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M.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, APRIL 2025

First Semester

M.A Political Science

M23PS02DC – Introduction to Political Theory

(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. Who wrote the book "*Political Theory: An Introduction*"
2. What is the purpose of conceptualisation
3. How identity movements influenced the shaping of new political theories
4. Define positive liberty
5. How Gandhi saw satyagraha as much more than just a political tactic
6. What is the definition of Freedom according to Friedrich Hayek
7. What is Isaiah Berlin definition of coercion
8. What does Rawls mean by "justice as fairness"?
9. Name two communitarian thinkers who critiqued Rawls' theory.
10. What is global justice?
11. What is GRD means?
12. What is direct democracy?
13. Define representative democracy.
14. What is cosmopolitan democracy?
15. Who is the author of the book "*The Spirit of Laws*"?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. What is the argument of Michal J Sandel's on political theory and its practice.
17. Define political theory

18. How the interaction between the public and academia influenced the resurgence of political theory?
19. How does Nozick's libertarianism emphasize economic freedom?
20. What is the minimum area of personal freedom according to Berlin
21. How Gandhi related Rights and Duties
22. How does Walzer define justice in a communitarian sense?
23. What is Sandel's critique of Rawls' liberal justice?
24. What are the key conditions for the effective functioning of participatory democracy?
25. What are the major forms of representation in a democracy

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Discuss the contributions of political theory in enriching political science discipline.
27. Explain the salient features of political theory
28. Critically analyse the statement, "One of the core reasons for the decline of political theory is the overemphasis on historicism"
29. Discuss the relevance of Gandhi's concept of Swaraj in today's political context.
30. Analyze the role of market freedom in Nozick's political thought.
31. Explain Isaiah Berlin's distinction between negative and positive liberty.
32. Explain Rawls' theory of justice as fairness.
33. Discuss how globalization has influenced the concept of cosmopolitan democracy.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Critically analyze the debate on the decline and resurgence of political theory.
35. Examine Gandhi's concept of freedom by relating it to the concepts of swaraj, dharma, and satyagraha
36. Compare and contrast the liberal and communitarian theories of justice.
37. Discuss the idea of global justice as proposed by Thomas Pogge.
38. Critically examine the institutional mechanisms of liberal democracy and its challenges.
39. Compare direct, representative, and cosmopolitan democracy.

(10X3=30)