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POLSMAJ101-POLITICAL SCIENCE

UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL THEORY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

Answer any *two* questions from the following

10×2 = 20

1. Define Political Theory. Make a distinction between Political Theory and Political Philosophy. 2+8
2. “The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles” — Discuss the Marxist Approach in the light of the above statement. 10
3. Define State. Discuss the various elements of State. 3+7
4. Analyse the concept of Equality. How far liberty, equality and justice are compatible with each other? 2+8

GROUP-B

Answer any *three* questions from the following

6×3 = 18

5. Discuss the major features of the Behavioural Approach to the study of Political Science. 6
6. Point out the differences between Monistic and Pluralistic theory. 6
7. Discuss the main tenets of Idealist theory of State. 6
8. Write a note on the relationship between State and Society. 6
9. Briefly discuss the major characteristics of Socialism. 6
10. Briefly analyse the concept of Positive Liberty. 6

GROUP-C

11. Write short notes on any *four* of the following:

3×4 = 12

- (a) Empirical Approach 3
- (b) Social Contract theory of the Origin of the state 3
- (c) De-jure and De-facto Sovereignty 3
- (d) Concept of justice 3
- (e) Characteristics of Liberalism 3
- (f) Nationalism as a Political ideal. 3

GROUP-D

12. Write the correct answers from the options given below:

1×10 = 10

- (i) "Man is by nature a Political animal" was quoted by:
 (A) Plato (B) Socrates (C) Cicero (D) Aristotle
- (ii) Which of the following approach is part of traditional approaches to Political theory?
 (A) Class (B) Philosophical (C) Scientific (D) Liberal
- (iii) "Behavioural approach was a Protest movement in Political Science" is quoted by:
 (A) Robert H. Dahl (B) David Easton
 (C) Charles Merriam (D) None of them
- (iv) Which of the following is not an element of State?
 (A) Government (B) Territory (C) Sovereignty (D) Politics
- (v) The life of man in Hobbes' "state of nature" was:
 (A) Bright (B) Peaceful (C) Industrious (D) Poor
- (vi) In popular sovereignty the ultimate source of authority is from:
 (A) God (B) Government (C) Community (D) People
- (vii) The term 'liberty' means:
 (A) rights (B) authority (C) Pluralism (D) Freedom
- (viii) In his defense to individual liberty, John Locke proposed for:
 (A) Full sovereign state (B) Unlimited government
 (C) Socialist state (D) Limited government
- (ix) 'Two concepts of Liberty' was an essay written by:
 (A) Isaiah Berlin (B) Voltaire (C) Amartya Sen (D) Karl Popper
- (x) John Locke is associated with which theory of rights?
 (A) legal rights (B) natural rights (C) collective rights (D) state rights

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