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# PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

## BENGALURU

### End - Term Examinations - MAY 2025

**Date:** 29-05-2025

**Time:** 01:00 pm – 04:00 pm

<b>School:</b> SOL	<b>Program:</b> BA LLB(HONS)	
<b>Course Code :</b> LAW2036	<b>Course Name :</b> Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers	
<b>Semester:</b> II	<b>Max Marks:</b> 100	<b>Weightage:</b> 50%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4
<b>Marks</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35</b>

#### Instructions:

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

#### Part A

**Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.**

**10Q x 2M=20M**

1	Define the meaning of term theory.	2 Marks	L1	C03
2	Define Aristotle's view on the importance of reason in human life.	2 Marks	L1	C01
3	State a few key ideas of Pythagoras' philosophy.	2 Marks	L1	C01
4	Define the meaning of the quote, " <i>Everything is in a state of constant flux.</i> "	2 Marks	L1	C01
5	What is the meaning of the concept "the coincidence of opposites"?	2 Marks	L1	C01
6	Who said that change and plurality are illusory?	2 Marks	L1	C01
7	What does the phrase " <i>Being is, and Non-Being is not</i> " mean?	2 Marks	L1	C01
8	Who were the Sophists in ancient Greece?	2 Marks	L1	C01
9	Define Plato's Theory of Recollection.	2 Marks	L1	C01
10	Define the meaning of " <i>the coincidence of opposites.</i> "	2 Marks	L1	C03

## Part B

### Answer the Questions

**Total 80 Marks**

11.	How did Aristotle classify different types of constitutions? What were the key characteristics of the different forms of government based on quality and quantity?	7+3=10 Marks	L2	CO2
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**or**

12.	How did Aristotle's approach to philosophy differ from Plato's?	10 Marks	L2	CO2
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13.	Write an essay on the intellectual developments of the Vedic era.	10 Marks	L2	CO2
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**or**

14.	Explain Aristotle's theory of teleological ethics.	10 Marks	L2	CO2
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15.	Apply Stoic principles to propose a plan for maintaining personal integrity for politicians operating in environments prone to corruption and favoritism.	10 Marks	L3	CO2
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**Or**

16.	How can the concept of "everything is in a constant state of flux," as proposed by Heraclitus, be applied to explain current political or social changes?	10 Marks	L3	CO2
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17.	Considering Aristotle's classification of governments, into which category would you place the current government of India (or any country of your choice)? Justify your answer.	15 Marks	L3	CO3
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**Or**

18.	How can Kautilya's theory of statecraft be applied to address modern challenges like cyber threats and economic espionage between states?	15 Marks	L3	CO3
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19.	Imagine you are a detective investigating a crime. How would you use perception to gather evidence, and in what situations might perception be misleading? Would you always trust perception as a reliable source of knowledge?	15 Marks	L4	CO4
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**Or**

20.	Discuss Al Farabi's vision of the ideal state. What is their primary responsibility of the state towards its citizens in his model?	15 Marks	L4	CO4
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21.	Write an essay on Confucianism and specify the five important relationships of the society.	20 Marks	L4	CO4
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**or**

22.	Explain Stoicism and its main features. Do you agree it is possible to live in the present? What are the main virtues that human beings should focus on over changing variables like wealth?	(10+5+5) 20 Marks	L4	CO4
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\*\*\*\*\* **BEST WISHES** \*\*\*\*\*