

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

End Term Examination Aug-Dec-2025

Semester: UG III

Subject: Political Science I
(Political Theory and Governance)**Time 3 Hours****Marks: 100****INSTRUCTIONS**

1. *Attempt any five questions.*
2. *All Questions carry equal marks*
3. *Follow the examination protocol*

Q.1 Which type of state is viewed as an instrument of exploitation and as a product and manifestation of irreconcilable class antagonisms? Discuss the philosophical foundations and key features of this conception of the state. Examine its limitations in explaining the role and evolution of the modern state, particularly in the context of democratic and welfare-oriented political systems. (Marks 20)

Q.2 Critically analyze federalism as a living and evolving framework of governance, identifying the essential conditions for its formation and the forces that shape its transformation over time. To what extent does the Indian Constitution reflect a quasi-federal structure that prioritizes national unity over regional autonomy? Explain the enduring tension between federal principles and unitary provisions, and assess how the framers of the Constitution sought to institutionalize a balanced relationship between the Centre and the States in both theory and practice. (Marks 20)

Q.3 In political theory, scholars often distinguish between the idea of an organized political community and the broader concept of authority exercised over a defined population. With this distinction in mind, explore the foundations of what constitutes a 'State' in classical and modern political thought. In your response, analyze the key conditions that must be fulfilled for any political entity to be recognized as a State, and evaluate why each of these elements is considered indispensable for its existence and functioning. (Marks 20)

Q.4 In which form of government is all political authority concentrated in a single supreme ruler, with every organ and office of the state functioning merely as an instrument for implementing the ruler's will? Discuss the nature, defining features, and political implications of this form of government, and critically examine the challenges and potential benefits associated with it. (Marks 20)

Q.5 Explain the concept of political culture and critically examine the reciprocal relationship between political culture and political participation. To what extent does political socialization mediate this relationship in shaping patterns of political engagement? In your answer, discuss how Almond and Verba's typology of political culture accounts for variations in participation across different political systems, and evaluate the influence of different variables in reinforcing or this cultural-behavioral nexus. (Marks 20)

Q.6 Explain *any one* of the following: (Marks 20)

- A. The early modern classifications of government and the underlying purpose behind such typologies.
- B. The manifestation of power and the various forms in which power operates.