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**M. A. First Semester (CBCS) Examination**  
**Political Science**  
**Course - CC 1.1**

Full Marks—40

Time—2 Hours

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1. Answer **any two** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 2×5=10
- (a) What were the main ideas of the Enlightenment? Discuss briefly.
  - (b) Write a short note on Kant's notion of moral autonomy.
  - (c) Give a brief account of Nietzsche's views on modernity.
  - (d) What are Rorty's views on an ideal democracy?
2. Answer **any two** of the following : 2×15=30
- (a) Discuss Rousseau's position on Enlightenment.
  - (b) Examine the Hegelian notion of freedom.
  - (c) What was Marx's understanding of modernity? Discuss.
  - (d) Give an account of the Foucauldian critique of Enlightenment.
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1. Answer **any two** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 2×5=10

- (a) Write a short note on the intellectual roots of liberalism.
- (b) What does Rawls understand by 'veil of ignorance'?
- (c) What does Poulantzas understand by 'relative autonomy of the state'?
- (d) What are the main challenges of Pocock's notion of 'civic republicanism'?

2. Answer **any two** of the following : 2×15=30

- (a) What does Gramsci mean by 'Hegemony'? 15
- (b) How did Michael Walzer offer a critique of liberalism? Discuss fully. 15
- (c) What does Habermas mean by 'communicative action'? How does it differ from 'strategic action'? 10+5
- (d) Critically discuss Rawls' two principles of justice. 15

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1. Answer **any two** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 2×5=10
    - (a) What do you understand by the politics of *Dharma*?
    - (b) Point out the basic tenets of Kautilya's *Saptanga* theory.
    - (c) Explicate the concept of *Danda*.
    - (d) How important was the ritual of Yajna as highlighted in the Mahabharata?
  2. Answer **any two** of the following : 2×15=30
    - (a) Elucidate the Mandala theory of Kautilya.
    - (b) Discuss the virtues of the ideal Sultan under the Delhi sultanate.
    - (c) Comment on Akbar's concept of Din-i-ilahi. Would you call Akbar a secular ruler? Argue your case.
    - (d) How would you compare the idea of *Dandaniti* espoused by Kautilya with that expressed in the Mahabharata?
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1. Answer **any two** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 2×5=10
    - (a) What were Raja Rammohun Roy's views on the freedom of press?
    - (b) What was Rabindranath Tagore's understanding of religion?
    - (c) What were Md. Iqbal's ideas on Muslim nationalism?
    - (d) What were B. R. Ambedkar's views on caste?
  2. Answer **any two** of the following : 2×15=30
    - (a) Assess Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay as a nationalist thinker.
    - (b) Discuss the contributions of Keshab Chandra Sen as a social reformer.
    - (c) Analyse Nehru's contributions to nation building in India.
    - (d) Attempt a detailed analysis of the contributions of Acharya Narendra Dev to socialist thought in India.
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1. Answer **any two** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 2×5=10
    - (a) What is meant by multiculturalism in the Indian context?
    - (b) What are the key features of Indian secularism?
    - (c) What is the core idea of eco-feminism?
    - (d) Define political culture.
  2. Answer **any two** of the following : 2×15=30
    - (a) Analyse the role of democracy in post-independence India.
    - (b) Explain, with special reference to Partha Chatterjee, how civil and political societies coexist in India.
    - (c) Discuss, with special reference to Ranajit Guha and Gayatri Spivak, the relevance of Subaltern Studies in understanding Indian politics.
    - (d) Examine how multiculturalism has been reflected in the Indian Constitution.
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