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**I Semester M.A. Degree (C.B.S.S. – Reg./Supple.) Examination, October 2021
(2020 Admission Onwards)
GOVERNANCE AND POLITICS
GAP1C01 : Debates in Political Theory**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

Answer any ten questions. (Paragraph)

1. Deliberative democracy.
2. Secularism.
3. Legitimacy.
4. Postmodernism.
5. Globalisation.
6. Negative Liberty.
7. Civil Society.
8. Laissez-faire.
9. Ecopolitics.
10. Feminism.
11. Base-super structure analysis.
12. Political theory.

(10×2=20)

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**SECTION – B**

Answer any six questions. (Short Essay)

13. Explain the justifications for democracy. Do you think democracy has an intrinsic value ?
14. Examine the Kantian notion of freedom. Do you think the Kantian distinction of the public and private use of reason is valid ?
15. 'The executive of the modern state is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the bourgeoisie'. To what extent, this statement captures the Marxian theory of state ?
16. Briefly outline the debates regarding the decline of political theory in the 1950s.
17. Examine the communitarian critique of justice. Is it possible to have a universal theory of justice ?
18. What are the features of public sphere that make it distinct from civil society ?
19. Critically analyse the practices of surveillance state, employing the Foucauldian notion of biopower.
20. Examine the dimensions of the limits of political obligation under a procedurally democratic political system. (6×5=30)

SECTION – C

Answer any two questions. (Essay)

21. Outline the Rawlsian concept of justice as presented in his work *A Theory of Justice*. Analyze the significance and limitations of his theory of justice.
22. Analyze the impact of globalization on the sovereignty of states. Assess whether globalization is an irreversible process, in the post-Brexit world.
23. Explain the nature and evolution of political theory. Critically assess the significance of political theory in contemporary times.
24. What are the essential characteristics of a democratic state ? Do you think procedural democracy is essential for the attainment of substantive democracy ? (2×15=30)