

**5 SEM TDC PSCH (CBCS) C 11**

**2024**

( November )

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

( Core )

Paper : C-11

**( Classical Political Philosophy )**

*Full Marks : 80*

*Pass Marks : 32*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives : 1×8=8

(a) According to Plato, which of the following are the three elements in man?

(i) Reason, Justice, Equality

(ii) Reason, Spirit, Appetite

(iii) Justice, Liberty, Equality

(iv) Reason, Spirit, Justice

- (b) In Plato's Ideal State, one reaches the pinnacle of the State order at the age of
- (i) 35
  - (ii) 40
  - (iii) 50
  - (iv) None of the above
- (c) Who is regarded as the founder of philosophical idealism?
- (i) Plato
  - (ii) Aristotle
  - (iii) Socrates
  - (iv) Cicero
- (d) According to Aristotle, which is the bad government of the rich?
- (i) Tyranny
  - (ii) Oligarchy
  - (iii) Democracy
  - (iv) None of the above
- (e) According to Machiavelli State is
- (i) a means to an end
  - (ii) an end in itself
  - (iii) neither a means nor an end in itself
  - (iv) None of the above

- (f) According to Hobbes, life in the state of nature was
- (i) better than life in his own time
  - (ii) free and noble
  - (iii) poor, solitary, nasty, brutish and short
  - (iv) difficult but honest
- (g) Hobbes' ethical theory is clearly a form of
- (i) rational egoism
  - (ii) rational altruism
  - (iii) deontology
  - (iv) universalism in ethics
- (h) One of the most basic rights, according to Locke, is the right to own private property, and the most basic private property one can own is
- (i) land
  - (ii) clothing
  - (iii) one's own body
  - (iv) None of the above

2. Write on the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16

- (a) Feminist interpretation of texts
- (b) Aristotle's classification of Government
- (c) Machiavelli on morality and Statecraft
- (d) Hobbes' description of state of nature

Answer the following questions (**within 500 words** each) :

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Or  
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