

Semester: 7

Course: MAJOR

PSC/ BAP 4rd year

Name of the Paper: Themes in Western Political Thought

Question Bank

1. Discuss Plato's concept of justice in *The Republic*. How does it relate to the ideal state and philosopher-king?
2. Examine Aristotle's classification of constitutions. What is polity and why does he prefer it over other forms?
3. Analyze Machiavelli's views on power and statecraft in *The Prince*. Was he a teacher of evil?
4. Elaborate on Hobbes' concept of the state of nature and social contract. Why did he advocate absolute sovereignty?
5. Compare Locke's and Rousseau's theories of social contract. How do their views on liberty differ?
6. Discuss J.S. Mill's concept of liberty and the harm principle. Evaluate its relevance in contemporary society.
7. Critically examine Marx's theory of historical materialism and class struggle.
8. Analyze Rawls' theory of justice as fairness. How does the veil of ignorance ensure impartiality?