

2015

M.A.

3rd Semester Examination

POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH RURAL ADMINISTRATION

COURSE—PLS-303

[Liberal Political Theories]

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand 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

(20 marks)

1. Answer any one of the following : 1×10

(a) Define Science. Examine the salient features of scientific knowledge.

(Turn Over)

- (b) Identify the basic postulates of positivism as developed by August Comte.

2. Answer any *two* of the following : 2×5

- (a) What did the classical liberals mean by a 'minimal state'?
- (b) How would you distinguish between 'negative' and 'positive' freedom?
- (c) Write a brief note on the Beveridge Report (1942).

Group-B

(20 marks)

3. Answer any *one* of the following : 1×10

- (a) What does John Rawls mean by 'justice as fairness'? Elaborate.
- (b) Analyse the basic tenets of Communitarianism.

4. Answer any *two* of the following : 2×5

- (a) What does Robert Dahl mean by 'polyarchy'?
- (b) Identify, after C. B. Macpherson, the salient features of a 'possesive market society'.
- (c) Point out, in brief, any two of the criticisms against the Rawlsian concept of justice.

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]
