

2018/SEM/ODD/PLSH-101/330  
TDC Odd Semester Exam., 2018

POLITICAL SCIENCE  
(Honours)  
(1st Semester)

Course No. : PLSH-101

(Introduction to Political Theory—I)

Full Marks : 50

Pass Marks : 17

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions

Answer five questions, selecting one from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. Define political theory. Discuss the importance of the study of political theory.

3+7=10

2. Explain the nature of political theory. Point out the distinctions between normative political theory and empirical political theory.

5+5=10

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UNIT—II

3. Write a note on social contract theory of the origin of the State. Where does John Locke differ from Thomas Hobbes with their expositions of social contract theory? 5+5=10
4. Critically explain the Marxian concept of the nature and origin of the State. 10.

UNIT—III

5. State Austin's theory of sovereignty. Write the defects of the theory. 6+4=10
6. What are the important factors responsible for the development of pluralism? What are the limitations of this theory? 5+5=10

UNIT—IV

7. Point out the differences between power and authority. How does legitimacy determine the effectiveness of an authority? 5+5=10
8. Define Legitimacy. What are different types of legitimacy according to David Easton? 4+6=10

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UNIT—V



9. Discuss critically the Elite theory of power as enunciated by Mosca and Michels. 5+5=10
10. Explain the Marxist theory of power. How is the Marxist theory different from the Elite theory? 6+4=10

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