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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Time Allowed: 3 hr.

Max. Marks: 250



Instructions to Candidate

- There are EIGHT questions. Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Question no. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted.
- Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.
- Attempts of questions shall be counted in chronological order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the answer book must be clearly struck off.

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SECTION A

1. Answer the following questions: (150 Words Each) (10 × 5 = 50)

- (a) Gandhian Views on Parliamentary Swaraj
- (b) Contributions of M. N. Roy to Modern Indian Politics
- (c) Historic Materialism by Marx
- (d) Communitarian perspective of justice
- (e) How 'contentious pluralism' does help a democracy to reinvent itself?

Ans (a) Mahatma Gandhi reckoned that genuine independence from the British is not enough until Indians get 'Swaraj'.
 Swaraj of Gandhi was in 2 stages -
 1) Self rule which meant that no dominion status but complete independence from the British.
 2) Democratic decentralization which meant that instead of representative democracy, there shall be party-less democracy and at the same time village self-republic.
 Gandhiji reckoned that "India resides in her villages". There is absolutely no point in emulating the British Westminster model of Parliament rather India should opt for an indigenous model which would start from the roots. He professed a bottom-up approach to democracy.

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Contrary to common fact, Gandhi was against modernity and scientific advancement; Industrialization etc. Gandhi only opted for voltage-level growth but was completely in favor of scientific advancement. He insisted that over-centralization would lead to dependency and would also impair the traditional way of self-sufficiency.

Therefore, Gandhi was a fore-runner of Panchayati raj institutions and articulation of their interest at the parliamentary level. Gandhian views found place in DPSP of the Constitution and since the 73rd & 74th Amendment, India has a 3-tier government structure.

M. N. Roy was initially shaped by the Marxist school of thought. He was part of the Second Comintern in Tashkent and established Communist Party of India in 1925. In the formation of This party was mostly dedicated to the urban working classes in India. Later he joined the

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Congress in 1936 and formed a faction named Radical Congress. Due to his differences with the Congress Party over India's participation in the Second WW II; he quit congress and started his own party Radical Humanist Party in 1940.

Later M.N. Roy became a philosopher and developed his idea of Radical Humanism. Radical humanism was a break away from both Marxist philosophy as well as parliamentary democracy. For the first time, M.N. Roy propounded that humans must be kept at the centre for class interests. Marxism sacrificed humans for state. Fascism sacrificed humans for representatives. Parliamentary democracy put onus on representatives rather than humans.

Therefore, he suggested a few processes in his radical humanist approach to politics:

- 1) Party-less democracy
- 2) Direct democracy.

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You need to analyze the overall significance & limitations

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- 3) Abundance of resources and satisfaction of all wants.
 - 4) Ultimate freedom to people
 - 5) Adhering Chankaka philosophy of materialism.
- In this way, M.N. Roy put forward a revolutionary approach to politics.

(C) ~~Karl Marx had said that "Human history" is a history of class struggle.~~
 historical materialism is a scientific analysis of human history by Marx by the method of dialectic materialism.

In that, Marx suggested that throughout history there have been divisions between the "haves" and "have nots" in society. The various historical stages -

- (1) Primitive Communism
- Nobody owned property. Rabes were lead out by tribal leaders and others followed accordingly. There is no element of subjugation.

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With the advent of tools, Men started owning agricultural land and therefore property and this led to subjugation of fellow beings.

(2) Master - Slave

This is the 1st level of subjugation where slavery began. There were few masters and many slaves.

(3) Feudal Lord - Servt. (Feudalism)

This is the 2nd stage where feudal lords owned lands and exploited peasants/servts.

(4) Bourgeoisie - Proletariat (Capitalism)

Capitalism is the final stage of exploitation where bourgeois class subjugates the proletariat class. This according to Marx, is the final stage of exploitation and consciousness of the masses which would lead to overthrow of capitalism and advent of socialism.

In his analysis, Marx explained that property has been the source of class division on the basis of historic materialism and structural Marxists of economic determinism.

Like Gramsci refuted Marxian notion by pointing out that class struggle did not take place in Capitalist societies but in semi-federal Russia.

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to elaborate
on his use of
dialectical
method &
how he
generates
the view of
Hegel.

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(d) Communists were primarily critiques of the liberal notion of justice.

The biggest criticism was of John Rawls' Theory of Justice. They criticized Rawls for having a universal conception of justice. In this analysis, Rawls missed the fact that human beings are not unencumbered self but part of a community and have multiple affiliations. Human beings are not isolated selves but situated selves.

The prominent thinkers of communist perspective of justice were Alasdair MacIntyre, Michael Sandel, Michael Walzer.

Michael Sandel commented against the liberal notion of atomistic individualism. This notion alienates a man from his surroundings which is incorrect.

MacIntyre criticized Rawls for putting people in the 'Original position' behind the veil of ignorance. He commented that sense of justice cannot come from not knowing where one is placed.

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in society, only a situated self and full awareness can deliver justice optimally.

Michael Walzer is the only communitarian thinker to come up with an original theory of justice.

His theory stemmed from his notion of Complex Equality. He proposed that social goods are equally important and not just

economic determinism. Justice can not only

be dispensed by monetary compensation but other measures like reputation,

recognition, status, education, health care, are equally important.

other benefits are other social goods

Critics point out that all other social goods also need an economic basis.

What is concept of SP of justice in this context?

- (e) Plural conception of democracy comes from a critique of the elitist theorists like Mosca, Pareto, C. Wright Mills who consider that democracy belongs to the rule of a few elites. Robert Michels also called it the Iron Law of Oligarchy.

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Plural theorists like Robert Dahl, Charles Lindblom consider that democracy has plurality of power centres and many are in the form of interest groups and pressure groups.

Contentious pluralism refers to multiple interest groups with overlapping interests. For eg.

e.g. for building hydro-electric projects, environmentalists require clearances and industrialists overlap of interest between industrialists and environmental activists.

Such friction makes a democracy more robust and makes sure that different groups can articulate their interests. Robert Dahl later conceded that some groups are more influential than others which is why he called USA as a deformed polyarchy.

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pluralism
i.e. not
exactly same as
pluralist
concept of
cooperation of
various state

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2. Attempt all questions:

- (a) Provide justification as to how the Welfare State actually enhances individual liberty on the basis of views of eminent scholars who support the notion of such a state? (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (b) Explain the statement by Robert Nozick, "The minimal state is inspiring as well as right". (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (c) Analyse the reasons behind Ambedkar's call for complete transformation of Indian social structure and destruction of Brahmanical supremacy as the only path for emancipation of the deprived. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

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3. Attempt all questions:

(a) According to Vaughan, in the state advocated by Hobbes, the only cement that binds the individuals together is the sheer terror of the tyrant "Leviathan" that stands above them all. How justified is this statement in your views?

(200 Words) (15 Marks)

(b) Discuss the relationship between Ethics and politics as per views of Aristotle.

(200 Words) (15 Marks)

(c) What compelling conditions are behind creation of State as per John Lock and what are its basic features?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

(a) Vaughan was a critique of the Hobbesian notion of Leviathan because Hobbes made Leviathan all-powerful and individuals had to surrender their rights to the Leviathan.

But we must see that Hobbes was a child of his time. He had said, "My mother gave birth to twins, myself and fear". Because of Spanish Armada and Civil war in England, the security of individuals was not guaranteed. Hobbes had a pessimistic view of the state of nature. He said, "Life in the state of nature is poor, solitary, nasty, brutish and short".

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Considering those times, Hobbes actually wanted the Leviathan to be a guarantor of peace and security.

~~Good~~ Prof. C.E. Weyers says, "Leviathan is not merely a forceful enunciation of the doctrine of sovereignty; it is also a powerful statement of individualism". For Hobbes, absolutism of the state was for the self-preservation of individuals.

The reason why Hobbes wanted an all-powerful ~~state~~ sovereign is because he felt, "King of despotism is better than Scorpion of anarchy". At the same time, Hobbes concedes that the Leviathan is an artefact, a machine, a contrivance of man. Therefore, a Leviathan would be justified in that scenario where a man is born free, solitary and in intellectual and moral isolation, voluntarily accepts limitations of sovereignty to achieve something else, i.e. security.

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Always offer your arguments with view of environment & ecology

Therefore, Hobbes said, "Will not to will" which was to submit to the dictat of the sovereign Leviathan.

- 3(b) Aristotle is considered as a political realist. But being influenced by the Socratic and Platonic line of thinking Aristotle did not divorce Politics from ethics. His emphasis of ethical approach can be seen in his
- 1) Theory of slavery
 - 2) Theory of justice & equality
 - 3) Theory of citizenship
 - 4) Theory of property
- In his theory of slavery, although he admits that slaves are necessary in the society because of division of labour and better allocation of responsibilities, he appealed for compassionate treatment of slaves. Slaves can pick up virtues from their master. If a slave has developed

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reason over appetite than he must be released by the master.

In his theory of justice, Aristotle calls for both compensatory justice as well as reformatory justice. Aristotle applies the ~~teleological~~ teleological principle in his distribution of resources according to merit. The compensation must be proportionate. It would be unjust to treat unequal equally.

In his theory of citizenship, he calls for active citizenship. This means that people deliberate for the common good of the society. Individual interests would come after the common good of all. He called for active civic republicanism.

In his theory of property, although ownership was based on individuals but the principle of collective use ensured that

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<p>there was equitable distribution of resources in society. Not all are fortunate to own property. But all must be in a position to enjoy the goods from common use.</p> <p>At the same time, Aristotle was criticized by John Rawls for considering merit alone in distribution of resources and not taking into account 'lottery factor'.</p> <p>You singly need to elaborate with examples how individuals participate in politics with an ethic of life</p> <p>3(c) <u>Locke</u>, although trudged the same path as <u>Hobbes</u>, his conclusions were widely divergent from</p> <p>'state of nature' in Lockian view is a state in which men are equal and free to act as they think fit within the bounds of natural law.</p> <p>Natural rights, which are inalienable, are derived from the state law of nature -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - right to life - right to liberty - Right to property 	
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The state of nature where man has rights and acknowledges duties is moral and social in character.

Consequently, it is wrong to think of it as a state of war as Hobbes did.

Nevertheless, if has its inconveniences. If it is not a state of war, it is not a state where peace is spine. It is constantly jeopardized by corruption and statelessness of degenerate men. It is a state of constant dangers.

3 unsatisfied wants in the state of nature -

1) legislative - known law

2) Judiciary - known and impartial judge

3) Executive - To enforce just decisions.

Therefore, an arbitrator or state is needed

to live amicably together.

This gave birth to the idea of social contract.

This contract was to escape the vicissitudes of the state of nature. Social contract is

A state exactly leads to end of this peaceful life of Nature

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a political contract since it establishes a political society.

John Locke pointed "Contract of all with all" It means that all must consent to submit their will to the determination of the majority. If men do not consent then state cannot function. Once the contract is made, it is irrevocable.

At the same time, each generation must give their consent to the contract.

Unlike Hobbes, Locke did not want all the rights submitted to the state. There are natural rights which predate any social contract and therefore cannot be infringed upon. This view coincides with Rousseau's view of "indefeasible sovereignty" of the people.

Locke advocated for strict separation of powers which is similar to the views of Montesquieu who administered executive laws will also have the

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power to make laws then there'll be a temptation towards human frailties.

~~Locke recognized a 3rd power in the form of Federative: Federative would be separate from the executive and would be responsible for State's external relations in the negotiation of treaties.~~

~~Locke maintained that the form of states, democracy, Oligarchy, monarchy, etc. is a secondary matter. What is more important is the characteristics of the state.~~

~~Also about Revolution
its right to revolution
and how to govern~~

~~b/w state~~

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4. Attempt all questions:

- (a) 'Mill's defence of rights of women was in tune with his general views on equality and liberty.' Discuss. (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (b) What are the social and ideological foundations of Fascism? In what aspects does it show similarity to Communism? (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (c) While classical Marxism can hardly replace liberalism as the dominant ideology due to its own faults but it will continue to serve as a check on excesses of the Capitalist system. Discuss. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

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SECTION B

5. Answer the following questions: (150 Words ($10 \times 5 = 50$)

- (a) Basic Features of Critical theory.
- (b) The Public-Private Divide as per Feminist Theory.
- (c) Laski's theory of Rights: Main arguments.
- (d) The Post-Colonial state is a product of circumstances created by Colonialism. Comment.
- (e) Pluralist perspective on Power.

Ans (a) Critical theory belongs to the FRANKFURT
School of neo-marxists. Some of the major
 proponents of critical theory are Max Horkheimer,
Theodor Adorno, Herbert Marcuse and Jürgen Habermas.
 This school of thought developed in the post
 World War phase when instead of the collapse
 of Capitalism as prophesized by Marx, it consolidated
 across the world and Post democracy became
 the lingua franca of Governance political
 system in most parts of the world.
 Structural Marxists like Gramsci justified the
 continuance of Capitalism on the basis of Consent
 and Hegemony.
 Critical theorists considered this as a manufactured
Consent. They felt that human beings have
 been emptied because of lack of ethical evaluation.

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David McLellan talks about the failings of science and how positivism has led to scientific facts have led to numbness drown of human facilities for critical analysis.

Agarwal talks about the One-Dimensional Man which means that people no longer no what they need. False needs are created by market and by advertisements.

Instrumental reasoning has taken precedence over critical reasoning. For e.g. a nuclear bomb is first developed and then its use, stockpile, etc. is justified.

Therefore, they decry the technological determinism of modern world. They call for ethical evaluation and value judgement of scientific facts.

(b) Feminist theorists were critical of traditional thinkers like Aristotle who suggested that person public sphere should be separated from the private sphere. In fact, Aristotle also denied citizenship to women due to their lack of active ~~political~~ public life.

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Radical feminists like Susan Moller Okin, Kate Millett, S. Firestone, etc. insist that "politics begin in the family". Carol Hanft

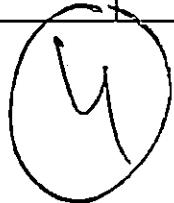
Okin said that "Personal is political" this is because subjugation of women happens in the private sphere of the public life. She also differentiation of men and women is responsible for the lack of participation of women in public life.

In her book Gender Justice & Family, Okin says that family wife is denied subject to normative scrutiny. Kate Millet, in her book ~~Sexual Politics~~, suggests that politics is not limited to public sphere. It is also understood as violence and domination of home.

Firestone, in Dialectics of Sex, talks about how sex is older than class differentiation. Radical feminists insist on intervention of the state in private sphere even in areas like child-rearing, etc. so that there is no gendered division of labour.

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According to radical feminists, role can be played by state in elimination of the public private divide.



liberal feminist, on the other hand, feel that public & private sphere should ~~not~~ be separate. Any state intervention would lead to invasion of privacy and deter individual freedom.

(c) Morrot J. Laski belonged to the school of Fabian socialism prevalent ~~in~~ in England at the time. While some scholars regard him as a neo-marxist others regard him as a social liberal.

Laski's theory of rights -

- i) Rights are ~~not~~ absolute. They are malleable and change according to time, place, conditions.
- ii) Rights are social in nature. They are conferred upon the individual by the society.
- iii) There is no conception of natural rights. People have come together to give each other rights such that it limits within social boundaries.

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- To what extent are rights & duties interrelated?
- iv) Rights are correlative to duties. In fact duties come prior to rights.
- v) Economic rights are more important than social and political rights.
- Because of such debates whether left or right side of the political spectrum.

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- (d) Post-colonial states
states in Africa
post WW II - In
years of colonial
rule of post-colonial
models.
Divergence can be seen
in such states, a blend of post-colonial
rule can be seen.
- Were the newly independent
Asia and Latin America.
- ① India followed a style of parliamentary democracy.
But democracy could not sustain in many
other countries which fell back to military
junta rule like Myanmar.
- ② Pakistan had a military bureaucratic oligarchy
as explained by Hanifa Atassi.

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- (3) Semi-federal states like China, Vietnam, Cambodia followed communist model.
- (4) Whereas middle-eastern countries fell back to monarchies: e.g. Saudi Arabia, UAE.
- (5) Many Latin American countries like Venezuela, Ecuador, etc., went from democracy to communism.

Therefore, we can see either an acceptance of the model of colonialists or a recidivism to traditional structures.

Haniza Alawi calls this phenomenon of 'overdeveloped state' where the society is not as developed as the state institutions.

A.G. Frank & Samir Amin put forward the concept of 'dependency theory'. wherein the postcolonial states became the clients of developed states or peripheral states for the developed countries. Neo-colonialism was in the form of economic dependency of the peripheral states on the core states.

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overdeveloped state
& include views
of other postcolonial
thinkers go well

- (e) Pluralist conception of power comes as a critique to the elitist notion of power.
- Elite theorists like Mosca, Pareto, C. Wright Mills advocated that power in a democracy is concentrated only in the hands of a few élites. It never aggregates to the common masses.
- Plural theorists like Robert Dahl and Charles Lindblom contended that power is not necessarily concentrated but independent groups work for their own interests or communities also. The reason why government does not interfere in spheres of religion, minority rights, etc. In fact lobbies for LGBT community influence government policies to favor them. Therefore, pressure groups also have power in a democracy.
- Steven Lukes criticized the plural conception

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of power in pressure groups on grounds that inner-democracy in the groups is missing and many a times individual interest are sacrificed for class interests.

To this criticism, pluralist thinkers conceded that pressure groups may not always be in the best interests of individuals. But they objected to Robert Michels' notion of Iron Law of Oligarchy.

And contended that America is a polyarchy instead of oligarchy. Earlier they criticized C. Wright Mills' argument that military and business groups hold sway over government. Later they conceded that some groups have pre-eminence over others and therefore called it a deformed polyarchy.

Also what kind of the relationship is with the state enjoying with the autonomous groups.

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6. Attempt all questions:

- (a) What is participatory and deliberative democracy? Examine the methods of participatory and deliberative democracy. (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (b) Provide arguments to support the statement "Liberty and equality are inherently opposed to each other". (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (c) Although they bear several resemblances, the views of Machiavelli and Kautilya originate from radically different sources and reflect opposite spirit and ideology. Explain. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

Ans 6(c) In his famous book 'Discovery of India', J. L. Nehru equated Kautilya with Machiavelli as he found many resemblances.

On close analysis, it is seen that, although Kautilya & Machiavelli belonged to different ages they belong to the same school of political realism. However, there are stark differences in each other's approach towards power aggrandizement.

The resemblances are -

- 1) Both were realists.
- 2) Both advocated for a strong Prince who'd rule with an iron fist.
- 3) Both put national interest as primary objective.
- 4) Both separated policies from ethics.

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5) Both put state before individual freedom.

However, owing to the times and circumstances, both Kautilya's and Machiavelli's methods were starkly different -

1) While Machiavelli put the king above ordinary laws, Kautilya's king was guided by Raj Dharmas and was himself subject to it.

2) Machiavelli was reluctant in the use of force. He professed the use of force only if it's absolutely necessary. Kautilya advocated undiluted use of force. Anyone antithetical to the empire must be punished.

3) Machiavelli restrained from the use of spies. Kautilya on the other hand, maintained that spies are required not just against enemy king but also against ministers to check any plots against the king. Women, children, deaf & dumb, almost anyone could be used as spies.

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- 4) Machiavelli wanted consolidation of the nation-state rather than expansion.
 Kautilya as king is: ~~vigorous or empire-builder~~
~~the king was called Chakravarti~~
Saurat having an expansive kingdom.
- 5) Machiavelli considered women akin to misfortune. He wanted the Prince to refrain from worldly desires.
 Kautilya advocated ~~martial~~ alliances so as to expand the influence of the empire.
- 6) Kautilya's Arthashastra is a detailed treatise on statecraft which deals with economics.
 Machiavelli's Prince is a conception of politics, society, etc.
 how the king should be and not a detailed analysis of statecraft.
- 7) While Kautilya belongs to the age of monarchies, Machiavelli belongs to the age of transition between feudal states and nation-states.
 These circumstances and opposing ideologies can be clearly seen in this context.

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Very also on question
 of whether the king (one or just
 or all-powerful)
 & objective of public welfare

6(b) The contention that liberty and equality are antithetical to each other is the grand for liberal thinkers like Alexis de Tocqueville, Lord Acton, Isaac Berlin as well as non-liberal thinkers like F. A. Hayek.

Tocqueville observed that the principle of equality encouraged the individual subservience to public opinion and the centralization of state power. Democracy in the social sphere meant the tyranny of majority. Conformity to the popularly held attitudes and standards would ultimately result in curtailment of individual autonomy and loss of liberty.

Tocqueville was not against equality as such. He only contended that equality should not be pressed to such an extent that there is suppression of freedom.

Lord Acton believed that liberty was endangered by the dual doctrine of equality as individual centres of power may be evaded to promote the authority of the state.

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Affinity of Soc.~~

J. S. Mill posited that even if a single individual has a different opinion he must be heard. Principles of individual liberty are required for advancement of society.

John Berlin said: If one cannot fly like a eagle or swim like a whale one is by no means deprived of political liberty on this count. He meant that the socio-economic inequalities are because of individual capabilities. Liberty cannot be sacrificed at the altar of equality.

Friedrich Hayek wanted the society to strive for higher excellences in a chosen few but marginal improvement in the majority of members. He declared social justice to be a mirage.

However, these thinkers fail to view the complementarity of liberty and equality in society which was profited by positive liberals like Laski, Greene, Macpherson. If there is no equal opportunity to do what people want in their lives, freedom as it is jeopardized.

To be a vehicle of more liberator

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(a) Participative democracy

Participative democracy indicates towards a direct democracy or a party less democracy. Rousseau said that Englishmen are free only once in 5 years. In order to protect the freedom of citizens, direct participation of people in the democratic process especially decision-making is required.

In India, M.N. Roy, Gandhi and J.P. Narayan were major proponents of party-less democracy. Gandhi, in fact, called for democratic decentralisation and institution of village self-republics as first democracy at the grass roots.

The methods of direct democracy / participative democracy -

- 1) Initiative : People bringing in their own legislation.
- 2) Referendum : Bill becomes an Act only with the consent of the governed.
- 3) Recall : If has an element of accountability. The representatives can be called back in case of malfeasance or

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Non performance

- 4) Plebiscite : Gives the right to people for self-determination
(not models)
Deliberative democracy values open and public deliberation on issues of common concern. It starts from the assumption that individuals are autonomous persons as well as rational beings. They are capable of reasoned arguments to work for the betterment of each other.

Aristotle in his theory of citizenship, falls apart the active involvement of citizens in public sphere and their contribution to free society.

Anawaty seen in his book 'Uncertain Glory' maintains that health issues persist because they have not become a matter of public debate. Sound policies can be framed only by due deliberation.

Rousseau said that democracy should not be a balancing of contending interests but an active deliberation for collective good rather than individual good.

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Hannah Arendt gives the concept of VITA ACTIVA where she means empowerment of citizens can only happen in the Action sphere where they actively take part in policy-making.

John Rawls gives the concept of communicative action where the citizens communicate with each other to overcome obstacles that may come in the process of public policy making.

Process of deliberation reflects mutual respect. It also indicates that democracy is not run by elites by common citizens methods of deliberate

Some of the democracy -

- 1) Deliberative pol
- 2) Citizens jury
- 3) Consensus conference
- 4) Deliberative focus groups

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challenge

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7. Attempt all questions:

- (a) What are the general features of the Dharmashastras Tradition of Indian Political thought and how does Bhikhu Parekh bring out its various shortcomings? (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (b) What do you understand by 'spiritual nationalism' by Aurobindo Ghosh? Why was the Congress according to him not able to gain Swaraj? (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (c) Equality of Resources as advocated by Dworkin consists of redistribution being done as continuous process rather than being a one time phenomena. Also bring out the salient features of "Equality of Capabilities" approach by Dr. Amartya Sen. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

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8. Attempt all questions:

- (a) "Gender is one of the many identities of an individual" and acceptance of the fact is actually a prerequisite for the feminist perspective to be effective. Discuss and also analyse how the modern state is viewed by Feminist. (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (b) Hobbes starts with 'Individualism' and 'Liberalism' but ended with 'Totalitarianism'. Discuss. (200 Words) (15 Marks)
- (c) Describe in detail the features of 'Theory of Justice' given by John Rawls' with special reference to the "Difference Principle". (250 Words) (20 Marks)

Ans 8(a) The main argument of feminist thinkers was that while sex is a biological determinant, gender is a social determinant. Susan Moller Okin contended that there was "gendered division of labour" in society.

Feminist theorists claim that the instrument of patriarchy manifests gender as the first point of differentiation. Firestone in her 'Dialectics of Sex' claims that sex difference predates class difference.

Feminists understand that gender may not be the only driving force for emancipation of women. This is because, primarily identities like ethnicity, caste, religion, nationality are deeply rooted and be taken onboard. For e.g. women's

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~~movement in case of entry into Sabarimala temple and Haji Ali dargah wherein religion becomes the binding force.~~

~~Ecofeminism is another example of combining women needs with preservation of nature. Chipko movement is an example of women identifying with the trees in the region.~~

Feminist perspective on Modern State

liberal feminists like Mary Wollstone believe that state is necessary as it will provide affirmative action for the upliftment of women. They consider state to be universal emancipator of women by the virtue of codified laws. At the same time, if it is within the framework of state that women will get both voting rights and other legal rights.

Marxist feminists consider state as an instrument of the capitalist class. Engels in his book "Origin of Family, Private property and State" mentions that subjugation of women was because of

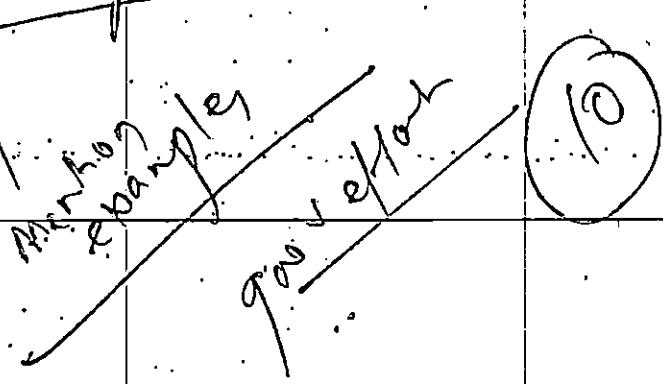
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Accumulation of private property. Women were considered akin to possession and so that she could take care of the sexual needs of the male member. There is no need for separate feminist movements as with the authority of state women will get their place in society.

Radical feminists, on the other hand, considered state as an instrument of patriarchy. Kate Millett in 'Sexual Politics' mentioned that the power structures in society are meant for the subjugation of the weaker sex! Catherine McKinnon takes about substitution of patriarchy. In her book 'Towards a Feminist Theory of State' At the same time, radical feminists believe state mechanisms are required to protect women in the households and state laws in domestic sphere.

Post-colonial feminists look at the differences in societal structure of 3rd world countries. They do agree with the universal conception of women's freedom as given by the western feminists who disregard the challenges faced by them.

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8(b) Hobbes had a pessimistic view of the 'State of Nature'. Life in the state of nature, according to Hobbes, was poor, solitary, nasty, brutish and short. This is why he wanted the sovereign in Leviathan to be all powerful. While Bodin had limitations upon the state, Hobbes sought complete surrender of one's sovereignty under the Leviathan.

But it would be mis-reading of Hobbesian conception to consider him as an absolutist. C. L. Weyer says, "Hobbes so frequently portrayed as the great absolutist is perhaps the greatest individualist in the history of political thought".

This stems from the fact that Hobbes considers the Leviathan is an artifice, a machine, a contrivance of men. He submits that once men view the state as something made by themselves, they can build something better than Leviathan.

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C. L. Wayper says, "Leviathan is not merely a forceful enunciation of the doctrine of sovereignty and the machine view of the state, it is also a powerful statement of individualism". Hobbes does not believe in the sanctity of individual men, but he does believe that world is made up of individuals. For Hobbes, there is no such thing as common will, common good. Nor does Leviathan feed upon individuals. On the contrary, it is an instrument for self-preservation of individuals.

"State is a means to the end which is individual".

The criticism of totalitarianism comes from a contextual understanding that all-sovereign power will ultimately lead to a totalitarian state. Moreover, because of the abolition of the monarchy, gave credence to Hobbes' absolutism.

But Sabine rightly pointed, "the absolute power of sovereign was really the complement of Hobbes' individualism".

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Hobbes's concept of the individual would want to create an all-powerful state.

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Qc)

John Rawls in his book 'A Theory of Justice' describes justice as the first virtue of society. His conception of justice is a universal notion of justice that encompasses people from all strata in society.

~~Rawls was making an attempt to rescue the liberal line of thinking from the utilitarians which was coming under heavy criticism from for being unrealistic and self-aggrandizement.~~

Rawls argued that his conception of justice would require each and every human being to go to an original position behind the veil of ignorance; where the individual hypothetical situation is unaware of a few basic like:

- 1) Substantive conception of good.
- 2) Status, position, class, etc.
- 3) Race, religion, sex, nationality, etc.

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But at the same time, one individual is aware of elementary knowledge of economy, psychology. In such a scenario, if individuals cooperate to devise a notion of justice, they will naturally as logical actors provide the maximum benefit to the least advantaged, known as the MAXIMIN principle.

Rawls gave a lexical order in which justice has to be pursued -

- 1) Principle of equal liberty: It means individuals have liberty to pursue social primary goods like rights, opportunities, etc.
- 2) Principle of equality of opportunity: Cittanova ✓
- 3) Difference principle: After the first two conditions are satisfied, there must be redistribution in society so that maximum benefits accrue to the least advantaged. Rawls is not against inequality as he feels inequality promotes competition and provides an incentive for excellence. At the same time, such inequality must be prey

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so that there is sufficient redistribution of resources.

Norman Barry points that Rawls is a redistributivist.

To each according to his ability can be applied only if higher efficiency of the concerned results in ameliorating the condition of the least privileged.

However, there have been many criticisms of the Rawlsian conception of justice.

Marxists argue that 'veil of ignorance' and hypothetical situation with never revising the rules there is socio-economic awareness.

Collectivists argue that of further justifies the capitalist system and mode of production.

Libertarians like Nozick claim that Rawls has sacrificed liberty for the sake of equality.

Communitarians like Sandel, Walzer claim that Rawls puts 'right before good' instead of vice versa.

Although, on closer analysis, Rawls theory of justice is a convergence of libertarianism, egalitarianism and communitarianism.

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good balanced answer why does he prefer a system of justice or fairness?

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