

**FYUG Odd Semester Exam., 2023  
( Held in 2024 )**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**( 1st Semester )**

Course No. : PLSIDC-101T

**( Political Theory—Basic Concepts )**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

**SECTION—A**

Answer *twenty* questions, selecting any *four* from  
each Unit : 1×20=20

**UNIT—I**

1. From where is the term 'political science' derived from?
2. Is political science a science?

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3. Who is known as the father of political science?
4. What is Freeman's observation regarding the relation between political science and history?
5. Who said, "History is past politics and politics is present history"?

UNIT—II

6. Give Garner's definition of State.
7. Name four essential elements of State.
8. Is the State a Divine Institution?
9. "Man is born free but everywhere he is in chain." Who said this?
10. What was the condition of state of nature according to Hobbes?

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UNIT—III

11. What is the other name of idealistic theory?
12. Which theory embodies the biological conception of the State?
13. Who wrote *Communist Manifesto*?
14. Who regarded the State as a 'March of God on the Earth'?
15. Which theory of the nature of State advocates the withering away of the State?

UNIT—IV

16. What do you mean by 'Sovereignty'?
17. What is law according to Austin?
18. What is internal sovereignty?
19. Give one argument in favour of pluralistic view of sovereignty.
20. What do you mean by popular sovereignty?

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UNIT—V

21. What is the origin of the term 'Democracy'?
22. What do you mean by dictatorship?
23. Mention one basic feature of unitary form of government.
24. In which country for the first time did the parliamentary form of government originate?
25. Give an example of presidential form of government.

SECTION—B

Answer *five* questions, selecting *one* from each  
Unit : 2×5=10

UNIT—I

26. Give two major areas of the scope of political science.
27. Why is political science a science?

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UNIT—II

28. Mention any two theories regarding the origin of the State.
29. Who were the chief exponents of social contract theory?

UNIT—III

30. Point out any two criticisms of organismic theory.
31. Point out two features of juridical theory.

UNIT—IV

32. Define popular sovereignty.
33. Give one definition of sovereignty.

UNIT—V

34. Mention two basic principles of democracy.
35. Write two demerits of dictatorship.

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SECTION—C

Answer *five* questions, selecting *one* from each  
Unit :  $8 \times 5 = 40$

UNIT—I

36. Discuss the nature and scope of political science. 8

37. Discuss the relationship of political science with 'history' and 'economics'.  $4+4=8$

UNIT—II

38. Explain the four elements of the State. 8

39. Discuss in detail the social contract theory of the origin of the State. 8

UNIT—III

40. State and criticise idealistic theory.  $5+3=8$

41. Critically discuss the Marxian theory regarding the nature of the State. 8

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UNIT—IV

42. State and evaluate Austin's theory of sovereignty.  $4+4=8$

43. (a) State the characteristics of sovereignty.  
(b) Define external sovereignty in the context of international relations.  $5+3=8$

UNIT—V

44. What do you mean by Federal Government? Write down the basic features of federal form of government.  $3+5=8$

45. Write down the general principles of parliamentary form of government. Point out its merits.  $4+4=8$

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