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**Make-Up Examinations, July 2024**

**Semester**: II

**Course Code**: BAL 102

**Course Name**: State and Political Obligation

**Program** : B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.)

**Date**: 08 JULY 2024

**Time**: 9:30 AM-12:30PM

**Max Marks**: 100

**Weightage**: 100%

**Instructions:**

1. *Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
2. *Do not write any matter on the question paper other than roll number.*

**Part A**

**Answer any 4 Questions. Each question carries 5 marks. (4Qx 5M= 20M)**

1. List three core functions of a state. (C.O. 1) [Remembering]
2. Explain the difference between a political obligation and a social obligation. (C.O. 1) [Remembering]
3. According to social contract theory, what is the purpose of government? (C.O. 2) [Remembering]
4. Briefly explain the concept of legal obligation. How does it connect to political obligation? (C.O. 3) [Remembering]
5. Can there be situations where dissent against the state is justified? Explain your answer. (C.O. 4) [Remembering]
6. Explain ‘social contract theory’. (C.O. 2) [Remembering]

**Part B**

**Answer any 4 Questions. Each question carries 10 marks. (4Qx10M=40M)**

7. Describe the strengths and weaknesses of the social contract theory in explaining political obligation. (C.O.No.2) [Understanding]

8. A law you disagree with is passed. How can you reconcile your political obligation with your right to dissent? Discuss potential strategies. (C.O.No.3) [Applying]

9. Describe about a specific thinker or movement associated with civil disobedience (e.g., Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr.) and explain their ideas on dissent and how they challenge the concept of absolute political obligation. (C.O.No.4) [Understanding]

10. Explain Joseph Raz's theory of authority focusing on the "value of shared reasons" for obeying the law. (C.O.No.4) [Analyzing]

11. Discuss the relationship between the social contract theory, the concept of "fair play" as a justification for political obligation, and the nature of legal obligation. (C.O.No.2) [Understanding]

12. Briefly describe the right to dissent and its potential conflict with political obligation. (C.O.No.4) [Understanding]

**Part C**

**Answer any 2 Questions. Each question carries 20 marks. (2Qx20M=40M)**

13. The concept of the state is multifaceted. Analyze the historical development of the modern state, considering the theories that underpin its legitimacy and functions. How do these ideas influence our understanding of political obligation? (C.O.No. 1) [Analyzing]

14. The social contract theory remains a cornerstone in understanding political obligation. Critically analyze John Locke's Second Treatise of Government, highlighting his ideas on consent, the state of nature, and the legitimacy of government. (C.O.No. 2) [Analyzing]

15. Legal obligation and political obligation are intertwined but distinct concepts. Analyze the relationship between these two types of obligations, considering how they might reinforce or contradict each other. (C.O.No. 3) [Analyzing]