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**University of Kerala**

Fourth Semester FYUGP Degree Examination, May 2026

Discipline Specific Core Course

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**UK4DSCPOS201 - Concepts in Political Theory**

Academic Level: 200-299

**2024 Admission**

**Time: 2 Hours(120 Mins)**

**Max. Marks: 56**

**Part A. 6 Marks:Time 5 Minutes.(Cognitive Level :Remember(RE)/Understand(UN)) Objective Type.1 mark each, Answer all questions**

| Qn No. | Question                                            | CL | CO |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| 1      | Define Behaviouralism.                              | RE | 2  |
| 2      | State any two elements of the state                 | RE | 4  |
| 3      | Historical Approach                                 | UN | 1  |
| 4      | Brief note on the idea of State.                    | UN | 2  |
| 5      | Pure Science approach                               | UN | 1  |
| 6      | What does the 'scope' of Political Theory refer to? | UN | 1  |

**Part B. 10 Marks.Time:20 Minutes (Cognitive Level:Understand(UN)/Apply(AP))Two-three sentences.2 marks each.Answer all questions**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                 | CL | CO |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| 7      | Explain the significance of Neo-Marxism in political theory                              | UN | 2  |
| 8      | What are four major criticisms of traditional approaches to political theory?            | UN | 2  |
| 9      | Apply the concept of liberal state to the protection of individual rights.               | AP | 4  |
| 10     | Explain the significance of Subaltern Studies in understanding marginalised communities. | AP | 2  |
| 11     | Apply the legal approach to explain constitutional governance                            | AP | 2  |

**Part C. 16 Marks.Time:35 Minutes.(Cognitive Level :Apply(AP)/Analyse(AN))Short Answer.4 marks each, Answer all 4 questions,choosing among options \* within each question**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | CL | CO   |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------|
| 12     | <p>A)</p> <p>Illustrate how feminist theories of justice can contribute to women empowerment and inclusivity with special reference to the Me Too Movement</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B)</p> <p>Illustrate how Amartya Sen explains Justice as Freedom.</p>          | AP | 3, 3 |
| 13     | <p>A)</p> <p>Identify the major criticisms of justice given by communitarian and libertarian thinkers.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B)</p> <p>Examine the characteristics of Behaviouralism that brought a revolution in the modern research in political science.</p> | AP | 3, 4 |
| 14     | <p>A)</p> <p>Analyse how John Rawls' idea of 'Justice as Fairness' addresses the issues of inequality in a society where caste, ethnicity, and communalism prevail.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B)</p> <p>Explain the nature and relevance of Political Theory.</p>   | AN | 3, 1 |
| 15     | <p>A)</p> <p>Is a classless, stateless society practical today? Give one argument for and one against.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B)</p> <p>Analyse the impact of 'Credo of Relevance' in revamping the modern day research.</p>                                     | AN | 2, 2 |

**Part D. 24 Marks. Time: 60 Minutes. (Cognitive Level : Analyse(AN)/Evaluate(EV)/Create(CR)) Long Answer 6 Marks each. Answer all 4 questions choosing among options \* within each question**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | CL | CO   |
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| 16     | <p>A)</p> <p>Compare the major features of the behavioral and post behavioral approaches in Political Science and analyse how the credo of relevance transformed Political Science into a more action oriented discipline.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B)</p> <p>Analyse the normative and empirical dimensions of political theory</p> | AN | 1, 1 |

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CL | CO   |
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| 17     | <p>A)<br/>Evaluate Foucault's theory of power in modern society.</p> <p>OR<br/>B)<br/>Critically assess the relevance of liberal theories of liberty in balancing national security and individual freedom.</p>                  | EV | 3, 3 |
| 18     | <p>A)<br/>Evaluate how Critical perspective contribute to the development of contemporary Political Theory</p> <p>OR<br/>B)<br/>Evaluate the significance of political theory in contemporary political analysis .</p>           | EV | 2, 2 |
| 19     | <p>A)<br/>Illustrate how the various elements of state contribute to build the modern notion of Nation State System.</p> <p>OR<br/>B)<br/>Formulate strategies to strengthen democratic participation through civil society.</p> | CR | 4, 4 |