PG Odd Semester (CBCS) Exam., December—2016

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(1st Semester)

Course No. : PLS–101 (C)

(Political Philosophy : The Classical Tradition)

Full Marks : 75
Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer **five** questions, selecting **one** from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. Critically examine the idea of justice articulated by Plato. 15

2. Explain Aristotle's methodology of studying politics by taking example of his classification of constitutions. 15

UNIT—II

3. Critically analyze Augustine's political philosophy concerning relationship between the Church and the State. 15

4. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 7½×2=15

(a) Theory of Two Swords

(b) St. Thomas' Idea of Nature and Society

(c) Nature of Law

UNIT—III

5. "Machiavelli considers political absolutism as important for maintaining stability in States." Do you agree? Justify your answer. 15

6. Analyze main aspects of Montesquieu's political philosophy. 15

UNIT—IV

7. Critically analyze social contract theory of Hobbes. 15

8. Why does Locke consider human nature as basically good? Explain his idea of State of nature. 15

UNIT—V

9. Give a detailed account of different approaches to social contract by Locke, Hobbes and Rousseau. 15

10. "Rousseau is truly a liberal democrat." Do you agree? Explain your answer. 15

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