

**M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2013**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH RURAL  
ADMINISTRATION**

*( Liberal Political Theories )*

**PAPER – PLS- 303(Gr. A + B)**

*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 × 1**

**(a) Define theory building. Examine the relationship between fact and theory in social science.**

*( Turn Over )*

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(b) Critically analyze the major tenets of classical liberalism.

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

(a) Identify the basic postulates of positivism.

(b) What do you mean by a 'minimalist state'?

(c) Examine the importance of welfare state in a liberal democracy.

GROUP – B

[ Marks : 20 ]

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

(a) Why does John Rawls view 'justice as fairness'? Elaborate.

(b) Attempt a communitarian critique of liberalism.

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

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

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- (b) Why does C. B. Macpherson argue that possessive individualism is compatible with a possessive market society?
- (c) What does Robert Nozide mean by a 'dominant protective agency'?

[ *Internal Assessment – 10 Marks* ]