

**M. A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2025**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

*(Political Thought : Western and Eastern)*

PAPER — PLS-201

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 hours*

Answer all questions

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable*

**GROUP—A**

Answer any two of the following questions : 5 × 2

1. Write a brief note on Confucius' views of the ideal ruler.
2. Describe Jean Bodin's concept of sovereignty.

( Turn Over )

( 2 )

3. Write any two features of Plato's ideal state.

Answer any one of the following questions :

10 × 1

4. Discuss Aristotle's classification of governments. How does he distinguish between true and perverted forms ?
5. Compare Hobbes's concept of social contract with those of later social contract theorists like Locke and Rousseau.

### GROUP - B

Answer any two of the following questions :

5 × 2

6. Write a brief note on Hegel's idea of World Spirit.
7. What are, according to J.S. Mill, the self-regarding actions and other regarding actions ?

( 3 )

8. What are the key features of Marx's critique of property in capitalist societies ?

Answer any one of the following question :

10 × 1

9. Explain the significance of Marxism in understanding class struggle and social change.
10. Discuss the central arguments of Hannah Arendt in *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, with reference to anti-Semitism, imperialism and totalitarian rule.

[ Internal Assessment — 10 Marks ]

---

