

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Maximum Marks: 80)

(Time allowed: Three hours)

*(Candidates are allowed additional 15 minutes for **only** reading the paper.
They must NOT start writing during this time.)*

*Answer **Question 1** (compulsory) from Part I, and **five** questions from Part II,
choosing **three** questions from Section A and **two** questions from Section B.
The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].*

PART I (20 Marks)

*Answer **all** questions.*

Question 1

Answer briefly each of the questions (i) to (x).

[10 × 2]

- (i) What is meant by political economy?
- (ii) Differentiate between state and government
- (iii) Why is sovereignty an essential element of the state?
- (iv) Which theory of the origin of the state holds that the state is the product of a slow and long process of development over time?
- (v) Which social contract theorist wrote The Leviathan?
- (vi) Distinguish between legal and political sovereignty.
- (vii) What kinds of inequality were acceptable, to Rawls, in a just society?
- (viii) Explain the meaning of cold war.
- (ix) Distinguish between unilateralism and bilateralism.
- (x) What was the significance of the Treaty of Maastricht (December, 1991)?

PART II (60 Marks)

SECTION A

Answer **any three** questions.

Question 2

- (a) Explain comparative politics as a component of contemporary political science. [6]
- (b) Briefly explain three differences between state and society. [6]

Question 3

- (a) Compare and contrast the reasons for the emergence of the State as stated by Hobbes and Rousseau. [6]
- (b) Explain the main elements of the theory of Divine Origin of the State. Is it possible to discard this theory as being irrelevant today? [6]

Question 4

- (a) Briefly discuss the Marxist perspective under the following heads: [6]
- (i) Dialectical Materialism
 - (ii) Class conflict
 - (iii) Religion
- (b) Briefly explain four tenets of Fascism. [6]

Question 5

- (a) Critically examine the legal theory of sovereignty. [6]
- (b) Examine *three* sources of law. [6]

Question 6

- (a) To what extent do liberty and equality complement each other? Discuss. [6]
- (b) Explain Amartya Sen's social choice model of justice. [6]

SECTION B

Answer any two questions.

Question 7

- (a) On what grounds did the USA launch Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003? [6]
- (b) What were the outcomes of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan? [6]

Question 8

- (a) Explain the main achievements of the European Union to date. [6]
- (b) What are the current challenges faced by the EU? [6]

Question 9

- (a) State the main aims of ASEAN (established in 1967). [6]
- (b) Why is the NAM perceived as being ineffective today, despite having a large membership? [6]