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NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

End Term Examination Nov-2023

Semester: UG I

Subject: Political Science I (Political Theory)

Time 3 Hours

Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Q.1 'With the growth in the functions of the state and the growing political consciousness, the study of polity extends to all human efforts relating to governance.' Justify the statement by explaining the meaning, nature and scope of Political Science and determine its importance by emphasizing the interdisciplinary nature of the subject, its intersections with other fields of academic study and also suggest potential areas of future research. (Marks 10+10=20)

Q.2 Which conception of the state emphasizes limited government intervention in citizens' lives, is often associated with laissez-faire capitalism and believes that fundamental purpose of the state is protection and government should only intervene in the lives of individuals to the extent necessary to protect their rights and maintain social order. Discuss the core concepts of this type of state in detail along with its limitations. (Marks 20)

Q.3 Compare and contrast the goals and methods of behavioralism and post-behavioralism in political theory and what insights have behavioralist approaches provided regarding the analysis of political development and change. Describe the critiques and limitations of behavioralist approaches in understanding the complex political dynamics and what did these criticisms eventually lead to. (Marks 10+10=20)

Q.4 Which social contract theory argues that humans are inherently competitive and incapable of cooperation or altruism without the constraints of a social contract and therefore supports a strong, authoritarian government to maintain order? Explain this theory and how this contractualist justifies the restrictions on civil liberties and individual freedoms in exchange for security and grants absolute power to a sovereign. Also give your opinion on whether it is realistic to expect a single authority to accurately represent the diverse interests and values of an entire society? (Marks 10+10=20)



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Q.5 Explaining how the mechanism of Government is different from the concepts of 'Political System' and 'Regime' highlight the purposes that classification of the government fulfills. Elaborate on the Classical typology of government and cyclic changes given by Aristotle and provide the critique to it. (Marks 5+15=20)

Q.6 Write short notes on the following

(Marks 10+10=20)

- i- Dialectic Materialism
- ii- Monarchy as a form of government