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TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2023

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Honours)

(5th Semester)

Course No.: POLHCC-501T

(Classical Political Philosophy)

Full Marks: 70
Pass Marks: 28

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

Answer *ten* questions, selecting any *two* from each
Unit: 2×10=20

UNIT-I

- 1. Mention two features of early Greek political thought.
- 2. Who are the Sophists and what did they teach?
- 3. What did Socrates mean by 'know thyself'?

UNIT-II

- **4.** "Plato's communism is half-communism." Why?
- 5. What was Plato's view about women?
- 6. How does Plato describe the forms?

UNIT-III

- 7. What is Aristotle's view on justice?
- 8. What is the best state according to Aristotle?
- **9.** Mention any two groups of people whom Aristotle excluded from the list of citizenship. Also mention the reasons of the exclusion.

UNIT-IV

- 10. How did Machiavelli perceive human nature?
- 11. What is virtue, according to Machiavelli?
- **12.** Why is Machiavelli regarded as the first secularist political thinker?

UNIT-V

- 13. Point out two differences between Hobbes and Locke on the picture of the state of Nature
- **14.** Name two books written by Hobbes and Locke on social contract.
- **15.** What are the two different types of sovereignty that were preached by Hobbes and Locke in their theories?

SECTION—B

Answer *five* questions, selecting *one* from each Unit: $10 \times 5 = 50$

UNIT-I

- **16.** Discuss the major themes of Sophist thought. What are the criticisms levelled against Sophism? 6+4=10
- 17. "Virtue is knowledge." Explain the political thought of Socrates in the light of the given statement.

UNIT-II

- 18. Critically discuss Plato's theory of justice.
- **19.** How far was Karl Popper justified while branding Plato as "Enemy of the open society"?

UNIT-III

- 20. State and criticise Aristotle's theory of virtue.
- **21.** Estimate Aristotle's contribution to political thought.

UNIT-IV

- **22.** What is a Republic, according to Machiavelli? What are the Reasons extended by him in support of a republic? 2+8=10
- 23. Explain Machiavelli's views regarding the relationship between Ethics and Politics.

UNIT-V

- 24. "The Leviathan is the first democratic attack on democracy." Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.
- 25. Critically explain Locke's theory of property.

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