

TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2023

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Honours)

(6th Semester)

Course No. : PLSHCC-601T

(Modern Political Philosophy)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

SECTION—A

Answer any ten of the following : 2×10=20

- 1. Name two important works of Rousseau.**
- 2. What are the arguments put forward by Rousseau in favour of direct democracy?**
- 3. What is Rousseau's view regarding the institution of private property?**

4. What were the arguments of Mary Wollstonecraft against patriarchy?
5. Name the famous book written by Mary Wollstonecraft where she writes about the rights of women. In which year was it published?
6. What is gender-equity?
7. How did J. S. Mill define liberty?
8. Why did J. S. Mill feel that 'intolerant public opinion' was more dangerous than even an authoritarian government?
9. "It is better to be a human being dissatisfied than a big satisfied" Bring out Mill's views in favour of this statement.
10. What is alienation according to Karl Marx?
11. What is meant by 'dictatorship of the proletariat'?
12. Who said, "The executive of the modern State is nothing but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie"? Write the name of one of his important books.

13. Name the famous book of Antonio Gramsci that was written by him when he was imprisoned. When was it published?
14. What are the two levels of super-structures identified by Gramsci in a capitalist state?
15. In which year was Antonio Gramsci imprisoned and under which regime?

SECTION—B

Answer any *five* of the following questions :

10×5=50

16. Write an account of Rousseau's views on inequality. How does Rousseau suggest the remedy against inequalities in society? 6+4=10
17. What according to Rousseau is the General Will? How does General Will differ from particular will? Give a critical estimate of Rousseau's doctrine of General Will. 4+2+4=10
18. How did Mary Wollstonecraft contribute to feminism?
19. Bring out the points of disagreement of Wollstonecraft with Rousseau on the issue of education.

- 20.** "Mill's defence of equality between the sexes probably represents the most effective vindication of the feminist cause." Enumerate Mill's arguments in the light of the above statement against the subjection of women. What is Mill's view on women's right to suffrage? 7+3=10
- 21.** Discuss the revision of utilitarianism by Mill with reference to Bentham's.
- 22.** State and criticize Marx's theory of class-struggle. 6+4=10
- 23.** Explain the Marxian conception of materialistic interpretation of history.
- 24.** What was Gramsci's view on the concepts of 'base' and 'superstructure'? How does Gramsci differ from Marx on this point? 5+5=10
- 25.** What is hegemony? How do the 'structures of legitimation' lend legitimacy to the rule of the capitalist class? 3+7=10

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