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M.A. Semester Examinations

Western Political Thinkers

Course Code: MP023504T

Full Marks – 50

Time – 2 hours

1. Answer the following questions:

10x1=10

- i) Who among the following was the mentor of Plato?
 - a) Aristotle
 - b) Socrates
 - c) Cephalus
 - d) Glaucon
- ii) Which of the following class is named “Man of Reason” by Plato?
 - a) Philosophers
 - b) Soldiers
 - c) Traders
 - d) Farmers
- iii) Who among the following dubbed Plato as totalitarian?
 - a) Mussolini
 - b) Aristotle
 - c) Bertrand Russell
 - d) Thomas Hobbes
- iv) Who among the following argued that mere residence in a city is not a qualification to become a citizen?
 - a) Plato
 - b) Socrates
 - c) Aristotle
 - d) Locke

- v) Which of the following concept is known as the doctrine of the Two Swords?
 - a) Concept of dual authority
 - b) Concept of multiple authority
 - c) Concept of singular authority
 - d) None of the above

- vi) Who among the following rejected the contention of the church fathers that the state is the result of the sins of men?
 - a) Cicero
 - b) St. Thomas Aquinas
 - c) Aristotle
 - d) Machiavelli

- vii) Which of the following book was authored by Machiavelli?
 - a) Leviathan
 - b) Republic
 - c) The Myth of the State
 - d) The Prince

- viii) Who among the following defined sovereignty as “Supreme Power over citizens and subjects unrestrained by law?”
 - a) Hobbes
 - b) Rousseau
 - c) Jean Bodin
 - d) John Locke

- ix) Which of the following book is not authored by Rousseau?
 - a) The Social Contract
 - b) Discourse on the origin of Inequality
 - c) The confession
 - d) Leviathan

- x) Which of the following statement is correct?
 - a) Plato was a realist
 - b) Machiavelli belonged to the Greek Political Tradition
 - c) Aristotle upheld the organic theory of the state
 - d) Hobbes rejected absolute sovereignty

2. Answer any two from the following questions: 2x5=10
(Word Limit: 300)
- a) Discuss in brief Aristotle's theory of revolution.
 - b) Explain Plato's theory of communism.
 - c) Explain the doctrine of Two Swords.
 - d) Discuss Jean Bodin's theory of Sovereignty.
3. Answer any three from the following questions: 3x10=30
(Word Limit: 800)
- a) Critically explain Plato's theory of Ideal State 10
 - b) How does Machiavelli separate politics from ethics? Explain the views of Machiavellion politics and morality. 10
 - c) Discuss the views of St. Thomas Aquinas on the nature of the state. How does he explain the relationship between state and the church? 6+4=10
 - d) Examine Hobbes as a proponent of Absolute Sovereignty. 10
 - e) Critically explain Rousseau's theory of General Will. 10