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Second Semester M.A. Degree (C.B.S.S. – Supple./Imp.)
Examination, April 2026
(2022 to 2024 Admissions)
GOVERNANCE AND POLITICS
GAP2C07 : Western Political Thought

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

Answer **any ten** questions (**Paragraph**).

(10×2=20)

1. Greek Rationalism.
2. Philosopher-King.
3. Scholasticism.
4. Earthly city.
5. Political realism.
6. Scientific materialism.
7. Popular sovereignty.
8. Noble savage.
9. Felicific calculus.
10. Dialectical method.
11. Alienation.
12. Hegemony.

SECTION – B

Answer **any six** questions (**Short Éssay**).

(6×5=30)

13. Examine Plato's concept of justice and harmony.
14. What does Aristotle believe is the primary purpose of the State ?

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15. Explain St. Augustine's view of the relationship between Church and State.
16. Define universal egoism as explained by Machiavelli.
17. How did the idea of the social contract change the understanding of political legitimacy ?
18. What is Hobbes' view on the nature of human beings in the state of nature ?
19. Explain the role of pleasure and pain in Bentham's theory of utilitarianism.
20. How does Marx discuss the concept of class in his analysis of society ?

SECTION – C

Answer **any two** questions (**Essay**).

(2×15=30)

21. Define the concept of political thought and trace its evolution in the Western tradition.
22. Evaluate the relevance of Locke's views on revolution and resistance in addressing modern political injustices.
23. Examine J. S. Mill's ideas on liberty and representative government.
24. Explain the relationship between ideology and power in Gramsci's theory of hegemony.