

2025

(CBCS)

(6th Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

TWELFTH (B) PAPER

(**Political Sociology**)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(**SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE**)

(*Marks : 10*)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. Political Sociology emerged as a new discipline which seeks to study

- (a) politics in a social context ()
- (b) society in a political context ()
- (c) governments in a political context ()
- (d) All of the above ()

2. The theory of Max Weber that has clear characteristics of division of labour with individuals placed at different hierarchical order is

- (a) social action ()
- (b) bureaucracy ()
- (c) authority ()
- (d) legitimacy ()

3. A system of rule as seen in the early civilizations is
 (a) democracy () (b) monarchy ()
 (c) totalitarianism () (d) theocracy ()
4. British monarchy is known as
 (a) absolute monarchy ()
 (b) constitutional monarchy ()
 (c) democratic monarchy ()
 (d) parliamentary monarchy ()
5. Power is often characterized into two types, that are
 (a) coercive and persuasive () (b) formal and informal ()
 (c) personal and institutional () (d) economic and political ()
6. The type of legitimacy Max Weber considers suitable for the modern State is
 (a) traditional legitimacy () (b) charismatic legitimacy ()
 (c) rational-legal legitimacy () (d) transcendental legitimacy ()
7. Wearing a political button or bumper sticker is an example of which types of activity in political participation?
 (a) Gladiatorial activities () (b) Transitional activities ()
 (c) Passive activities () (d) Spectator activities ()
8. Data from around the world do confirm that men's participation in politics is
 (a) more than women () (b) less than women ()
 (c) equal that of women () (d) None of the above ()
9. Russian Communist Party is an example of
 (a) a caucus () (b) the branch ()
 (c) the cell () (d) the militia ()
10. Who was the first to use the term 'pressure group'?
 (a) Peter Odegard () (b) Arthur F. Bailey ()
 (c) Alfred de Grazia () (d) David B. Truman ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following questions in short :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Write a short note on the different stages in the emergence of political sociology.

OR

2. Highlight in brief the contributions of Karl Marx to political sociology.

UNIT—II

3. Explain any three features of theocracy.

OR

4. Mention three important characteristics of a totalitarian government.

UNIT—III

5. Explain influence with suitable examples.

OR

6. Define legitimacy.

UNIT—IV

7. Write a short note on the characteristics of political participation.

OR

8. Explain any three social determinants of political participation.

UNIT—V

9. Briefly mention the functions of political parties.

OR

10. Define pressure groups with examples.

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer the following questions :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Describe the nature and scope of political sociology.

OR

2. Discuss the contributions of Weber to the study of political sociology.

UNIT—II

3. What is democracy? Highlight the important features of democracy.

OR

4. Define monarchy. Give an account on the features of monarchical government as a political system.

UNIT—III

5. Analyze Vilfredo Pareto's 'theory of circulation of elites'.

OR

6. Explain the characteristics of power in political sociology.

UNIT—IV

7. Discuss the different types of political participation.

OR

8. Describe in detail the psychological determinants of political participation.

UNIT—V

9. Give an account on the features of political parties.

OR

10. Highlight the various structure of pressure groups.
