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End Semester Examination, December 2024
Program –Vth Semester, B.A (Hons.) Political Science
Classical Political Philosophy SHPL301A

Time: 2.5 hrs.

Max Marks: 50

Note: *All Questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.*

PART-A

Q.1 Define any five of the following terms briefly (2 marks each):

1. Zoon Politikon
[CO-1] [L-2] 2
2. Plato' s Censorship
[CO-1] [L-2] 2
3. Plato' s Justice
[CO-1] [L-2] 2
4. Psychoanalytical Interpretation
[CO-1] [L-2] 2
5. Machiavelli' s Virtù
[CO-1] [L-2] 2
6. Locke' s Natural Right
[CO-1] [L-2] 2
7. Aristotle' s Forms
[CO-1] [L-2] 2

2x5

Part-B

Choose one question from each set of questions

Q.2 Discuss the challenges of interpreting texts in the Classical Political Tradition.

[CO-1] [L-3] 10

OR

Explain the significance of the Allegory of the Cave in Plato's philosophy. How can you relate to his understanding of Theory of Forms?

[CO-1] [L-3] 10

Q3. Analyse Hobbes' theory of the Social Contract. In what ways does this theory defend an absolute state but not absolute monarchy? [CO-3] [L-4] 10

OR

Explain Hobbes' concept of "Leviathan" and how his idea of atomistic individuals underpins his view of political authority. [CO-3] [L-4] 10

Q 4. Plato critiques democracy by highlighting its inherent flaws. Discuss his critique and evaluate its relevance to contemporary democratic systems. [CO-3] [L-4] 10

OR

Analyse Machiavelli's views on morality and statecraft. How does he reconcile moral flexibility with effective leadership? [CO-3] [L-4] 10

Q5. Explain how Aristotle's idea of justice relates to his broader philosophy of the state and household. How does it reflect his view of man as "zoon politikon"? [CO-2] [L-3] 10

OR

Discuss the key features of Locke's concept of the right to dissent. How does Locke justify this right in relation to property and individual freedom? [CO-2] [L-3] 10