



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours Part-I Examination, 2020

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PAPER-I

POLITICAL THOUGHT

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

FIRST HALF

Answer any one question from the following

16×1 = 16

1. Critically assess the contribution of Plato to the history of Western Political thought with special reference to his ideas on 'justice'. 16
2. Discuss the contribution and importance of Roman Political Thought. 16
3. How far is it correct to say that Locke as the intellectual father of liberalism? Argue your case. 16
4. Evaluate the contributions of Jean Bodin to the history of Western Political thought with special reference to his theory of sovereignty. 16
5. Discuss Hegel's idea of 'State'. Give an exposition of his philosophy of Dialectical Idealism. 6+10

SECOND HALF

Answer any one question from the following

16×1 = 16

6. Critically discuss Kautilya's Saptanga theory of the state. 16
7. Give an overview of Medieval Political Thought in India. 16
8. Critically examine R. N. Tagore's views on Nationalism. Was he a champion of Internationalism? Comment. 10+6

9. Write a critical note on Jayaprakash Narayan's idea of Partyless Democracy. 16
10. Give a critical assessment of socio-political ideas of Jawaharlal Nehru. 16

GROUP-B

11. Write short notes on any *three* of the following: 6×3=18
- (a) Aristotle's Classification of Constitutions
 - (b) Machiavelli's concept of Power
 - (c) Rousseau's General Will
 - (d) Nature of Reformation Movement
 - (e) Features of Scientific Socialism
 - (f) B. R. Ambedkar's ideas on Constitutionalism
 - (g) Subash Chandra Bose's doctrine of 'Samya'
 - (h) Ram Mohun Roy as a rational liberal thinker.

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