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**PRESIDENCY
UNIVERSITY**

**BENGALURU
School of Law**

Mid-Term Examinations - November 2024

Semester: III

Course Code: BAL4003

Course Name: Modern Political Thinkers

Program: BA,LLB Hons

Date: 05-11-2024

Time: 02:00pm – 03:30pm

Max Marks: 50

Weightage: 25%

Instructions:

- (i) *Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
(ii) *Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.*
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Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.

5Qx2M=10M

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| 1 | Define Niccolò Machiavelli's concept of fortune. | 2 Marks | Knowledge level | CO1 |
| 2 | Describe the Two Swords Doctrine. | 2 Marks | Knowledge level | CO1 |
| 3 | What was the Peace of Westphalia? | 2 Marks | Knowledge level | CO1 |
| 4 | Define the idea of reason of the state. | 2 Marks | Knowledge level | CO1 |
| 5 | Define the Renaissance era and its significance. | 2 Marks | Knowledge level | CO1 |

Part B

Answer ALL Questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

4QX10M=40M

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| 6 | Explain the political thought of Ibn Sina (Avicenna) and its influence on Islamic and Western philosophy. | 10 Marks | analysis | CO4 |
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| 7 | What was the Age of Enlightenment, and how did it challenge established political and religious authorities in Europe? | 10 Marks | analysis | CO4 |
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| 8 | Explain Niccolò Machiavelli's concept of virtue and its role in successful leadership. | 10 Marks | comprehension | C03 |
| OR | | | | |
| 9 | Explain Kant's understanding of the Age of Enlightenment and his definition of "enlightenment." | 10 Marks | comprehension | C03 |
| 10 | Describe the significance of Niccolò Machiavelli's book "the Prince" in political philosophy. | 10 Marks | Analysis | C02 |
| OR | | | | |
| 11 | Explain how does Hobbes's notion of the social contract is contrast with John Locke. | 10Marks | analysis | C02 |
| 12 | Discuss how enlightenment era in Europe was driven by the rise of rationalism and empiricism as two but interrelated paradigms of scientific inquiry? | 10 Marks | analysis | C04 |
| OR | | | | |
| 13 | What is Hobbes's view of human nature, and how does it shape his understanding of political authority? | 10 Marks | analysis | C04 |