

**2023**

**M.A.**

**4th Semester Examination**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**PAPER : PLS-401**

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 hours*

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

Answer from **both** the Groups as directed.

**GROUP—A**

1. Answer **any two** questions from the following :

2×2=4

(a) In which year *Crisis in Civilisation* was published?

(b) What is the connotation of the term *Satyagraha*?

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(c) In which context did Gandhi coin the term *Satyagraha*?

(d) What was the most influential work of Ambedkar on caste?

2. Answer **any two** questions from the following :

4×2=8

(a) Write briefly on the context of *Crisis in Civilisation*.

(b) Briefly compare between Passive Resistance and *Satyagraha*.

(c) Write a short note on Ambedkar's main arguments in *Annihilation of Caste*.

(d) Point out in brief the main differences in the views of Gandhi and Ambedkar on 'caste'.

3. Answer **any one** question from the following :

8×1=8

(a) "Today I live in the hope that the Saviour is coming — that he will be born in our midst in the poverty-shamed hovel which is India." (Tagore, *Crisis in Civilisation*) Explicate.

(b) "The principle called *Satyagraha* came into being before that name was invented." (Gandhi, *An Autobiography*) Discuss, following Gandhi, the events that led to the invention of the word *Satyagraha*.

## GROUP—B

4. Answer *any two* questions from the following :  
2×2=4
- (a) Who originated the idea of the Panopticon?
  - (b) In which year the public execution of Darniens took place?
  - (c) In which year did Habermas first deliver the talk on “Modernity - An Incomplete Project”?
  - (d) In which essay did Charles Taylor elaborate his views on ‘identity’?
5. Answer *any two* questions from the following :  
4×2=8
- (a) How did Foucault describe the two images of discipline in France?
  - (b) Write a short note on the Foucauldian concept of Normalizing Judgement.
  - (c) “... should we try to hold on the *intentions* of Enlightenment feeble as they may be, or should we declare the entire project of modernity a lost case?” (Habermas) Briefly explain the statement.
  - (d) What significance, according to Taylor, does the modern notion of ‘dignity’ carry in place of the old notion of ‘honour’?

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6. Answer *any one* question from the following :

8×1=8

- (a) Discuss, following Foucault, the transition of the penal system in Western society from punishment to discipline.
- (b) “Non-recognition or misrecognition can inflict harm, can be a form of oppression, imprisoning someone in a false, distorted, and reduced mode of being.” (Charles Taylor) Explain after Taylor with suitable examples.

**[ Internal Assessment : 10 Marks ]**

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