

2008

[1st Semester]

**POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH RURAL  
ADMINISTRATION**

*( Western Political Thought )*

COURSE NO.—PLS-1101

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 hours*

*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

[Marks : 20]

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

(a) Attempt a critique of Kant's *What is  
Enlightenment ?*

*( Turn Over )*

(b) Examine the Hegelian notion of civil society.

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

(a) In what sense can the notion of universalism be regarded as a constituent element of modernity?

(b) What significance does Hegel attach to family in his scheme of dialectical unity between family, civil society and state?

(c) Write a brief note on the Encyclopaedists.

GROUP—B

[Marks : 20]

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

(a) What are the different meanings Marx attaches to the notion of class in different contexts?

(b) Define post-modernity with special reference to the contributions made by Lyotard.

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

(a) Write in brief, Gramsci's views on the role of traditional and organic intellectuals.

(b) Discuss Gellner's concept of civil society in the backdrop of the traditional Marxist formulation.

(c) What is meta-narrative?

[ *Internal Assessment* — 10 Marks ]