

2025

(CBCS)

(4th Semester)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

FOURTH PAPER

(Political Theory)

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. The word 'theory' is originated from the Greek word

- (a) theorem () (b) thor ()
(c) theoria () (d) thesis ()

2. The propounder of post-behaviouralism is

- (a) Robert Dahl () (b) David Easton ()
(c) Graham Wallas () (d) Karl Popper ()

3. Which of the following is not the characteristic of Austin's sovereignty?

- (a) Plurality () (b) Indivisibility ()
(c) Absoluteness () (d) Permanence ()

4. The term 'sovereignty' is derived from the Latin word
(a) superanus () (b) supreme ()
(c) poer () (d) power ()
5. Which of the following is not the source of law?
(a) Custom () (b) Religion ()
(c) Legislation () (d) Liberty ()
6. Which philosopher is associated with the theory of Natural Rights?
(a) John Locke () (b) J. S. Mill ()
(c) Edmund Burke () (d) David Hume ()
7. 'Justice as fairness' is associated with
(a) Taylor () (b) Rawls ()
(c) Green () (d) Kymlicka ()
8. Who said, "Rights are those conditions of social life without which no man can seek in general to be himself at his best" ?
(a) Acton () (b) Skinner ()
(c) Laski () (d) Sartori ()
9. Welfare State seeks to promote
(a) communism ()
(b) morality ()
(c) individuality ()
(d) collective welfare of citizens ()
10. The Greek word 'demos' implies
(a) people () (b) power ()
(c) rule () (d) legitimacy ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Write a short note on the significance of political theory.

OR

2. What is post-behaviouralism?

UNIT—II

3. Write a short note on the Marxist theory of the origin of State.

OR

4. Write any three characteristics of sovereignty.

UNIT—III

5. Write any three kinds of law.

OR

6. Define negative liberty.

UNIT—IV

7. Write any three types of rights.

OR

8. Write any three kinds of justice.

UNIT—V

9. Write any three characteristics of Western liberal democracy.

OR

10. What is Welfare State?

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer the following :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Discuss the meaning and scope of political theory.

OR

2. Discuss the Marxist approach to the study of political theory.

UNIT—II

3. Discuss the social contract theory of the origin of State.

OR

4. Write an essay on monistic theory of sovereignty.

UNIT—III

5. What is equality? Discuss the various types of equality.

OR

6. Elaborate the relationship between liberty and equality.

UNIT—IV

7. Examine the social welfare theory of rights.

OR

8. Write an essay on John Rawls' theory of justice.

UNIT—V

9. Discuss the elitist theory of democracy.

OR

10. Discuss the relevance of Welfare State.
