

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 Political theorists emphasize that the modern State represents a unique and highly organized form of human association, distinguishable from other social groupings by its specific nature, institutional structure, and authoritative functions. In this context, how would you critically examine the concept of the 'State' and elaborate on its essential characteristics? Further, how would you differentiate the State from the broader and more fluid formations of society by analyzing their respective purposes, modes of organization, and the nature of obligations they impose on individuals? (Marks 20)

Q.2 Which type of state serves as a model of governance that seeks to ensure social security, economic justice, and a minimum standard of living for all citizens while preserving the spirit of private enterprise? In your answer, analyze its nature, underlying principles, and the inherent limitations and challenges it faces in achieving an equitable and progressive society. (Marks 20)

Q.3 Political culture and political socialization are deeply interlinked, as the culture of the masses shapes the patterns of socialization, which in turn determines the nature of political participation. Together, these variables give meaning and order to the relationship between polity and society by influencing political ideals, behavioral norms, and institutional practices. Critically examine this nexus, highlighting its relevance for understanding political participation, and substantiate your answer with relevant studies in this area. (Marks 20)

Q.4 Critically analyzing the concept of federalism as a dynamic and evolving system of governance discuss how it emerges from the practical necessities of multiple states seeking unity while preserving their independence. How does the Indian model of federation reconcile the classical principles of federalism with its unitary biases in political practice? In your analysis,

evaluate whether India's federal structure has progressively gravitated towards centralization or succeeded in maintaining a functional equilibrium between the Centre and the States.

(Marks 20)

Q.5 Explain *any one* of the following:

(Marks 20)

- A. The traditional classification of government along with its major criticisms.
- B. The relationship between power, authority, and legitimacy, supplemented with a critical appraisal of the concept of power.

Q.6 In which form of government does political power rest in the hands of a small, highly esteemed section of the community who are regarded as the 'best' or most virtuous individuals, and which Greek philosophers considered the most ideal or superior model of governance? Explain the nature, key characteristics, and philosophical foundations of this form of government, and critically evaluate its merits as well as its inherent limitations.

(Marks 20)