

Semester: 3

PSC-2nd year

Name of the Paper: Political Theory Concept and Debates

Question Bank

1. What is Political Theory? Discuss its significance and distinguish between its normative and empirical dimensions.
2. Examine the debate between positive and negative liberty. Which conception is more suitable for contemporary democracies?
3. Critically analyze the concept of equality of opportunity versus equality of outcome. What are their implications for social justice?
4. Discuss the relationship between rights and duties. Is there a hierarchy between individual rights and collective obligations?
5. Elaborate on the concept of sovereignty. How do contemporary challenges like globalization affect state sovereignty?
6. Analyze the debate on distributive justice. Compare Rawls' difference principle with Nozick's entitlement theory.
7. What is legitimacy? Discuss the sources of political legitimacy in modern democracies.
8. Examine the tension between democracy and development. Can economic growth compromise democratic values?