Paper-XI (Compulsory) Political Theory-I

Max. Marks: 100 Internal Marks: 20 External Marks: 80 Time: 3 Hours

Note:

The question paper will consist of nine questions. The candidate shall attempt five questions in all. Question No. 1 will be compulsory. The compulsory question will consist of four short answer type conceptual/thematic questions of equal marks (i.e. 4 marks each) spread over the whole syllabus. The Candidate shall attempt four more questions selecting at least one from each Unit. Each question will carry 16 marks.

- **UNIT-I** Meaning, Nature, Concerns and Significance of Political Theory; Different Interpretations of Political Theory. Importance and Limitations of Classical Tradition.
- **UNIT-II** Behaviouralism and Post Behaviouralism. Decline of Political Theory; Resurgence of Political Theory.
- UNIT-III Critical Theory: Herbert Marcuse, Jurgen Habermass, Libertarianism: Hayek and Nozick
- UNIT-IV Rationalism & Limits of Politics: Michael Oakshatt; Importance of Politics and Power: Hannah Arendt.

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