Political Science - Past Papers Analysis (CSS 2016-2020)
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Political Science Paper - I

Part - A


2. Is it correct to say that Machiavelli was an apostle of Power Politics? (CSS 2016)

3. Short Note on ‘End of History - Frances Fukuyama’ (CSS 2016)

4. Compare and contrast the different political philosophies of Hobbes and Locke. How are these philosophies implemented in present day political systems and policy making? (CSS 2017)

5. According to Marx “the mode of production in material life determines the general character of social, political and spiritual
process in life”. Elucidate. (CSS 2017)

6. Critically analyze the salient features of Plato’s Republic. Do you think that some of its features are valid, even today? (CSS 2018)

7. What is the concept of State of Nature as given by Thomas Hobbes? Make its comparison with the Social Contract as presented by John Locke and Rousseau. (CSS 2018)

8. Examine the view that Hegelian spirit is nothing but evolution of human consciousness to the realization of political maturity for global human co-existence. (CSS 2019)

9. Examine Montesquieu’s theory of separation of powers. Why has he been called “Aristotle” of eighteenth century? Discuss. (CSS 2020)


11. Examine the view that the Hegelian spirit is nothing but evolution of human consciousness to the realization of political maturity for global human co-existence. (CSS 2020)

12. Short Note on ‘Marx’s theory of class struggle’. (CSS 2020)

1. **Describe Al-Mawardi’s theory of Imamate.** (CSS 2016)

2. **Discuss the upward and downward development of state, rulers and ruled in the socio political thought of Ibn Khaldun.** (CSS 2017)

3. **Write a detailed note on the concept of asbiah as given by Ibn-e-Khaldun. What is its significance in the progress and decline of nations?** (CSS 2018)

4. **Write a detailed essay on the principle of Ijtihad in Islam as given by Allama Iqbal. How it can be made possible in the modern age?** (CSS 2018)

5. **Short Note on ‘Ibn-e-Khaldun’s concept of Asbiyah’.** (CSS 2020)

**Part - B**

III. **State System: The nature and emergence of modern nation-state system, Islamic concept of state and Ummah.**

1. **What is the Islamic concept of state? Identify issues and challenges to the Islamic concept of state in the modern times.** (CSS 2017)

2. **Short Note on ‘Significance of religious harmony in a state’.** (CSS 2018)

3. **How far is it true to say that the origin of the state lies in force? Discuss critically the Theory of Force regarding the origin of state.**
(CSS 2019)

4. **Globalization restrict the autonomy of the state, generates domestic social conflicts, and inequalities. Discuss the interactions between globalization and domestic politics.** (CSS 2019)


1. **The growing judicial activism in Pakistan is clearly at the expanse of parliamentary sovereignty and supremacy. Critically analyze the statement.** (CSS 2019)

2. **Why monastic or absolute concept of sovereignty has been abandoned? Analyze legal concept of sovereignty.** (CSS 2020)

V. Comparative Politics: Political Socialization, Political Culture, Political Development, Political Recruitment, Social Change, Civil Society, Violence and Terrorism in Politics, Gender and Politics, Women Empowerment.

1. **Short Note on:** (a) Civil society (b) Women Empowerment (CSS 2016)

VI. Political Participation: Political Change and Revolution, Elections, Electoral System, Public Opinion, Propaganda, Political Parties, Pressure Groups and Lobbies
1. Short Note on: Public opinion (CSS 2016)

VII. Political Institutions & Role of Government: Legislature, Executive, Judiciary, Political Elites, Civil and Military Bureaucracy.

1. What is significance of Local Government System in a country? Discuss the reasons of repeated failures of the efforts in Pakistan to establish a stable local government. (CSS 2018)

2. What is the significance of independent judiciary in a democratic republic? Do you think that without an independent judiciary a system of checks and balances can be established in the government? Explain with appropriate examples. (CSS 2018)

3. Short Note on: Role of middle class in strengthening the democracy (CSS 2018)

VIII. Forms of Government: Monarchy, Democratic, Dictatorship, Totalitarian/Authoritarian, Unitary, Federal, Confederation, Presidential and Parliamentary.

1. “Democratic Political System cannot function successfully without organized Political Parties.” Discuss. (CSS 2016)

2. Explain, ‘Confederation’. How it is different from Federation? (CSS 2016)

3. Short Note on: Totalitarianism (CSS 2016)
What characteristic of society leads to adoption of federal form of
4. government? How it can function successfully? (CSS 2017)

5. Short note on: Violation of parliamentary values and traditions in Pakistan (CSS 2018)

6. How far 18th amendments will transform the existing federal system in Pakistan? (CSS 2019)

7. Bring out clearly the difference between unitary and federal forms of government. (CSS 2020)

IX. Political Ideologies: Capitalism, Marxism, Communism, Socialism, Totalitarianism, Fascism, Nationalism, Islamic Political Ideology.

1. What is Fascism and why is it considered to be the child of first half of 20th century events to place in Europe? (CSS 2017)

2. Fascism generally flourishes in countries with strong nationalism and weak democracies. Discuss the enabling conditions for fascism with reference to Germany and Italy. (CSS 2019)

3. Explain the concept of Nationality and distinguish between Nationality and Citizenship. (CSS 2019)

4. Critically examine the basic principles of Fascism. (CSS 2020)

X. Local Self Government: Theory and practice of Local Self
Government with special reference to Pakistan, Comparative analyses of systems of local governance, Public Administration and Public Policy.

1. Compare and contrast the differing roles played by political parties and interest groups in making public policy? (CSS 2017)

2. What is significance of Local Government System in a country? Discuss the reasons of repeated failures of the efforts in Pakistan to establish a stable local government. (CSS 2018)

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