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**M.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026**

**Third Semester**

**M.A Political Science**

**M23PS09DC – Indian Political 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 was Raja Ram Mohan Roy?
2. What was the primary aim of the Brahmo Samaj?
3. What is Dayananda Saraswati best known for?
4. Which organisation did Jyotirao Phule establish for women and lower castes?
5. What was Bal Gangadhar Tilak's famous slogan?
6. What does Savarkar's concept of Hindutva emphasize?
7. Who founded the Muslim League?
8. What is Gandhi's principle of non-violence called?
9. What was Nehru's vision for modern India?
10. What was Ambedkar's major contribution to the Indian Constitution?
11. What was the central philosophy of Swami Vivekananda's teachings?
12. What is the concept of Sarvodaya associated with Gandhi?
13. Who is known as "Lok Nayak" in Indian political thought?
14. What was the Renaissance movement in India primarily focused on?
15. What is the core idea of nationalism?

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

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

16. Explain the role of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in India's social reform movement.
17. What were Dayananda Saraswati's major contributions to religious reform?
18. Describe Jyotirao Phule's critique of caste hierarchy.
19. How did Bal Gangadhar Tilak contribute to the extremist phase of nationalism?
20. Explain Vivekananda's views on Universalism.

21. Why did Mohammed Ali Jinnah advocate for the Two-Nation Theory?
22. What is Gandhi's concept of Satyagraha?
23. Briefly explain Jawaharlal Nehru's idea of secularism.
24. How did Ambedkar view social democracy?
25. What was Jayaprakash Narayan's idea of Total Revolution?

**(2X5=10)**

### **Section C**

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

26. Discuss Raja Ram Mohan Roy's contributions to the Indian Renaissance, focusing on social and religious reforms.
27. Explain the reformist ideas of Dayananda Saraswati and their impact on Indian society.
28. Analyse Jyotirao Phule's role in challenging Brahmanical dominance and uplifting oppressed communities.
29. Describe the nationalist ideas of Tilak, Savarkar, and Jinnah, highlighting their contrasting visions of India.
30. Examine Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to democratic tradition and political philosophy.
31. Discuss Jawaharlal Nehru's idea of democracy, secularism, and modern nation-building.
32. Explain Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's democratic and constitutional ideas and his struggle against caste discrimination.
33. Discuss the ideas of freedom articulated by Vivekananda, Gandhi, and Jayaprakash Narayan.

**(4X5=20)**

### **Section D**

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

34. Critically assess the Indian Renaissance with reference to Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Dayananda Saraswati, and Jyotirao Phule.
35. Evaluate the development of nationalism in India through the ideas of Tilak, Savarkar, and Jinnah.
36. Examine the contributions of Gandhi, Nehru, and Ambedkar in shaping India's democratic tradition.
37. Analyse Gandhi's political philosophy, focusing on Satyagraha, Swaraj, Sarvodaya, and non-violence.
38. Discuss the philosophical foundations of freedom in the works of Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, and Jayaprakash Narayan.
39. Evaluate the impact of modern Indian thinkers—from the Renaissance reformers to nationalist and democratic leaders—on shaping contemporary India's social, political, and cultural identity.

**(10X3=30)**