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2015

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

( Major )

Course : 101

( Western Political Thought )

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32 (Backlog) / 24 (2014 onwards)

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Write/Select the correct answer :  $1 \times 8 = 8$

- (a) "Education is the key to a Platonic State." This statement was made by Aristotle / Locke / Barker.
- (b) What type of government is the best according to Aristotle?
- (c) St. Augustine wrote his famous book *De Civitate Dei* in 10 / 12 / 22 volumes.

- (d) According to Machiavelli / Locke / Marsilio of Padua, the human nature is selfish and egoist.
- (e) Hobbes opined that sovereign authority was absolute.

(Write Yes or No)

- (f) "There is no friend in politics." This statement was made by Hobbes / Marx / Mill.
- (g) St. Augustine / Rousseau / Machiavelli expressed that the voice of the people is "the voice of God".
- (h) *The Social Contract* was written by Hobbes / Locke / Rousseau.

2. Write on the following (**within 150 words** each) :

4×4=16

- (a) Plato's ideas on 'Philosopher King'
- (b) Hobbes' concept of sovereignty
- (c) Augustine's concept of justice
- (d) Mill's view on liberty

Answer the following questions (**within 500 words** each) :

3. Critically discuss Plato's theory of justice. How does he attempt to realise it in his Ideal State?

8+4=12

Or

Discuss Aristotle's classification of government. How far is it applicable in modern State? 8+4=12

4. Evaluate St. Augustine's concept of two cities. 11

Or

Discuss the contribution of St. Thomas Aquinas to the history of political thought.

5. Explain Marsilio's concept of State and Government. 6+5=11

Or

What were the ideal qualities that Machiavelli attributed to a ruler? Can it be applicable to a ruler in present times? 7+4=11

6. State and evaluate the 'social contract theory' of Thomas Hobbes. 11

Or

Critically examine John Locke's theory of property.

7. What is the general will? Discuss the nature and characteristics of Rousseau's general will. 4+7=11

Or

Discuss the contribution of Mill to utilitarianism. Does he revise utilitarian principles? 7+4=11

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