

4/POL-250 Syllabus-2023

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(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
Communism of wives and property. 15
2. Examine Aristotle's idea of slavery. 15

3. "The prince must appeal all sincerity, all uprightness, all humanity, all religion, but he must have his mind disciplined that when it is necessary to save the State he can act regardless of these." In the light of the given statement, discuss Machiavelli's ideas on the relationship between religion and politics. 15
4. "I authorise and give up my right of governing myself, to this man, or to this assembly of men, on this condition, that thou give up thy right to him, and authorise all his actions in like manner." Analyse how this statement lays the foundation for Hobbesian idea of political obligation. 15
5. Critically discuss Locke's theory of natural rights with special reference to right to property. 15
6. "People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors." In the light of this statement, discuss the importance of tradition according to Edmund Burke. 15
7. Critically discuss Bentham's theory of utilitarianism. 15

8. Analyse Hegel's theory of State. 15
9. Write a note on Rawls' theory of justice. 15
10. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15
- (a) Aristotle on the origin of State
 - (b) Rousseau's General Will
 - (c) J. S. Mill's idea of liberty
 - (d) Locke's idea of revolution
 - (e) T. H. Green's idea of positive liberty
