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Second Semester M.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Reg./Supple./Imp.)
Examination, April 2026
(2023 Admission Onwards)

PHILOSOPHY

MAPHL02C08 : Key Concepts in Political Philosophy

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

PART – A

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

1. Define politics as understood in political philosophy.
2. Distinguish between negative and positive liberty.
3. Write a short note on human rights.
4. Briefly explain Hobbes' view of human nature.
5. What is nationalism?
6. Identify the significance of citizenship in modern states.

(5×3=15)

PART – B

Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **six** marks.

7. Explain why political philosophy is necessary.
8. Discuss Rawls' idea of justice as fairness.
9. Examine Ambedkar's concept of equality.
10. Analyse Marxist understanding of the state.
11. Explain Gandhi's idea of questioning authority.

(3×6=18)

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PART – C

Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **nine** marks.

12. Analyse different traditions in political theory.
13. Critically examine Rawls' theory of justice in the light of Amartya Sen's critique.
14. Evaluate the relevance of Ambedkar's idea of equality in contemporary India.
15. Examine the concept of sovereignty of the context of recent debates.
16. Analyse nationalism with reference to Gellner, Anderson and Chatterjee. (3×9=27)

