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BA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026

Fourth Semester

B.A. ECONOMICS

B21PS02AN – Understanding Political System

(2023 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Define the term pressure group.
2. Name the education institution established by Plato.
3. Which Political thinker wrote the book *The Prince*?
4. Who defined Politics as the authoritative allocation of values?
5. Which theory of sovereignty of state maintains the view that only one supreme being exists?
6. Name any two pluralists.
7. Define the term civil society.
8. Name the social contract theorist, who is known as father of Natural rights.
9. Which treaty paved way for the emergence of Nation States?
10. Name any two direct democracy devices.
11. List any two indicators of good governance.
12. Who wrote the work *Essay on Human nature*?
13. Define de facto sovereign.
14. Define the term Political education?
15. In which year was Magna Carta adopted?

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any ten of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Define Liberalism.
17. Examine Political Equality.
18. Define State.
19. Discuss the concept of rule of law.

20. What are the chief elements of Participatory development?
21. Write any two functions of Grama Sabha.
22. Distinguish between real and titular sovereign.
23. Describe Parochial political culture.
24. Define Social justice.
25. State one criticism of Pluralism.
26. Summarize the important characteristics of Civil society.
27. Briefly explain the Marxian observation of the Class struggle.
28. Distinguish between heterogenous and homogeneous political socialization.
29. What is meant by National autonomy in the context of globalization?
30. Define Politics.

(2X10=20)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

31. Briefly elucidate Gandhi's idea of state.
32. Discuss the importance of population and territory as essential elements of state.
33. Explain the evolution of concept of good governance in India.
34. Point out the characteristics of pressure groups.
35. Explain briefly about the classification of rights.
36. Distinguish between an interest group and a political party.
37. Discuss the factors influencing political communication.
38. Explain the rising inequalities in India in the context of globalization.
39. Explain the role of mass media in human life.
40. Discuss terrorism as a transnational problem with suitable examples.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any two of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

41. Discuss the causes and effects of rising inequalities in the era of globalization.
42. Analyse the contribution of Gabriel Almond in the development of political system.
43. Discuss the basic principles of Marxian political philosophy.
44. Critically evaluate the concept of rights and its various dimensions.

(10X2=20)