

**Semester: 8**

**BAP– 4th year**

**Name of the Paper: Political Ideas of Ancient India**

**Question Bank**

1. Discuss the sources of ancient Indian political thought. How do Vedic literature, epics, and Arthashastra contribute to our understanding?
2. Examine Kautilya's Saptanga theory of state. What are its key elements and relevance to modern statecraft?
3. Critically analyze the concept of Rajadharma in Manusmriti. How does it differ from Kautilya's pragmatic approach?
4. What is Dharma? Discuss its role as the foundation of political order in ancient Indian thought.
5. Examine the political ideas in Mahabharata and Ramayana. How do they reflect ethical governance?
6. Discuss the republican tradition in ancient India. Analyze the functioning of Sabha and Samiti.
7. What is the significance of Danda in ancient Indian political philosophy? How did Kautilya justify its use?
8. Critically evaluate the orientalist, nationalist, and Marxist interpretations of ancient Indian political thought.