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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, AUGUST 2025**

**Second Semester**

**B.A. Political Science**

**B23PS02DC – Basic Concepts in Political Science**

**(2024 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. Name the author of the book “Democracy in America”.
2. What is Failed State?
3. Who propounded the idea that legitimate political authority must be based on the “General Will”?
4. Recognize the Article in the Indian constitution that prohibits the use of public funds for promoting any particular religion.
5. Point out the significance of Communitarianism.
6. Define Muticulturalism.
7. Explain the concept of Social Justice.
8. State the relation between power and authority.
9. What is Substantive Justice.
10. Define Eco-anarchism.
11. Name the political thinker who formulated the theory that ruling classes sustain their dominance not just by controlling economic resources but also by shaping cultural and intellectual life.
12. What is known as Gender Justice?
13. Who put forwarded the argument that liberal ideals of equality served bourgeois interests, perpetuating exploitation through capitalist system.
14. Explain the concept of legitimacy.
15. Define Positive liberty.

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

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

16. Explain Neo-liberalism.
17. Illustrate Sree Narayana Guru’s concept of equality.
18. Describe Aristotle’s views on Justice.

19. Outline the nature of a theocratic state.
20. Discuss the concept of National Minorities.
21. Describe formalistic representation.
22. Explain the major determinants of class consciousness.
23. Indicate the methods for measuring public opinion.
24. Define Civil Society.
25. Differentiate between interest groups and political parties.
26. Explain the notion of state capitalism.
27. Discuss the idea of positive discrimination propounded by B.R. Ambedkar.
28. Write a note on coercive power.
29. Identify two major challenges to democracy.
30. Bring out the features of transformational leadership.

**(2X10=20)**

### **Section C**

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

31. Explain the Gramsci's notion of Hegemony.
32. Illustrate the key features of Capitalism.
33. Demonstrate the various types of pressure groups with suitable examples.
34. Examine Max Weber's classification of Authority.
35. Differentiate between symbolic and substantive representation.
36. Analyse the major features of Indian secularism.
37. Sketch Susan Okin's critique of Multiculturalism.
38. Interpret the major tenets of libertarian theory of Justice.
39. Outline the major criticisms leveled against Globalization.
40. Discuss the various types of liberty.

**(4X5=20)**

### **Section D**

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

41. Estimate the various perspectives and approaches of environmentalism.
42. Evaluate the role of political parties in a democracy.
43. Trace the origin and development of Feminism.
44. Explain the concept of equality and discuss its different dimensions.

**(10X2=20)**