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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, AUGUST 2025

Second Semester

M.A. Public Administration

M23PA05DC – Administrative Thought

(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 authored the book “The Study of Administration”?
2. Expand POSDCORB
3. Which Saptanga organ denotes the treasury?
4. Write two experiments associated with the Human Relations theory?
5. What is legal rational authority?
6. Which theory is related to Time and Motion Study?
7. Define bounded rationality.
8. Who wrote “The Professional Manager”?
9. Who proposed the concept of Eupsychian Management?
10. List out the major duties of Swamin’ as explained in Arthasastra.
11. Who proposed the concept of zone of indifference?
12. Explain Charismatic bureaucracy.
13. What is the alternative model to classical model of economic man?
14. Which are the three key leadership functions proposed by M.P. Follett?
15. Who contributed the concept of Gangplank?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. Differentiate Follett’s idea of “power with” and “power over”?
17. Write a note on Elton Mayo’s contribution to Human Relations theory.
18. Explain Henri Fayol’s ‘Scalar Chain’.
19. Write a note on bases of departmentalism.

20. What is Barnard's idea of the informal organisation?
21. List out the steps in decision making as explained by Herbert Simon.
22. What is the central idea of Woodrow Wilson's Politics-Administration Dichotomy?
23. Distinguish scientific management from administrative management.
24. Name any two organisational principles advocated by Gulick and Urwick.
25. Explain Rajadharma.

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Describe principles of management as proposed by Henri Fayol.
27. Evaluate Herbert Simon's concept of bounded rationality in decision-making.
28. Write an essay on Max Weber's features of an ideal-type bureaucracy.
29. Discuss Abraham Maslow's motivation theory.
30. Describe the 'Law of the Situation' as proposed by Mary Parker Follett.
31. Explain in detail Kautilya's Saptanga Theory.
32. Elaborate on 'Functional Foremanship' in Taylor's Scientific Management.
33. Explain McGregor's Theory X and Y and its managerial significance.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Compare Henri Fayol's principles of management with Gulick and Urwick's POSDCORB framework.
35. Critically examine the application of Maslow's need hierarchy to employee motivation in public service.
36. Describe the concept of State-craft in Arthashastra and its importance in governance with contemporary examples.
37. Discuss the impact of the Hawthorne Studies to the development of the Human Relations approach.
38. Explain the contributions of Herbert Simon and critically examine its relevance.
39. Critically evaluate Wilson's dichotomy in light of contemporary administration – Politics debates.

(10X3=30)