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

POLITICAL SCIENCE (DSC)

(*Western Political Thought*)

[PS S1 - 02]

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*) Critically discuss Plato's theory of Ideal State. To what extent do you think the concept Plato's Philosopher King is applicable to the modern world in terms of enscoring integrity and selflessness in governance. 6+4 = 10

(*b*) Evaluate the concept of General Will of Rousseau.

(*c*) "According to him, men are essentially ungrateful, fickle, feigners and dissemblers, avoid of danger eager to gain". Explain this remarke by Machiavelli the light of his views on human nature. Explain Machiavellis views on reason of state and power politics. 5+5 = 10

(*d*) Discuss Bentham's Concept of Utilitarianism.

(*e*) According to Green from where do rights emanate ? Examine Green's views on socialist rights and the right to resist the state. Which rights was Green not in support of and on what grounds ? 2+5+3 = 10

(*f*) Write about Robert Queen's concept of "Villages of cooperation".

(*g*) Critically discuss the Marxist perspective of state.

(*h*) Discuss Henry George's theory of Distribution.

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

(*a*) Explain briefly Foucault's views on power.

(*b*) Explain any four features of fascisms. What is the opinion of the fascists with regard to liberal democracy ? $4+1 = 5$

(*c*) Describe Joseph Proudhon as the father of Anarchism.

(*d*) Explain any five particular causes of revolution according to Aristotle.

(*e*) Explain the major contribution of St. Augustine to the medieval political thought.

(*f*) Discuss Bernstein's theory of surplus value.