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**V Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular/Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, November 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)
Core Course in Philosophy
5B09 PHI : SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

**PART – A
(Short Answer)**

Answer **all** questions. Each answer carries **1** mark.

(6×1=6)

1. What are the main groups in the Varna System ?
2. What is meant by the dictatorship of the proletariat ?
3. Enumerate the main topics explored in social and political philosophy.
4. What is rule of law in a democracy ?
5. Gandhi said that means are everything. Justify.
6. What are the components of a state ?

**PART – B
(Short Essay)**

Answer **any six** questions. Each answer carries **2** marks.

(6×2=12)

7. How is Sarvodaya related to Swaraj ?
8. Explain the features of guild socialism.
9. How are social and political philosophy different from each other ?
10. In what ways does fascism control political opposition ?
11. How does citizenship define a population ?
12. Discuss how John Locke described the social contract.

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13. What are the key forms of alienation in Marxist theory ?
14. How do Varna and Ashrama together define an individual's role in society ?

**PART – C
(Essay)**

Answer **any four** questions. Each answer carries **3** marks.

(4×3=12)

15. Comment on the methods through which aristocracy maintain its power and influence.
16. Explain the potential drawbacks of party-less democracy.
17. Discuss the role of education in overcoming caste-based divisions according to Sri Narayana Guru.
18. Elaborate on the differences between moral authority and coercive authority in Gandhi's thought.
19. Explain the role of sovereignty in a nation-state.
20. Describe the scope of social and political philosophy.

**PART – D
(Long Essay)**

Answer **any two** questions. Each answer carries **5** marks.

(2×5=10)

21. Critically examine the strengths and weaknesses of the Marxist theory of class struggle.
22. Discuss Gandhi's idea of Harijan and its significance.
23. Evaluate the relevance of Bakunin's critique of authority in today's political system.
24. Explain the relation between individual and society in organic theory.