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Test 3

Time Allowed: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Max Marks: 120

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Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. All questions are for **15 marks** each.
3. Word limit for each question is **200 words**.
4. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the admission Certificate, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the booklet in the space provided.
5. Content of the answer is more important than its length.
6. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.
7. All parts of the question should be written at one place itself.
8. **Filling all the details in BLOCK LETTERS is mandatory.**

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	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Understanding of Questions					
Structure & Flow					
(a) Introduction					
(b) Conclusion					
(c) Overall					
Subject Knowledge					
Presentation					
(a) Underline					
(b) Paragraph					
(c) Overall					

Overall Remarks:

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Que.1

Write a critical note on the concept of sovereignty with a special reference to Austin's theory of sovereignty. (200 words, 15 Marks)

Jean Austin have given a Monistic theory of sovereignty stating that Sovereignty is the supreme power of state on its subjects unrestricted by law.

Austin's theory came in the aftermath of social Anarchy and Rule of might in the 16th century Europe where Austin and Hobbes wanted to establish a peaceful society Bound By Rule of state /sovereign.

Pluralist theories like one held by Harold Lascel state that Monist theory of sovereignty of Austin is outdated and Now there is a need for



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reformed theory of sovereignty for society.

He famously held — 'when the society is federal then state too shall be federal'.

Also An Extreme pluralist MC McInnes held that the prime objective of state is to serve its citizen.

State in its objective cannot exercise unrestrained powers as propounded in Austinian theory of sovereignty.

In today Multipolar and globalised world the sovereignty of state is not just challenged from within via civil society but also via multinationals and global Institutions.



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Large conglomerates in technology like Google, Amazon, Apple and Meta are posing a threat to sovereignty of state in multifaceted ways as they are being the primary source of interaction and social discourses.

Sovereignty as a concept had gained some ground as well in the aftermath of Covid-19, war in Ukraine and rising economic uncertainty around the world.

As held by garner, sovereignty as a concept is inherently lined with state and it starts and ends with state.

Que.2

The main objective of feminist critique is to explore the extent of patriarchal ideology in political philosophy to explore the material forms of discrimination against women. Discuss. (200 words, 15 Marks)

feminism is referred as a social ideology for course correction of historical injustice faced by women around the world.

Since the time of Aristotle where he had a patriarchal look towards women and restricted them from participating in public sphere.

Mary Wollstonecraft in time of French revolution has led the movement towards removing the historical barrier of restricting women in the closed doors and demanded civil and political rights.



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Though the struggle was far from over with political rights as the societal apparatus remained patriarchial and women's were socialised in gender roles.

Carole Hanisch and Simone de Beauvoir have fought through the patriarchal social apparatus to establish for equal social representation for women, in terms of maternal emancipation like right to equal wages, non-discrimination in jobs etc.

feminism has later evolved in modern avatar of introspection by women to challenge the status-quo of society and have a more enlightened view of



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their Rights and their Role in the society.

As Carole said - 'personal is political',

they want women's issue faced in the personal sphere to be discussed into public sphere.

They had criticized sphere for restricted the debate of personal sphere and not providing Rights to women.

Recently, As seen in the latest Supreme Court case against Medical termination of Pregnancy, the Apex Court held that Right of women are unalienable and can't be denied just because it don't fit in social Apparatus.

The Movement of feminism was always intended to change the way society look at the issues of women and have a more enlightened view on their plight.

Que.3

Liberalism is a view of a thing and not a theory. Comment? (200 words, 15 Marks)

It will famously stated that — 'Over himself and his body, Man is Sovereign'.

Liberalism had always been a Progressive ideology to look towards existing social order and reform it in accordance with the Needs of time.

Positive Liberalism which was held in the work of John Locke who propounded for Right to Property as equated to Right to life.

Neo liberalist Fredrich Hayek famously held that 'Progressive taxation is Road to Serfdom'



With different phases and ideologies inside liberalism the Right of possession had been written writ large.

Moreover, liberalism has always contended the Rights of individuals to be over and above Rights of society and state.

The concept of Atomistic Man being central leads to Possessiveness of individual towards a dear policy towards his belongings.

Nozick held famously that 'Minimal State is inspiring and Right' is the sense of not depriving individuals of their possession.



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Marxist scholars have criticised the view of liberals by reducing to justification of exploitation of many by few.

Social liberals have also criticised the idea of Atomistic man and upheld about man's social nature and justified substantive equality.

Communitarians have held that man is product of his social upbringing as held by Michael Sandel - 'Man is an 'embedded self', the idea of 'situated self' is found in their works.

The idea of liberalism had always been under stress and emerges out with reform.

The fact that man is the centre for all political discourse, the theory of humanism is the biggest contribution of liberalism.



Que.4

Fascism began as a movement demanding revolutionary changes in the social and political structure but soon became a counter revolutionary force. With reference to above explain the nature of fascism as an ideology. (200 words, 15 Marks)

It is often said that fascism is an 'Hodge-Podge' of Ideology, because there is no substantive standing of fascism except for consolidating extreme power at the centre.

~~Secis~~ Fascism started in Italy by Mussolini after the end of first world war to establish the lost Italian pride when Italy was not treated with respect and not given due shares of colonies in treaty of versailles and treaty of severs.

The idea was to bind all the sections to gain strength and a formidable force from promoting National interest.



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But rather fascism turned into Absolutism, totalitarianism and Autarky leading to another struggle in form of world war - II.

fascism as an ideological nature emerged to be centred around one extreme leader, Hitler in Nazi Germany or Mussolini in Italy to be all powerful.

The nature of economy in fascist regimes favoured domestic bourgeois in form of Autarky and self-sustainability.

The loss of public sphere, obedience towards state and as held 'Nothing above state, Nothing over it' by Mussolini.

But rather the Most Unfortunate, Part of Ideological Nature of fascism is

to scapegoat minorities for blaming them for all social problems of the society like Jews in Nazi Germany.

Further added by ideals of Racial Superiority and purity and pollution.

Gandhiji had held that loss of Ethics and Morality due to Machiavellian Principles is the cause of fascism.

Hannah Arendt held that fascism corrupts Human Conscience to think rationally, in her book human condition she blames loss of Public Sphere for rise of fascism.

Fascism and state Absolutism had Altered States for the devastating impacts and loss of life for citizens, Need to Adhere to Constitutional Morality, Principle of check and balances is crucial for preventing its Rise.

The emergence of new actors and social forces are forcing a rethink of the overdeveloped thesis of the state. Critically evaluate (200 words, 15 Marks)

Karl Marx in his book '18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte' given the idea of historical specicism, where historical conditions lead to a state which have a discretionary powers vis-a-vis bourgeois class of society.

Hamza Alvi has given a concept of overdeveloped state in context of post-colonial society by stating that colonial rule had made state 'bonapartist' in this type of societies.

As we see due to rising awareness and public participation non-state actors like NGO's, Pressure groups, Interest groups



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Are emerging in developing societies which are allegedly challenging the hegemonic view of state in internal affairs.

further rise of MNC's and big technological giants like Amazon, Meta and Google have become new actors with substantial weight to influence the decision making power of state.

This has ~~it~~ surely led to rethinking of the concept of overdeveloped state where state have to perform the balancing Act and can't have absolute autonomy on its affairs.

But, the idea of public participation of state Non-state actors, pressure groups



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have added towards reaching democracy to the grassroot levels.

As held by David Easton that Pressure groups are the invisible empires in democracy which promote the interest through collective voice.

further Rise of Neo-Environmentalists, Human Rights and social justice Pressure groups like Amnesty International, Oxfam, climate justice etc have Raised the general awareness in the masses about their interests.

All in all, the Rise of Non new Actors

and social factors have aided in democratic development and ensuring Accountability and Responsible government. It must be noted that non-constitutional Means should be avoided for such mobilisation.



Que.6

The state is based on power relations between classes. Comment
(200 words, 15 Marks)

Karl Marx in his magnum opus - 'Communist Manifesto' stated that 'All history of hitherto time is history of class struggle'

His idea was that, history changes with the change in relation to means of production.

The state in such case plays an emp epiphenomenal role and acts as an instrument of dominant class.

But further Antonio Gramsci held that there are other factors as well, Majority culture that plays a role in manufacturing consent for different classes to accept the hegemony of dominant class through



Manufactured content .

so much so that Marxism got divided into two schools i.e. instrumentalist and structural .

instrumental Marxist like George Sabine held that state is an Milibanal instrument of the bourgeois.

structuralist held that state acts as an agent for bourgeois and can have a relative Autonomy as seen from the works of Althusser's Interpellation and Nicos Poulantzas

The Power Relationship between different classes and its relation in post colonial societies was explained by



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Hamza Alvi In form of 'Bourgeois' state where state is overdeveloped and can act on it autonomy vis-a-vis bourgeois.

With emergence of caste based pressure groups after mandal Commission reservation for backward classes, OBC's have emerged as class for itself in the Indian political scene exercising power.

The history of state has evolved into many forms as famous saying by Garner goes — 'Power Relations starts and ends with state'

Que.7

Neoliberalism as the mode of existence of contemporary capitalism is in systemic crisis. Discuss. (200 words, 15 Marks)

Neoliberalism emerged from Washington Consensus in form of Nixonism in U.S. is about rollback of state from the social welfare policies.

In the aftermath of world war II states have occupied an dominant role in social justice and welfare measures.

As well welfare states take care from cradle to grave, they were criticised for discouraging entrepreneurs and innovations.

Neoliberalism as emerged from works of Fredrich hayek in his book —



'Road to serfdom' held that progressive taxation is bonded labour and state should be minimalist -

Nozick held that minimal state is inspiring and right.

Milton Friedman had criticised socialism for being Autocratic and resulting into accumulation of power and wealth in oligarchs.

due to this systemic crisis for capitalist liberalism emerged into forms of Neoliberalism to demand ~~com~~ complete rollback of state and



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a 'Night watchman' state.

World is now seeing a phase of emergence of ~~so~~ rolling back towards progressive taxation as seen from Cornwall's consensus of OECD.

Thomas Picketty in his book inequality in 21st century highlight rising inequality

Inequality and social justice are pivotal in a society which is just and fair, state shall try to achieve ~~SDG's~~ SDG's for more sustainable and equitable world.

Que.8

Marx's Communism is not simply a utopia presented in vacuum, it is a political programme meant to critique the social conditions of Capitalism. Elaborate. (200 words, 15 Marks)

Capitalism in the aftermath of Industrial Revolution had led to wide inequalities in the society.

Marx being a perceptive critique of the social conditions of time given a theory of 'Alienation' where he stated that man in a capitalist society is alienated from his work, process, society and finally from himself.

Capitalism has reduced man to mere cog in the Machine.



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Marx Communism was a theory proposed against the ill's of Capitalism where Marx has suggest for a just and Peaceful society.

In 'Communist Manifesto' Marx held that there should be centralised control of Industries, everyone should contribute as per will and get as per need.

The utopian idea of Marx was about having a peaceful society where there is no exploitation.

Though Marx focused on Raising consciousness among workers, Lenin had



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perverted Communism by establishing
centralised control of communist party.

Later Stalin had converted it into
dictatorship of a communist party.

Marx's ideas ~~are~~ became inspiration
for Mao's Revolution in China.

Marx Communism though a utopian idea
tells us a lot about what is wrong
in the current system of world.

If further raises the political
consciousness against widespread inequality
in the world.

Reducing inequality and a welfare state are
most profound contribution of Marx, whose
he it is an established fact that inequality is
neither just nor right. 24