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Even Semester Mid Term, March 2026

Date: 13/03/2026

Time: 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Course Code: LAW2036

Course Name: Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers

Semester: Second Semester

Max. Marks: 50

Weightage: 50%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2
Marks	30	60

PART-A: Answer Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
1	What is philosophy and its importance.	2	CO1	BT2
2	What is the descriptive function of political theory?	2	CO1	BT2
3	What is normative political theory and its relevancy?	2	CO1	BT2
4	What is metaphysics and its nature ?	2	CO1	BT2
5	State one key difference between naturalism and materialism.	2	CO1	BT2

PART-B: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
6	Who were the Pre-Socratic philosophers in Greeks? explain their contribution for the development of philosophy and concerned with knowledge.	10	CO1	BT2
7	What is the Socratic Method? Discuss the stages involved in the Socratic dialectical method of inquiry.	10	CO1	BT2

PART-C: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
8	Analyze Plato's political thought using the contextual method of political theory. How do the social, political, and intellectual conditions of ancient Athens particularly the Peloponnesian War, the crisis of democracy, and the trial of Socrates—help	10	CO2	BT3

	us understand the arguments presented in the Republic?			
9	A university student submits a research paper relying primarily on information from social media platforms without verifying original or scholarly sources. (a) Explain the epistemological criteria for knowledge. (b) Assess whether social media information satisfies these criteria. (c) Evaluate whether the teacher should accept the paper as academically valid.	10	CO2	BT3

PART-D: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
10	Analyze Plato's theory of Forms as an ontological framework. How does the Allegory of the Cave demonstrate his distinction between appearance and reality, and between opinion (doxa) and knowledge (epistēmē)?	10	CO2	BT4
11	Analyze the major sources of knowledge in epistemology—reason, perception, memory, and testimony. To what extent can any one source be considered foundational?	10	CO2	BT4

PART-E: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
12	What is ideal state. Analyze how the political instability of Athens, particularly the trial and execution of Socrates, shaped Plato's philosophical development and political thought. In what ways did these experiences influence his conception of the Ideal State in The Republic? Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of Plato's Ideal State in light of its historical context.	10	CO2	BT4
13	Analyze the evolution of Greek democracy. How did legal and institutional reforms introduced by Solon, Cleisthenes, and Pericles lay the foundations for democratic governance in Athens?	10	CO2	BT4