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**M.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, APRIL 2025**

**First Semester**

**M.A Political Science**

**M23PS04DC – Ancient and Medieval 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. According to Plato, who is a “Philosopher King”?
2. What are the two forms of government according to Machiavelli?
3. Identify the best constitution according to Aristotle
4. What is the central concept of dharma in the Manusmriti?
5. How does St. Augustine compare the City of God with earthly city?
6. What is Natural Law according to St. Thomas Aquinas?
7. Explain Socratic Dialectic Method
8. What is Manu’s conception of justice?
9. State the key teaching of Jainism related to non-violence.
10. Explain St. Augustine’s view on slavery?
11. What is the highest association according to *The Prince*?
12. Who says, by nature men love private property more than their kith and kin?
13. What were the views of Abul Fazl of an ideal king?
14. What does Jean Bodin’s theory of sovereignty emphasize?
15. What is Hugo Grotius known as the “father” of?

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

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

16. Differentiate between *Jus Naturale* and *Jus Gentium* as outlined by Grotius.
17. In what ways did Abul Fazl’s *Ain-i-Akbari* contribute to the understanding of Mughal governance and society?
18. How does Bodin differentiate between sovereignty and government?

19. Describe Plato's Allegory of the Cave and its significance in understanding human perception and reality.
20. Explain the six guiding principles of foreign policy as discussed in Arthashastra.
21. Explain Plato's theory of justice.
22. What are Aquinas' arguments for the superiority of the spiritual realm over the temporal realm?
23. Discuss Machiavelli's contributions to nationalism and his views on human nature?
24. Explain Bodin's views on religious tolerance.
25. Explain the three kinds of natural relations between nations according to Hugo Grotius?

**(2X5=10)**

### **Section C**

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

26. How does Machiavelli's separation of politics from religion influence modern political theory?
27. Discuss the role of meditation in both Buddhist and Jain traditions.
28. How does Aristotle define the principle of the public good, and why is it central to his political philosophy?
29. What are the criticisms and contestations surrounding the Manusmriti's legacy in contemporary times?
30. Discuss Augustine's ideas on the relationship between the state and the Church, and how he envisioned the appropriate balance of power and authority between the two institutions.
31. Explain Abul Fazl's views on religious tolerance and secularism. How did these views shape Akbar's policies and the administration of the Mughal Empire?
32. Evaluate Bodin's ideas about citizenship and the roles of different social classes.
33. Highlight Hugo Grotius' contributions to the development of International Law.

**(4X5=20)**

### **Section D**

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

34. Compare and contrast Aquinas' views on the relationship between church and state with those of other influential thinkers, such as St. Augustine.
35. Elucidate the ethical principles embodied in Socrates' life and personality, and assess their relevance to contemporary ethical dilemmas.
36. How has Machiavelli's separation of politics from ethics influenced modern political thought?
37. Compare and Contrast Plato's philosophy with that with that of his teacher, Socrates, and his student, Aristotle.
38. Evaluate Grotius' views on international law, particularly his differentiation between just and unjust wars. What role does his theory of qualified neutrality play in this context?
39. Critically assess the recommendations made by Machiavelli in *The Prince* and their ethical implications.

**(10X3=30)**