[24-HKPD1SN-24J (M2)]

MA 1st Semester (NEP) Exam. 2024 (S2)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Recent Political Theory)

[PGPS, 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*) Explain the meaning of communitarianism. Present a critical evaluation of communitarianism. 6+4 = 10

   (*b*) Explain any four features of the elitist theory of democracy. Write briefly about the concept of circulation of elites. Mention any two criticisms levelled against the elitist theory of democracy. 4+4+2 = 10

   (*c*) Write the meaning of political theory. Explain the relationship between political theory and political philosophy. 4+6 = 10

   (*d*) Discuss John Rawls views on distributive justice with respect to his views on 'original position' and 'veil of ignorance'. Explain the three principles of justice as propounded by John Rawls for ensuring fair distribution in the society. 4+6 = 10

   (*e*) Discuss the features of the Marian approach to the study of politics.

   (*f*) Discuss briefly Mao's Hundred Flowers Policy.

   (*g*) Write about four kinds of rationalism. To what extent do you think racial unity contributes towards the growth of nationalism. 8+2 = 10

   (*h*) Describe the feminist perspective on justice.

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

(*a*) Write briefly about positive liberalism and contemporary liberalism.

(*b*) Write any five criticisms against neo-liberalism.

(*c*) Explain any five mechanisms for making liberal democracy practicable.

(*d*) Explain the 'End of Ideology' debate put forward by Daniel Bell.

(*e*) Explain any five principles of Libertarianism.

(*f*) Mention any five criticisms against the pluralist theory of democracy.