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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, DECEMBER 2024

Second Semester

M.A. Philosophy

M23PH08DC – Socio - Political Philosophy

(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. Name the theory which considers the good of the State as primary.
2. Which is the political school of thought that proposes a pro- individualist theory of people or government?
3. Name the 20th century political school of thought that promotes accumulation of power in a single agency.
4. What does Anarchism literally mean?
5. Identify the political theory that has emerged rejecting anthropocentrism?
6. Name the dialogue in which Plato discusses socio-political issues.
7. Who, according to Cicero, brought down Philosophy from the skies?
8. Who among the Greeks viewed that *polis* is a natural institution of humans?
9. What is the political system exemplified by Nazi Germany led by Adolf Hitler?
10. Who among the political thinkers believed that morality preceded politics?
11. "Man is born free, but he is everywhere in chains." Who said this?
12. Name the philosopher who proposed 'Justice as Fairness'.
13. Identify the modern Indian political thinker who worked for the spiritual and political empowerment of Dalits.
14. Who has introduced libertarianism in political philosophy?
15. What is the highest good of all for Aristotle?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. Why according to Aristotle human political interaction is different from those of other living beings?

17. Bring out the main features of Conservatism.
18. What are the two main features of Socratic Method?
19. Write a short note on John Stuart Mill's defense of individual freedom.
20. What are the insights of Hannah Arendt on citizenship rights?
21. How did Hobbes and Locke differ in their views on the State of Nature?
22. What are the chief features of Nozick's Entitlement Theory of Justice?
23. Define the notion of 'General Will' in Rousseau's social contract theory.
24. Bring out the chief features of Amartya Sen's 'Comparative Justice'.
25. Cite two important criticisms raised by Ambedkar against caste system.

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Distinguish between Political science and Political philosophy.
27. Can socialism be evaluated as a critique of liberal market society? Substantiate your argument.
28. Of the two types of moral theories, one prioritizing the good of the individual and the other, the State, which one do you subscribe to? Establish your position.
29. How did Plato prove that justice is not a stand-alone concept but a combined notion?
30. Elucidate Aristotle's definition of *polity* as partnership.
31. Distinguish between negative liberty and positive liberty.
32. Do you think Rousseau's political theory advocates Totalitarianism? Substantiate your position.
33. Write a short note on Jean Paul Sartre's existential freedom.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Critically examine the leading political schools of thought.
35. Give a critical appraisal of Aristotle's theory of Natural Hierarchy.
36. Elucidate Thomas Hobbes' Social Contract Theory.
37. Discuss the philosophical underpinnings in the Historical Materialism of Karl Marx.
38. Distinguish between Indian and Western Secularism. Do you think Indian Secularism has been effective in providing religious freedom to citizens? Discuss.
39. How does Karl Popper criticize Totalitarianism in his theory of Open Society?

(10X3=30)