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2025

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Core)

Paper : C-11

(Classical Political Philosophy)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×8=8

(a) What does the Allegory of cave illustrate?

(b) Who wrote the *Apology of Socrates*?

(i) Plato

(ii) Aristotle

(iii) Socrates

(iv) Cicero

(Choose the correct answer)

(2)

- (c) According to Hobbes, what constitutes the Articles of Peace?
- (d) "Justice is giving everyone his due" is said by
- (i) Rousseau
 - (ii) Hobbes
 - (iii) Aristotle
 - (iv) None of the above
- (Choose the correct answer)
- (e) Who wrote the book, *Principles of Social and Political Theory*?
- (f) In Hobbes contract, Sovereign was
- (i) party to the contract
 - (ii) above the contract
 - (iii) below the people
 - (iv) to be elected
- (Choose the correct answer)
- (g) Locke's sovereign was
- (i) above the law
 - (ii) bound by the laws given by him
 - (iii) main source of law
 - (iv) All of the above
- (Choose the correct answer)
- (h) According to Locke, what are the two kinds of consent?

(3)

2. Write on the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16
- (a) Marxist interpretation of texts
 - (b) Plato's philosopher king
 - (c) Machiavelli's 'Prince'
 - (d) Locke on natural rights

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

3. Critically evaluate feminist interpretation of texts with relevant examples. 12

Or

Write an essay on the post-modernist interpretation of texts with relevant examples.

4. Discuss Plato's Theory of Forms. 11

Or

Write an essay on Aristotle's theory of Citizenship.

5. Critically examine Machiavelli's views on morality and statecraft. 11

Or

What according to Machiavelli is the role of a statesman?

6. Critically analyze Locke's social contract theory. 11

Or

Write an essay on Locke's analysis of the Laws of Nature.

7. Analyze Hobbes's interpretation of the state of nature and explain why he believes that life in the state of nature is 'solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short'. 11

Or

Compare and contrast Hobbes's and Locke's views on human nature.
