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Second Semester M.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Reg.)

Examination, April 2026

(2025 Admission)

GOVERNANCE AND POLITICS

MAGAP02C07 : Western Political Thought

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

SECTION – A
(Easy Type Questions)

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** question carries **10** marks.

1. Critically analyse Louis Althusser's concept of Ideological State Apparatus in the context of Marxist political theory.
2. Examine Rousseau's critique of civil society and its implications for political authority.
3. Discuss the origin and development of Roman Political Thought with special reference to Cicero.
4. Analyse the philosophical significance of Plato's Allegory of the Cave in understanding his political theory. **(2×10=20)**

SECTION – B
(Short Essay Questions)

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **5** marks.

5. Examine Aristotle's methodological approach to the study of politics.
6. Analyse St. Augustine's conception of the state and political authority.
7. Examine the philosophical foundations of the Social Contract Theory.

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8. Discuss the principal features of Marxist political thought.
9. Analyse Plato's concept of the guardian class in the ideal state.
10. Examine Machiavelli's doctrine of political realism.
11. Discuss Bentham's concept of the Panopticon and its significance for governance. **(5×5=25)**

SECTION – C
(Paragraph Questions)

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

12. Philosopher King.
13. City of God.
14. Natural Rights.
15. Historical Materialism.
16. Cultural Hegemony.
17. Classification of Constitutions.
18. Natural Law.
19. General Will. **(5×3=15)**