

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
GANDHINAGAR**

Course: **Introduction to Political Science**
Semester- I (Batch: 2022-27)

End Semester Examination: November 2022

Date: 10th Nov, 2022

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 50

Instructions:

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- Do not write anything on the question paper.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answer.
- No questions or clarification can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.
- Word Limit: 10 Marks: 600-650 words, 5 Marks: 200-250 words.

Part A

Marks

Answer **Any Three** of the following:

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| Q.1 | Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau provide different accounts of the state of nature and the need for a sovereign or civil government. Discuss the statement by bringing out the main view of each theorist in reference to the above statement. | (10) |
| Q.2 | Political thinkers have attempted to explain the origin of the state in various ways. Which theory or theories best explain the idea of the origin of the state, while discussing some of the major theories of the origin of the state. | (10) |
| Q.3 | Discuss the importance of philosophical and historical approach to the analysis of political science. How has behaviouralism, especially as espoused by David Easton, challenged the normative approach to the study of political science? | (10) |
| Q.4 | Throughout the history of the discipline, political theorists and practitioners have offered multiple, at times contradictory, at times overlapping definitions of what politics involves. Explore some of the more salient definitions of politics as provided by Andrew Heywood and critically examine it with justification. | (10) |

Part B

Answer briefly **any four** of the following:

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| Q.5 | Declaration of Independence IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776. “... <i>We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness... That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—</i> | (5) |
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Discuss how the declaration statement reflect the liberal idea espoused by John Locke

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| Q.6 | Discuss in brief the elements of the state as discussed by Kautilya in the ‘Arthashastra’. | (5) |
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- Q.7 Define sovereignty. Discuss the concept of popular and titular sovereignty. (5)
- Q.8 The idea of justice occupies centre stage both in ethics, and in legal and political philosophy, yet the meaning of social justice remains unclear and divergent and thus fails to capture the way people, in general, think about issues of social justice. Do you think David Miller's attempt to bring out some underlying principles of justice helps us to determine the situation that is just or unjust? Discuss. (5)
- Q.9 The feminist movement has not only challenged but also changed the understanding of politics. Discuss. (5)
