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**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Course No. : PS – 117

**( Contemporary Political Theory: Major Issues )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The questions are of equal value  
The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

*Answer any five (5) questions*

1. a) Define Political Theory. Trans – Empiricism argues that the study of politics cannot be solely based on empirical methods. Comment. 14

**Or**

- b) Examine the issue of fact – value dichotomy in contemporary political theory. 14

2. a) Define the meaning of Ideology. What is the main argument of 'End of History' according to Francis Fukuyama. 14

**Or**

- b) Why is political theory declining? Discuss the debate on the decline of political theory. 4+10

*( Turn Over )*

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3. a) Why is Micheal Oakeshott called a Conservative. Define the concept of Rationalism according to Oakeshott. 7+7

*Or*

- b) Critically examine Micheal Oakeshott as a critique of Rationalism. 14

4. a) What is Sociology of Knowledge according to Karl Mannheim? 14

*Or*

- b) Critically examine Mannheim's 'Planned Society'. 14

5. a) Examine John Rawls Theory of Justice. 14

*Or*

- b) Rawls theory places individual in the 'Original Position' .Discuss. 14

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