'.

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