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MA Semester Examinations

DEBATES IN POLITICAL THEORY

Course Code: MP023500T

Full Marks – 50

Time – 2 hours

1. Answer the following questions:

10x1=10

- i) Who among the following equates development with freedom?
 - a) Nehru
 - b) Harold Laski
 - c) Amartya Sen
 - d) M.N. Roy

- ii) Who among the following introduced a theoretical “veil of ignorance”?
 - a) John Rawls
 - b) Skinner
 - c) Williams
 - d) Sandel

- iii) Which of the following theories does not focus on the consequence of an action?
 - a) Consequentialism
 - b) Ontology
 - c) Deontology
 - d) Epistemology

- iv) “The page of history is soiled red with the blood of those who have fought for freedom.” Who said this?
 - a) Mahatma Gandhi
 - b) Nelson Mandela
 - c) Martin Luther King
 - d) Jawaharlal Nehru

- v) Who among the following was a major figure in the revival of interest in republicanism?
 - a) John Rawls
 - b) David Held
 - c) Skinner
 - d) Hobbes

- vi) Marxist political theory belongs to:
 - a) Contemporary political theory
 - b) Modern political theory
 - c) Classical political theory
 - d) None of the above

- vii) Which of the following is associated with 'Credo of Relevance'?
 - a) Behaviouralism
 - b) Neo-Behaviouralism
 - c) Post-Behaviouralism
 - d) Anarchism

- viii) Which of the following is not a feature of Behaviouralism?
 - a) Regularities
 - b) Verifications
 - c) Techniques
 - d) Subjectivity

- ix) Who among the following wrote 'Vindication of the Rights of Women'?
 - a) Mary Wollstonecraft
 - b) J.S. Mill
 - c) Betty Friedan
 - d) Gloria Steinem

- x) Who among the following wrote "Two concepts of Liberty"?
 - a) T.H. Green
 - b) H.J. Laski
 - c) Isaiah Berlin
 - d) Norman Barry

2. Answer in brief any two from the following questions:

2x5=10

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- a) What is Political Theory? Mention the units of political theory as identified by Arnold Brecht. 1+4=5
- b) What is Empiricism? How is it different from Normativism? Explain. 2+3=5
- c) Explain in brief the concept of freedom as development. 5
- d) What is Deontology? How is it different from Consequentialism? Explain. 2+3=5

3. Answer any three from the following questions:

10x3=30

(Word Limit: 800)

- a) Discuss Berlin's concept of liberty. How does he distinguish between positive and negative liberty? 10
- b) Explain John Rawl's theory of justice as fairness. 10
- c) Discuss the debate on the decline of political theory. 10
- d) Explain the Communitarian Theory of Justice with special reference to the views of Michael Sandel. 10
- e) Discuss the Feminist conception of justice with a brief note on the views of Marry Wollstonecraft. 10