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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Major 3rd Semester Examination, 2025

POL SMAJ305-POLITICAL SCIENCE

WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

Answer any *two* questions from the following

15×2 = 30

1. Critically evaluate Aristotle's views on the general and particular causes of Revolution. 15
2. Evaluate Bodin's theory of Sovereignty. 15
3. Critically discuss John Locke's theory of Government. 15
4. Briefly examine Marxian theory of class and class struggle. 15

GROUP-B

Write short answer to any *two* of the following questions

6×2 = 12

5. Briefly discuss Plato's views on Ideal State. 6
6. Evaluate Machiavelli's views on State. 6
7. Discuss Rousseau's theory of General Will. 6
8. Briefly discuss Hegel's idea of Civil Society. 6

GROUP-C

9. Write short notes on any *two* of the following:

3×2 = 6

- (a) Aristotle's classification of government. 3
- (b) Machiavelli's views on Ends-and-Means. 3
- (c) Mill's views on Liberty. 3
- (d) Thomas Hobbe's on Sovereignty. 3

GROUP-D

10. Write very short answers to the following questions:

1×12 = 12

- (i) Who authored the Republic: Concerning Justice?
- (ii) What is the name of the school founded by Aristotle?
- (iii) Which Western Political Thinker is referred to as the Child of Renaissance?

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- (iv) Who defined sovereignty as "Supreme power over citizens and subjects, unrestrained by law"?
- (v) Leviathan is a work by which Political Thinker?
- (vi) Who wrote 'Two Treatises on Civil Government'?
- (vii) With whom is the idea of General Will associated?
- (viii) Who is the author of An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation?
- (ix) Which Western Political Thinker is critiqued by Ernest Barker as being "a prophet of empty liberty and abstract individual"?
- (x) Who held the idea that "all states are rational in so far as they represent the various states of unfolding of Reason"?
- (xi) Who held the view that "The whole of what is called world history is nothing but the creation of man by human labour"?
- (xii) Who is the author of the Book "Open Society and its Enemies"?

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POLSMJ306-POLITICAL SCIENCE

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

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GROUP-A

Answer any two questions of the following

15×2 = 30

1. Discuss the meaning, evolution and scope of International Relations as a subject. 3+4+8
2. Examine the core assumptions of Realism in International Relations. How does Neo-Realism differ from Classical Realism? 10+5
3. Examine the major features of the Post-Cold War Order. How did the end of Cold War reshape Global politics? 15
4. Critically analyse the political, economic and cultural dimensions of Globalisation in the contemporary world. 15

GROUP-B

Answer any two questions of the following

6×2 = 12

5. Define diplomacy. Briefly comment on the ‘Decline of Diplomacy’ in the recent times. 6
6. Briefly explain the relevance of Marxist theory in international relations. 6
7. What are the major phases of the Cold War? 6
8. Mention any three global initiatives to address climate change. 6

GROUP-C

9. Write short notes on any two of the following:

3×2 = 6

- (a) Balance of Power 3
- (b) Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) 3
- (c) Non-State Actors 3
- (d) Terrorism. 3

GROUP-D

10. Answer *all* the questions below:

1×12 = 12

- (a) Who wrote the book 'Politics Among Nations'?
- (b) In which year was the United Nations established?
- (c) Name the theory that emphasizes power and national interest.
- (d) Which theory highlights cooperation and international institutions?
- (e) What is the full form of NATO?
- (f) In which year was the Treaty of Westphalia signed?
- (g) Which international treaty governs diplomatic relations among states?
- (h) Name the terrorist organisation responsible for the 9/11 attacks.
- (i) Who is most famously associated with "Shuttle Diplomacy"?
- (j) Who developed the concept of Neo-Realism?
- (k) Name one Feminist scholar in International Relation.
- (l) What do you mean by policy of 'Detente' in terms of Cold War?

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