

4/POL-250 Syllabus-2023

2026

(May-June)

FYUP : 4th Semester Examination

POLITICAL SCIENCE

**(Classical Tradition in Western
Political Thoughts)**

(POL-250)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

Answer *any* **five** questions.

1. Critically discuss Plato's theory of Justice. 15
2. Analyze Aristotle's idea of State as an 'organic institution' whose purpose is to 'achieve common good'. 15
3. Assess the extent to which Machiavelli's cynical conception of human nature serves as the foundation for his pragmatic approach to statecraft. 15

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4. "Covenants without the sword, are but words and of no strength to secure a man at all." (Hobbes) Comment. 15
5. What is Rousseau's General Will? Critically discuss its characteristics. 3+12=15
6. Examine Edmund Burke's idea of Tradition. 15
7. Give an appraisal of J. S. Mill's idea of Liberty. 15
8. Critically explain T. H. Green's idea of Positive Liberty. 15
9. Write a note on Hegel's dialectical derivation of Family (thesis), Civil Society (antithesis) and State (synthesis). 15
10. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15
 - (a) Locke's idea of Limited Government
 - (b) Rawls' theory of Justice
 - (c) Bentham's idea of Utility
 - (d) Plato's theory of Communism
 - (e) Mill on Subjugation of Women

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