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(October)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Elective/Honours)

FIRST PAPER

(Political Theory)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer any **five** questions

1. (a) What is political theory? 3
- (b) Briefly state the main features of political theory. 6
- (c) Mention the significance of political theory. 6
2. (a) Briefly discuss the idea, 'dictatorship of the proletariat'. 5

- (b) Briefly discuss the idea, 'withering away of the State'. 4
- (c) State the liberal perspective of the State. 6
3. (a) Define nation and nationality. 4
- (b) State any three features of a nation. 6
- (c) Differentiate between nation and nationality. 5
4. (a) Explain the term 'sovereignty'. 2
- (b) Briefly explain the characteristics of sovereignty. 5
- (c) Differentiate between internal sovereignty and external sovereignty. 4
- (d) Distinguish between titular sovereignty and real sovereignty. 4
5. (a) Explain the concept of liberty. 3
- (b) Examine the liberal view of liberty. 3
- (c) State the meaning of equality. 3
- (d) Examine the relationship between liberty and equality. 6

6. (a) Explain the meaning of 'rights'. 3
- (b) Examine five features of the theory of natural rights. 4
- (c) Explain the legal theory of rights. 4
- (d) Describe the social welfare theory of rights. 4
7. (a) What is political obligation? 3
- (b) Explain the divine theory of political obligation. 4
- (c) Examine the main features of the consent theory of political obligation. 4
- (d) State the prescriptive theory of political obligation. 4
8. (a) What is meant by justice? 3
- (b) Explain briefly John Rawls' theory of justice. 6
- (c) Examine the legal theory of justice. 6
9. (a) Explain the term 'law'. 3
- (b) Examine the features of the analytical theory of law. 6
- (c) Analyze the historical theory of law. 6

10. (a) What is democracy? 3
- (b) Examine six principles of liberal democracy. 6
- (c) Discuss the Marxist critique against liberal democracy. 6

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