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MA DEGREE (CSS) EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2025

First Semester

M A POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Core Courses - PS010102 - WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT-ANCIENT AND
MEDIEVAL TRADITIONS**

2019 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

Weight 1 each.

1. Write a note on the rationalism of the Greeks.
2. Briefly discuss the importance of virtue in Socratic philosophy.
3. "The state is the individual writ large." (Plato) Comment.
4. Examine Plato's views on elementary education.
5. Analyse Aristotle's theory of slavery.
6. Explain the particular causes of revolution according to Aristotle.
7. Analyse Augustine's theory on City of God.
8. Explain Aquinas' theory of knowledge.
9. Define Aquinas' concept of law.
10. Critically analyse Machiavelli's theory of statecraft.

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

*Answer any **six** questions.*

Weight 2 each.

11. Give a short account on Socratic views of ethics.
12. "What Aristotle calls the ideal state is always Plato's second best state." Explain.
13. What were Aristotle's objections against communism of wives?





14. Explain Aristotle's theory of moral action.
15. Examine the features of Aristotle's Ideal State.
16. Analyse St. Augustine's theory of human nature and free will.
17. Critically evaluate the political philosophy of Marsilius of Padua.
18. Critically evaluate Machiavelli's theory of republican politics and the notion of liberty.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Weight 5 each.

19. Discuss the characteristic features of ancient Greek political thought.
20. Analyse the statement that 'Justice is the main theme in The Republic of Plato'.
21. Critically evaluate Aristotle's views on women, family and property.
22. Critically evaluate the important contributions of Machiavelli's political philosophy.

(2×5=10 weightage)

