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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Paper : PSCHC5116

(Classical Political Theory)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Choose the correct answer : (any six)

1×6=6

(a) From the following which book was not written by Plato ?

- (A) Republic
- (B) Law
- (C) Statesman
- (D) Leviathan

Contd.

(b) Who said, "Justice consists in speaking the truth and paying one's debt" ?

- (A) Glaucon
- (B) Thrasymachus
- (C) Cephalus
- (D) Plato

(c) Who said, "Aristotle's best state is Plato's second best state" ?

- (A) Zeller
- (B) Montesquieu
- (C) John Rawls
- (D) Sabine

(d) According to Aristotle which form of government is the worst form of government ?

- (A) Democracy
- (B) Polity
- (C) Aristocracy
- (D) Oligarchy

(e) In which year did Machiavelli write his *The Prince* ?

- (A) 1510
- (B) 1511
- (C) 1512
- (D) 1513

(f) Which book was written by Machiavelli ?

- (A) Discourses
- (B) *Leviathan*
- (C) Social Contract
- (D) Politics

(g) Which book from the following was not written by Hobbes ?

- (A) *Decorpore*
- (B) *Deceive*
- (C) *De Homine*
- (D) *Social Contract*

(h) Which factor according to Hobbes is not responsible for conflict in state of nature?

- (A) Competition
- (B) Glory
- (C) Differences
- (D) Equality

(i) Who said, "Men are basically good, descent, peace-loving, non-quarrelsome"?

- (A) Aristotle
- (B) Hobbes
- (C) Locke
- (D) Rousseau

(j) Which of the following is not a cause of revolution according to Aristotle?

- (A) Fear
- (B) Contempt
- (C) Fraud
- (D) Sacrifice

2. Answer the following : **(any five)** 2×5=10

- (a) Why Machiavelli considered that religion should be separated from politics?
- (b) What do you mean by absolute sovereignty?
- (c) Why individual left the state of nature according to Locke?
- (d) What was the main objective of Plato's education?
- (e) Who were not considered as 'citizens' according to Aristotle?
- (f) Why Machiavelli proposed two different standards of morality?
- (g) What is Hobbes's views on human nature?

3. Write short notes on the following : **(any six)** 5×6=30

- (a) Locke's human nature
- (b) Machiavelli's suggestions to the Prince regarding retention of power

- (c) Hobbes's views on rights and liberty
- (d) Platonic system of education
- (e) Aristotle's concept of citizenship
- (f) Aristotle's views on justice
- (g) Machiavelli as a modern thinker
- (h) Hobbes on sovereignty
- (i) Locke on revolution
- (j) Differences between Aristotle and Plato

4. Answer **any two** of the following : $10 \times 2 = 20$

- (a) Critically examine the contribution of John Locke to the political philosophy.
- (b) Discuss critically Plato's concept of ideal state.
- (c) Who is philosopher king ? Discuss the features of Plato's philosopher king.
- (d) Examine Locke's theory of social contract.

5. Answer **any one** of the following : $14 \times 1 = 14$
- (a) Give a critical assessment of Plato's concept of communism.
 - (b) Examine Aristotle's concept on classification of constitutions.
 - (c) Critically analyse Machiavelli's contributions to political thought.
