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**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

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Political Science

POL 3C 10—POLITICAL THEORY : MARXIAN TRADITION

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Section A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any four questions.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Democratic Centralism.
2. Class-Struggle.
3. Concept of New Democracy.
4. Scientific Socialism.
5. Dialectical Materialism.
6. “Communist Manifesto”.
7. Gramsci on Civil Society.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Section B (Short Essay Questions)

*Answer any four questions.**Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Examine Engele’s views on Family and Private Property.
9. State and criticise Marxian interpretation of Capitalism and its inner contradictions.
10. Setforth Althusser’s structuralist interpretation of Marxism.
11. Outline the contributions of Frankfurt school to Political Theory.

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12. Explain Lenin's Theory of Imperialism.
13. Distinguish between Bourgeois Revolution and Proletarian Revolution.
14. Discuss the relevance and significance of the study of Marxism.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Section C (Essay Questions)

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Explain Marxian Theory of Alienation.
16. Examine Mao's views and ideas on contradiction in Society.
17. Comment on Gramsci as a theoretician of Super Structure.
18. Critically examine Lenin's vision of Communist Party and its role in Revolution.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

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[Improvement Candidates need not appear for MCQ Part]

(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

Time : 20 Minutes**Total No. of Questions : 20****Maximum : 5 Weightage**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

1. This Question Paper carries Multiple Choice Questions from 1 to 20.
2. The candidate should check that the question paper supplied to him/her contains all the 20 questions in serial order.
3. Each question is provided with choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) having one correct answer. Choose the correct answer and enter it in the main answer-book.
4. The MCQ question paper will be supplied after the completion of the descriptive examination.

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. Which one of the following is not true about Marxian Socialism ?
(A) Capital is a theft. (B) State will wither away.
(C) State promotes interests of all. (D) State sides with the rich and not the poor.
2. Which of the following is not an aspect of alienation in capitalist societies ?
(A) Alienation from the product activity.
(B) Alienation from the products.
(C) Alienation from species.
(D) Alienation from wages.
3. According Karl Marx societies have along been divided between :
(A) Corporates and Politicians. (B) Farmers and Industrialists.
(C) Poor and Peasants. (D) Rich and Poor.
4. 'Vanguard of the Proletariat' was meant to give leadership to _____ ?
(A) Unemployed youth. (B) Military.
(C) Elite. (D) Working class.
5. Lenin said "We cannot imagine democracy, even proletarian democracy, without representative institutions, but we can and must imagine democracy without _____.
(A) Capitalism. (B) Parliamentarism.
(C) Socialism. (D) Dictatorship.
6. Who said the following "Capitalism has grown into a world system of colonial oppression and of the financial strangulation of the overwhelming majority of the population of the world by a handful of 'advanced' countries. And this 'booty' is shared between two or three powerful world plunderers armed to the teeth, who are drawing the whole world into their war over the division of their booty" ?
(A) Bukharin. (B) Trotsky.
(C) Khrushchev. (D) Lenin.

7. The Long March is significant in Chinese history because it :

- (A) Ended Japanese occupation of China.
- (B) Reinforced the concept of the Mandate of Heaven.
- (C) Caused the Boxer Rebellion.
- (D) Established Mao Zedong as a revolutionary leader.

8. In China the terms Long March and Little Red Book are most closely associated with the :

- (A) Economic policies of the Kuomintang.
- (B) Expulsion of foreigners during the Boxer Rebellion.
- (C) Foreign policy under Deng Xiaoping.
- (D) Leadership of Mao Zedong.

9. Mao Zedong suggested that China :

- (A) Create a government under the leadership of industrialists.
- (B) Give up its independence and become a part of the Soviet Union .
- (C) Rely on the United Nations for economic aid.
- (D) Join with the Soviet Union as a partner in communism.

10. The Sepoy Rebellion was to India as the Boxer Rebellion was to :

- (A) Russia.
- (B) China.
- (C) Japan.
- (D) Italy.

11. Which event is the best example of imperialism ?

- (A) The Opium Wars in China.
- (B) The Spanish Inquisition.
- (C) The Yalta Conference.
- (D) The Hundred Years' War.

12. Communism is :

- (A) An economic system in which investment and ownership is controlled by private corporations or individuals.
- (B) A political and economic system that aims to create a classless society where the state controls the means of production and wealth.
- (C) Commercialism.
- (D) A government by the people.

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13. Who among the following theorized civil society as an ideological domain ?

(A) Karl Marx. (B) Hegel.
(C) Antonio Gramsci. (D) Noam Chomsky.

14. Gramsci was one of the most important Marxist thinkers of the 20th century, and a particularly key thinker in the development of :

(A) Academic Marxism. (B) Western Marxism.
(C) Orthodox Marxism. (D) None of these.

15. Gramsci shifted the focus of Marxist analysis through which of the following ideas ?

(A) That consent for a particular social was produced and reproduced through the operation of hegemony.
(B) That consent for a particular social and political system was produced and reproduced through the operation of hegemony.
(C) That consent for a particular political system was produced and reproduced through the operation of hegemony.
(D) None of these.

16. Majority of Gramsci's intellectual work is well elucidated in his :

(A) Prison Notebooks. (B) Newspaper Articles.
(C) Novels. (D) Books.

17. Which concept is considered as the original contribution of Gramsci to the theory and practice of Marxism ?

(A) Concept of Class Struggle. (B) Concept of Hegemony.
(C) Concept of Revolution. (D) Concept of Classless Society.

18. Which among the following is not the component of Ideological State apparatus ?

(A) The religious Ideological State Apparatus.
(B) The educational Ideological State Apparatus.
(C) The Military Ideological State Apparatus.
(D) The Cultural Ideological State Apparatus.

19. Who among the following was influenced by the ideas of Althusser ?

- (A) Antonio Gramsci.
- (B) Lenin.
- (C) Karl Marx.
- (D) Nicos Poulantzas.

20. Frankfurt School's central concern is :

- (A) Absolute Monarchy.
- (B) Parliamentarism.
- (C) Domination.
- (D) Serfdom.