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MA 1st Semester (NEP) Examination, 2023 (W)

POLITICAL SCIENCE (DSC)

(Recent Political Theory)

[PS S1 - 01]

Full Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

1. Answer any *five* from the following questions (each in around 400 words): $10 \times 5 = 50$

   (*a*) Discuss the growth of liberalism with reference to classical liberalism, positive liberalism and contemporary liberalism.

   (*b*) Explain the views of Robert Nozick in terms of his "Entitlement Theory".

   (*c*) Discuss the views of Antonio Gramsci on hegemony and the state.

   (*d*) Write briefly about any five mechanisms for making liberal democracy practicable. To what extent can you relate liberal democracy to the ideology of liberalism ? 5+5 = 10

   (*e*) Critically examine Francis Fukuyama's theory or concept of "The End of History".

   (*f*) Discuss briefly features of the Marxian approach to politics. To what extent do you think Karl Marx was justificed in putting forward his concept of alienation in terms of the worker in the capitalist system? 6+4 = 10

   (*g*) Discuss Lenin's views on imperialism.

(*h*) Write the meaning of neo-liberalism. Explain any six points indicating the nature of neo-liberalism. 4+6 = 10

2. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each in around 200 words): 5 × 4 = 20

(*a*) Write briefly about the principles of justice as put forward by John Rawls.

(*b*) Write any four features of the elitist theory of democracy. To what extent do you think the elitist theory is applicable to the modern world? 4+1 = 5

(*c*) Write briefly about liberal nationalism and totalitarian nationalism. Mention the names of any two leaders who championed the cause of "new nationalism" when colonialism came to an end in Asia, Africa and Latin America. 4+1 = 5

(*d*) What according to Mao Zedong are the three types of basic state systems that can be identified in the world according to the class character ? Write briefly about Mao Zedong Cultural Revolution. 2+3 = 5

(*e*) Write briefly about the feminist perspective on justice in terms of the question of the deprived position of women, patriarchy, men and women as equal stakeholders and empowerment of women.

(*f*) Explain briefly the significance of political theory.