

**2016**

**M.A.**

**3rd Semester Examination**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH RURAL ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE—PLS-303**

**[*Liberal Political Theories*]**

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 Hours*

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.*

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

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**Group-A**

*(20 marks)*

1. Answer any one of the following : 1×10

(a) Comment on the debates between empiricism and normativism.

*(Turn Over)*

(b) What is positivism? Define its key features.

2. Answer any *two* of the following : 2×5

(a) Briefly comment on the roots of classical liberalism.

(b) Discuss, in brief, the significance of liberal democratic model.

(c) Identify the key features of deductive method.

**Group-B**

(20 marks)

3. Answer any *one* of the following : 1×10

(a) Examine after Robert Dahl, the salient features of a 'polyarchy'.

(b) What does C. B. Macpherson mean by 'possessive individualism'? Identify its key features.

4. Answer any *two* of the following : 2×5

- (a) What is meant by political pluralism?
- (b) Point out, other Nozick, the basic features of a minimalist state.
- (c) What does John Rawls mean by the 'veil of ignorance'?

**[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]**

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