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M A POLITICAL SCIENCE

ELECTIVE - PS800402 - POLITICAL THOUGHT :GANDHIAN TRADITION

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. What were the core ideas of Tolstoy's 'The Kingdom of God is Within You' that influenced Gandhi?
2. How does Gandhi distinguish between negative and positive forms of ahimsa?
3. What does Gandhi mean by swaraj at the individual level?
4. How does Gandhi distinguish the different kinds of power?
5. Why does Gandhi refer to the state as a 'soulless machine'?
6. What does Gandhi mean by Ramarajya?
7. Identify the different forms of satyagraha as put forth by Gandhi.
8. What did Gandhi consider to be the main objectives of development?
9. Identify the basic features of Gandhi's notion of rural reconstruction.
10. Briefly discuss Gandhi's view of the varna system.

(8×1=8 weightage)





Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

*Answer any **six** questions.*

Weight 2 each.

11. Analyse the major religious influences on Gandhi's philosophy.
12. Examine Gopal Krishna Gokhale's influence on Gandhi.
13. How does Gandhi differentiate between Indian civilisation and western civilisation in 'Hind Swaraj'?
14. Discuss Gandhi's notion of a just society.
15. Examine Gandhi's views on nationalism.
16. Khadi was the material reflection of an ideal. Elaborate.
17. Attempt a critique of Gandhi's views on gender-based violence and gender equality.
18. Critically examine Gandhi's views on gender equality.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Weight 5 each.

19. Critically examine Gandhi's notion of truth.
20. Examine Gandhi's notion of Gramaswaraj and its relevance today.
21. Examine Gandhi's critique of machinery in 'Hind Swaraj'.
22. Critically examine Gandhi's philosophy of education.

(2×5=10 weightage)

