

2022

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PAPER—PLS—401

MAJOR POLITICAL THINKERS:

TEXTUAL READINGS

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. Answer any two questions.

2×2

(a) When was the book 'Annihilation of Caste' published?

(b) In which context did Ambedkar write 'Annihilation of Caste'?

(Turn Over)

(c) When was the book 'Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule' published and by whom?

(d) Define 'true civilisation'.

2. Answer any *two* questions.

2×4

(a) Write a note on Rabindranath Tagore's attitude towards the British as expressed in *Crisis in Civilization*.

(b) Can we consider Rabindranath Tagore as an optimist? Argue your case.

(c) Write a brief note on Gandhi's views on modern civilisation.

(d) Would you agree with the statement of Ambedkar that 'caste prevents the Hindus from forming a real society or nation'? Give reasons.

3. Answer any *one* question.

1×8

(a) Critically discuss the central arguments of the book '*Annihilation of Caste*'.

- (b) Analyse the main ideas of Gandhi discussed in the book '*Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule*'. Consider its contemporary relevance.

Group - B

4. Answer any *two* questions. 2×2

(a) Write the full form of DDT.

(b) In which year was *Silent Spring* published?

(c) In which year did Leon Faucher draw up rules/timetables 'for House of young prisoners in Paris'?

(d) Which thinker is credited for popularizing the contemporary idea of the Panopticon?

5. Answer any *two* questions. 2×4

(a) Write an essay on the natural forms of pest control.

- (b) How did the use of chemicals since the mid-1940s blur the distinction between insecticides and biocides?
- (c) Write an essay on the Foucauldian concept of the 'Carceral Archipelago'.
- (d) Elaborate the dictum: 'not to punish less, but to punish better'.

6. Answer any *one* question.

1×8

- (a) Discuss, after Rachel Carson, the negative effects of DDT on natural environment.
- (b) Elaborate on the difference between torture and discipline as explained by Michel Foucault.

[Internal assessment - 10]
