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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Major)

Course : 101

(Western Political Thought)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Select the correct answer : 1×8=8

(a) Plato in his second best State, limited the number of population to 4050 / 5040 / 5000.

(b) "Slavery is natural and beneficial both for the masters and their slaves." This statement was made by Rousseau / Machiavelli / Aristotle.

- (c) "The State came into existence to punish the people for their sins." This statement was made by Plato / St. Augustine / St. Thomas Aquinas.
- (d) Who wrote the book, *Discourses*?
(St. Thomas Aquinas / Machiavelli / John Locke)
- (e) "Right and wrong have nothing to do with government." This statement was made by Machiavelli / Marsiglio of Padua / Hobbes.
- (f) Locke was an individualist.
(Yes / No)
- (g) Who advocated General Will?
(Rousseau / Malebranche / Aristotle)
- (h) "It is better to be a human being dissatisfied than a pig satisfied; better to be a Socrates dissatisfied than a fool satisfied." This statement was made by Rousseau / J. S. Mill / Plato.
2. Write on the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16
- (a) Plato's ideas on 'The Philosopher King'
- (b) St. Thomas Aquinas's views on Government
- (c) Machiavelli's views on Human Nature
- (d) St. Augustine's concept of City of God

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

3. Discuss critically Plato's 'scheme of education'. 12

Or

Explain the causes of revolution and remedies suggested by Aristotle. 6+6=12

4. Analyze St. Augustine's theory of State. 11

Or

Discuss critically St. Thomas Aquinas's concepts of State and Government. 6+5=11

5. "Marsiglio of Padua is the first exponent of the secular State and popular sovereignty." 11
Discuss.

Or

Evaluate the contribution of Machiavelli to the development of modern political thought.

6. Do you consider Hobbes as an individualist? Give arguments in support of your answer. 11

Or

State and evaluate the 'social contract theory' of Locke.

7. Examine the political philosophy of Rousseau. 11

Or

Analyze the ideas of J. S. Mill in his book, *The Subjection of Women*.
