



**PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY
BENGALURU**

SCHOOL OF LAW

MID TERM EXAMINATION

Sem & AY: Winter 2021 - 22

Course Code: BAL 2007

Course Name: Western and Eastern Political Thought

Program & Sem: BA LLB Sem II

Date: 09.05.2022

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Max Marks: 50

Weightage: 25 %

Instructions:

(i) Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.

Part A [Memory Recall Questions]

Answer all the Questions. Each question carries 2 marks

(5Qx 2M= 10M)

Q1. According to Aristotle which is the bad government of the rich:

(C.O.No 1) [Knowledge]

- A. tyranny
- B. oligarchy
- C. democracy
- D. none of these

Q 2. Plato's system of communism s meant only for

(C. O. No 1) [Knowledge]

- A. soldiers and workers
- B. philosophers and soldiers
- C. philosophers, soldiers and workers
- D. philosophers and workers

Q 3 How does Rousseau describe man in his primal natural state?

(C.O. No 2) [Knowledge]

- A. a noble savage
- B. solitary, nasty and brutish
- C. a blank state
- D. totally corrupted

Q 4. According to Aristotle,,,,,,,,,,,,,.....is the best form of government (C.O.No.1) [Knowledge]

- A. monarchy
- B. oligarchy
- C. polity
- D. aristocracy

Q 5. A Discourse on the origin of Inequality and Social Contract was presented by:

(C.O. No. 2) [Knowledge]

- A. Thomas Hobbes
- B. John Locke
- C. Jean Jacques Rousseau
- D. Aristotle

Part B [Thought Provoking Questions]

Answer all the Questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

(5Qx5M=25M)

Q 6. Compare the social contractual traditions of Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.

(C.O.No.2) [Comprehension]

Q 7. Critically evaluate the Aristotle's notion of justice in contemporary times.

(C.O.No.1) [Comprehension]

Q 8. Distinguish between Jean Jacques Rousseau's concept of individual will and general will.

(C.O.No.2) [Comprehension]

Q 9. Critically analyze Plato's Theory of Ideas/ Forms in a globalizing world

(C.O.No.1) [Comprehension]

Q 10. Outline the features of State as advocated by Aristotle. What is the best form of government does this philosopher prescribe?

(C.O.No.1) [Comprehension]

Part C [Problem Solving Questions]

Answer all the Questions. Each question carries 15 marks.

(1Qx15M=15M)

Q 11. Russia and Ukraine are engaged in armed conflict for more than two months. The respective premiers, Zelensky and Vladimir Putin have left no stone unturned in causing massive casualties on both sides. It appears that the world invariably has been divided into camps going back to Cold war era. With this backdrop in mind, how would you employ Machiavellian sense of pragmatic realism in strategizing the war? What are basic statist principles, tactics and forms of advice would you render to a premier, if called upon to do so? What is the role of law in this scenario?

(C.O.No.2) [Application]



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END TERM EXAMINATION

Even Semester: 2021 - 22

Course Code: BAL 2007

Course Name: Western and Eastern Political Thought

Program & Sem: BA LLB (Hons.) & II Sem

Date: 28th June 2022

Time: 01.00 PM – 04.00 PM

Max Marks: 100

Weightage: 50%

Instructions:

- (i) *Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*

Part A [Memory Recall Questions]

Answer all the Questions. Each question carries TWO marks.

(10Qx 2M= 20M)

- Q.1. Aristotle methodology of political thought was based on [2M](C.O. No.1) [Knowledge]
A. Utopian ideas
B. Inductive and Deductive methods of reasoning
C. Logical positivism
D. All of the above
- Q.2. Who is known as the father of modern political theory? [2M] (C.O. No. 2) [Knowledge]
A. Aristotle
B. Plato
C. Machiavelli
D. Hegel
- Q.3. He was influenced by Fabian Socialism of Britain. His thoughts were based on scientific temper and rationality. He conceived India's struggle for freedom as a part of the struggle of other dependent peoples against imperialism. Identify the Indian political leader. [2M] (C.O. No. 5) [Knowledge]
A. Mahatma Gandhi
B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
C. Jawaharlal Nehru
D. Maulana Azad
- Q.4. He was a vocal opponent of arbitrary monarchical power and patronage. However, he was also conscious of the importance of the institution of monarchy as a natural attraction for obedience and reverence and that it also strengthened the principle of continuity. Who is he? [2M] (C.O. No. 3) [Knowledge]
A. Edmund Burke
B. Thomas Paine
C. Voltaire
D. Rousseau

- Q.5. State Immanuel Kant's first formulation of Categorical Imperative from the standpoint of moral agent. [2M] (C.O. No. 4) [Knowledge]
- Q.6. Which political theory propounded that state will ultimately disappear? [2M] (C.O. No. 3) [Knowledge]
- A. Fascism
 - B. Syndicalism
 - C. Communism
 - D. Fabian Socialism
- Q.7. Hobbesian social contract is based on [2M] (C.O. No. 2) [Knowledge]
- A. Desire for Peace
 - B. Selfishness
 - C. Fear
 - D. Completion
- Q.8. The theory of Surplus Value as a part of communistic philosophy was the contribution of [2M] (C.O. No. 3) [Knowledge]
- A. Karl Marx
 - B. GWF Hegel
 - C. Trotsky
 - D. Lenin
- Q.9. Felicific Calculus was the contribution of [2M] (C.O. No. 3) [Knowledge]
- A. Bentham
 - B. Aristotle
 - C. Plato
 - D. Mill
- Q.9. Rousseau political philosophy furnished basis for [2M] (C.O. No.3) [Knowledge]
- A. Political Sovereignty
 - B. Limited Sovereignty
 - C. Popular Sovereignty
 - D. Absolute Sovereignty
- Q.10. Locke laid down that state is [2M] (C.O. No.3) [Knowledge]
- A. An end in itself
 - B. Means to an end
 - C. Unavoidable evil
 - D. Legal necessity

Part B [Thought Provoking Questions]

Answer all the Questions. Each question carries TEN marks.

(5Qx 10M=50M)

Q.11. Are human by nature power-thirsty/hungry? Political realism is a theory of political philosophy that attempts to explain, model, and prescribe political relations. It takes as its assumption that power is (or ought to be) the primary end of political action, whether in the domestic or international arena. In light of above, critically analyze the Machiavelli notion of political realism in contemporary times.

[10M] (C.O.No.1) [Comprehension]

Q.12. Do we make arguments through reason in search for truth? Dialectic method is also known as "Socratic method" and this method is derived from teaching methodology of Socrates. It is a method of analysis using questioning approach. In this method, 2 or more groups debate on an

issue and analyze the situation. What is Hegelian and Marxian understanding of dialectics in political philosophy? [10M] (C.O. No. 3) [Comprehension]

Q.13. Are men and women equal? Why are women treated as lesser, fairer sex? Feminism is a range of socio-political movements and ideologies that aim to define and establish the political, economic, personal, and social equality of the sexes. Feminism incorporates the position that societies prioritize the male point of view, and that women are treated unjustly within those societies. In light of the above, critically evaluate JS Mill and Mary Wollstencraft writings and thoughts on women empowerment and rights. [10M] (C.O. No. 2) [Comprehension]

Q.14. Dr BR Ambedkar and Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru were iconic statesmen of India since independence. It is often the cases their writings and thoughts have been appropriated by several political parties in India. Compare and evaluate the contributions of both the statesmen in the making of modern India. What are their main writings and thought processes in Indian political thought? Are they sign ificant and relevant in the making of modern India? [10M] (C.O. No. 5) [Comprehension]

Q.15. Is Strategy required for War? The Art of War is an ancient Chinese text written by Sun Tzu. The text is related to warfare and how it applies to military strategy and tactics. Critically evaluate Sun Tzu thoughts on preparedness for war and deliberate upon its importance in modern political thought. [10M](C.O.No.4)[Comprehension]

Part C [Problem Solving Questions]

Answer both the Questions. Each question carries FIFTEEN marks. (2Qx15M=30M)

Q.16. Western and Eastern political thought of thinkers, statesmen and philosophers' studies and introspects on questions about power, justice, rights, law and other issues related to governance. As students of law, reflect, analyze and evaluate the contributions of political thinkers in your understanding of law. Take any political thinker of your choice and evaluate the strengths and limitations of their thoughts and writings in the contemporary times. How do they address the questions and notions of justice and law? [15M](C.O. No. 1) [Application]

Q.17. Utilitarianism is a theory of morality that advocates actions that foster happiness or pleasure and oppose actions that cause unhappiness or harm. When directed toward making social, economic, or political decisions, a utilitarian philosophy would aim for the betterment of society as a whole. Explain the concept of utilitarianism and its application in the field of law. Critically evaluate the contributions of John Stuart Mill and Jeremy Bentham as utilitarian thinkers and bring out their differences/distinctions if any about their notions of utilitarianism. [15M](C.O. No. 3) [Application]