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**B.A DEGREE (CBCS)) REGULAR/ IMPROVEMENT/ REAPPEARANCE / MERCY
CHANCE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2025**

Fourth Semester

Core Course - PS4CRT06 - POLITICAL THOUGHT: WESTERN TRADITIONS

(Common for B.A Political Science Model I, B.A Political Science Model II Mass Communication
and Journalism)

2017 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

*Instructions to Private candidates only: This question paper contains two sections. Answer
SECTION I questions in the answer-book provided. SECTION II, Internal examination questions
must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under
SECTION II*

Part A

*Answer any **ten** questions.*

*Each question carries **2** marks.*

1. Define the term 'hermeneutics'.
2. Recognise the importance of Academy.
3. Explain the role of Philosopher King in Plato's philosophy.
4. Recognise the type of law which governs both animate and inanimate kingdom.
5. Identify the importance of Machiavelli's Prince.
6. Discuss on the concept of property in Locke's philosophy.
7. Examine J.S. Mill's views on proportional representation.
8. Validate views of J S Mill in his work Subjection of Women.
9. Examine T.H. Green's theory of rights.
10. Assess the Marxian theory of surplus value.
11. Engels criticises state as an 'engine of despotism'. Discuss.
12. Define the term Hegemony.

(10×2=20)





Part B

Answer any **six** questions.

Each question carries **5** marks.

13. Distinguish between textual and contextual method in political philosophy.
14. Aristotle identified democracy with mobocracy. Explain.
15. Discuss the views of Aristotle on 'Citizenship'.
16. Distinguish between Hobbes's state of nature and Rousseau's state of nature.
17. Examine the political ideas of J J Rousseau.
18. Summarise the shortcomings of Bentham's political thought.
19. Validate the views of Bentham on morals and legislation.
20. Discuss the important features of Lenin's idea on imperialism.
21. Explain the functions of state and civil society according to Gramsci.

(6×5=30)

Part C

Answer any **two** questions.

Each question carries **15** marks.

22. Compare the Philosophical methods of Plato and Aristotle.
23. Discuss on Hobbes's theory of Social Contract and bring out its shortcomings.
24. Examine the significance of Hegelian Dialectics in modern political thought.
25. Explain the major principles of Marxism.

(2×15=30)

