KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
MA 1st Sem. Examination, 2014
Paper - 01
Recent Political Theory

Time : 3 Hrs.   Full Marks : 80

1. Answer any five questions from the following (each within 50 words)   2×5 = 10
    (a) What is the distinction between 'politics' and 'political theory'.
    (b) What is the relevance of the welfare state in modern times.
    (c) What do you mean by the Rational Choice theory in political economy.
    (d) What do you mean by historical materialism.
    (e) Define hegemony as put forward by Antonio Gramsci.
    (f) What do you mean by hyperfactualism.
    (g) What do you mean by direct democracy? Why is it not possible to practice the same in modern times?

2. Answer any three from the following (each within 100 words)   4×3 = 12
    (a) Discuss Daniel Bells' concept of end of ideology.
    (b) 'Individuals flourish only in an atmosphere of socially cooperative human activity'. Explain.
    (c) Discuss the subaltern view of justice.
    (d) What conditions are necessary for the successful working of democracy.
    (e) Trace the origin of justice.

3. Answer any three questions from the following (each within 200 words)   6×3 = 18
    (a) Discuss the merits of democracy.
    (b) Discuss the need felt by Rawls to revive the social contract theory.
    (c) Discuss the contribution of Green towards the growth of the communitarian theory.
    (d) Discuss the basic political and economic ideas of Keynes.
    (e) Discuss the concept of 'circulation of elites'.

4. Answer any four questions (limit your answer within 400 words each)   10×4 = 40
    (a) Discuss the elite theory of democracy.
    (b) Discuss Karl Marx's theory of class conflict.
    (c) Discuss Robert Nozick's version of the liberatarian theory of justice.
    (d) Justify the causes of decline of political theory.
    (e) Discuss critically the deductive approach to the study of political theory.
    (f) Define the concept of 'veil of ignorance'.

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