

2019

M.Phil.

2nd Semester Examination  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Paper - PLS 123

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.  
Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**Group - A**

1. Examine the importance of soft power in international relations today. 15

*Or,*

Discuss, with suitable examples, the difference between 'soft-power' and 'sharp power'.

2. What do you mean by 'Washington Consensus' ?

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*[ Turn Over ]*

*Or,*

State, in brief, the views of John Ikenberry on the contemporary liberal order.

**Group - B**

3. Comment on the defence and security policies of Japan in the post cold war years. 15

*Or,*

Write a note on the prospects and challenges in respect of India-Japan strategic partnership in the 21st century.

4. Discuss, in brief, the importance of South-China Sea. 5

*Or,*

Briefly comment on India's strategic interests in South China Sea.

[Internal Assessment - 10 marks]

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