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# St. Clare College

Autonomous, Bengaluru

UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-MAY 2025  
BA Political Science II Semester  
PS 224: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY

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TIME: 3 hours.

MAX. MARKS: 80

This paper contains TWO printed pages and FOUR parts

## Instructions:

1. Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.
2. Any discrepancies or questions about the exam paper must be reported to the COE within 1 hour after the examination.
3. Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.

## PART-A

Answer ALL questions. Each answer carries ONE mark.

[ 1 x 10 = 10 ]

1. What does Political Theory primarily focus on?  
(a) Scientific laws of nature (b) Study of power, authority, and governance  
(c) Economic principles (d) Biological evolution
2. Which perspective of Political Theory emphasizes ideal moral principles and justice?  
(a) Materialist (b) Conservative (c) Idealist (d) Radical
3. The resurgence of Political Theory was largely influenced by which intellectual movement?  
(a) Postmodernism (b) Classical Liberalism (c) Structuralism (d) Romanticism
4. Direct Democracy was first practiced in which ancient city-state?  
(a) Rome (b) Athens (c) Sparta (d) Babylon
5. Pluralist theory of democracy argues that power is:  
(a) Concentrated in a ruling elite (b) Distributed among multiple interest groups  
(c) Held only by the government (d) Based on traditional monarchy
6. Which of the following is NOT an essential for a successful democracy?  
(a) Free and fair elections (b) Military rule (c) Rule of law (d) Protection of minority rights
7. Which of the following is NOT a core principle of Marxism?  
(a) Class struggle (b) Abolition of private property (c) Free-market capitalism (d) Proletarian revolution
8. Socialism advocates for:  
(a) Complete individual freedom in markets (b) Private ownership of all industries  
(c) Equal distribution of resources (d) Monarchical rule
9. Who among the following argued for secularism in India based on scientific humanism?  
(a) Nehru (b) Gandhi (c) Ambedkar (d) Savarkar
10. Green Politics is primarily concerned with:  
(a) Industrial growth (b) Environmental sustainability and social justice (c) Economic liberalization  
(d) Nationalism



## **PART-B**

**Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer carries TWO marks.**

**[2x 5= 10]**

11. What is the importance of political theory?
12. Define the materialistic perspective of political theory.
13. Write two differentiate between direct and indirect democracy.
14. What is the core idea of socialism?
15. Name two limitations of multiculturalism.
16. Mention one challenge faced by feminism today.
17. Mention any two characteristics of Marxism.

## **PART-C**

**Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks.**

**[5x 4= 20]**

18. How is Gandhism relevant in 21<sup>st</sup> century.
19. What is green politics? Discuss its importance.
20. What are the challenges faced by multicultural societies?
21. How does socialism differ from liberalism?
22. What are the essential conditions for the success of democracy?
23. Discuss the reason for the decline of political theory?

## **PART-D**

**Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries TEN marks.**

**[10x 4= 40]**

24. Compare and contrast the idealistic and materialistic perspective of political theory.
25. Explain the classical, liberal and pluralistic theories of democracy.
26. What are the different types of socialism? Discuss their features.
27. What is secularism? Discuss the debates on secularism with reference to Nehru and Ambedkar.
28. Define feminism. Discuss its nature and major challenges.
29. Compare and contrast feminism and green politics as contemporary political theories.

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