

**Semester: 3**

**PSC-2nd year**

**Name of the Paper: Ancient and Medieval Indian Political Thought**

**Question Bank**

1. Discuss Kautilya's Saptanga theory of state. How does it reflect the pragmatic realism of ancient Indian political thought?
2. Examine the concept of Rajadharma in Manusmriti. How does it differ from Kautilya's approach to kingship?
3. Analyze the role of Sabha and Samiti in Vedic political institutions. What was their significance in tribal governance?
4. Critically evaluate Ziya Barani's concept of ideal kingship in medieval India. How did Islamic principles influence his political thought?
5. Compare the political ideas of Al-Beruni and Abul Fazl regarding state-society relations in medieval India.
6. Discuss the theory of Kingship in medieval Indian thought with special reference to the concept of the "Good Sultan".
7. Examine the impact of Bhakti movement thinkers on medieval political philosophy and social equality.
8. Analyze the synthesis of Hindu and Islamic political traditions in medieval Indian statecraft.