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PSC 202 - Political and Social Theory (New Syllabus)



All questions carry equal marks.

The total number of questions in this paper is 10.

Answer any FIVE questions

Marks will be deducted for illegible handwriting.

Time allowed: Three (03) Hours.

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01. Explain the significant of studying political and social theory.
 02. Outline the main features of 'concept of natural law' and 'concept of natural justice' presented by Plato and Aristotle.
 03. Identify the characteristics of modern liberalism and neo-liberalism.
 04. Evaluate the important of the 'concept of imperialists capitalism' introduced to the socialism by V.I. Lenin.
 05. Discuss the theoretical framework of any one of the followings presented by Karl Marx:
 - (i) Class Struggle
 - (ii) Dialectical Materialism
 06. "Machiavelli's ideas turned a new stage in the field of political thought", Do you agree?. Give reasons for your answer.
 07. Examine the fundamentals of social contact theory.

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08. Write an essay on **any one** of the following headings:

- (i) Jean Bodin's conception on Sovereignty
- (ii) St. Thomas Aquinas's classification on Law
- (iii) Buddhist analysis on origin of state
- (iv) John Rawls's theory on Justice
- (v) Kautilya's '*Mandala Theory*'

09. Describe the political philosophy of Jürgen Habermas.

10. Write short notes on **any two** of the following:

- (i) Utilitarianism of Jeremy Bentham
- (ii) Difference between political theory and political philosophy
- (iii) Meaning and nature of political and social theory
- (iv) Confucius theory on the proper role of government
- (v) Hegel's conception on social and political philosophy