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# University of Lucknow LL.B. (Integrated) Five Years Degree Course

First Year - First Semester Examination, 2026

**QUESTION BANK**

Model Question Papers - 5 Sets (Set A - Set E)

# POLITICAL SCIENCE-I

Paper : LB-101 (CORE)

| Time : 3 Hours | Maximum Marks : 75 |
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***Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.***

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| Unit | Topic Coverage |
|---|---|
| I | Nature and Scope of Political Science; Relation of Political Science with Law; Methods and Approaches to the study of Political Science |
| II | The State - Definition and Elements of State; Theories of origin of State (Divine, Social Contract, Patriarchal and Matriarchal, Evolutionary); Theories of State Action (Individualistic, Socialist, Welfare State) |
| III | Nature and Pattern of Government - Democracy and conditions for its success; Presidential and Parliamentary forms; Unitary and Federal forms and the Swiss model; Organization of Government - Executive, Legislature and Judiciary |
| IV | Theory of Sovereignty and John Austin's theory; Concept of Law - Definition and Sources; Concept of Liberty and Equality; Political Parties and Pressure Groups |

This question bank contains five model question papers (Set A to Set E), each with ten unified 15-mark questions balanced across all four units of the syllabus, prepared for practice ahead of the B.A. LL.B.

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# University of Lucknow LL.B. (Integrated) First Year

First Semester Examination, 2026

## POLITICAL SCIENCE-I

Paper : LB-101 (CORE)

## [ SET - A ]

Time : 3 Hours ] [ M.M. : 75

***Note :- Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.***

**Q.1.** Explain the nature of Political Science as a discipline and discuss the various controversies regarding its claim to be regarded as a science. **[15]**

**Q.2.** Discuss the scope of Political Science and examine how its subject matter has expanded from the study of the State alone to the study of political behaviour, institutions and processes in modern times. **[15]**

**Q.3.** Define the State and discuss its essential elements, namely population, territory, government and sovereignty. **[15]**

**Q.4.** Explain the Divine Origin Theory of the State and discuss the reasons for its decline in modern political thought. **[15]**

**Q.5.** Explain the Social Contract Theory of the origin of the State, with reference to the views of Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau, and examine the criticisms levelled against it. **[15]**

**Q.6.** Explain the concept of democracy and discuss the essential conditions necessary for its successful working. **[15]**

**Q.7.** Distinguish between the Presidential and Parliamentary forms of government, bringing out their respective merits and demerits. **[15]**

**Q.8.** Distinguish between the Unitary and Federal forms of government, and discuss the essential features that characterise a federal system. **[15]**

**Q.9.** Define sovereignty and discuss its essential characteristics, bringing out the distinction between internal and external sovereignty. **[15]**

**Q.10.** Explain John Austin's theory of sovereignty and discuss the criticisms that have been levelled against it by later political thinkers. **[15]**

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# University of Lucknow LL.B. (Integrated) First Year

First Semester Examination, 2026

## POLITICAL SCIENCE-I

Paper : LB-101 (CORE)

## [ SET - B ]

Time : 3 Hours ] [ M.M. : 75

***Note :- Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.***

**Q.1.** Examine the relationship between Political Science and Law, and discuss how the study of one discipline aids the understanding of the other. **[15]**

**Q.2.** Discuss the traditional approaches to the study of Political Science, such as the philosophical, historical, legal and institutional approaches, bringing out their merits and limitations. **[15]**

**Q.3.** Discuss the Patriarchal and Matriarchal Theories of the origin of the State, bringing out the difference between the two and examining their respective merits. **[15]**

**Q.4.** Explain the Evolutionary or Historical Theory of the origin of the State and discuss why it is regarded as the most acceptable explanation of the origin of the State. **[15]**

**Q.5.** Discuss the Individualistic Theory of State action and examine its main features, along with the criticisms levelled against it. **[15]**

**Q.6.** Examine the Swiss model of government and discuss the distinctive features that make Switzerland a unique example among the democracies of the world. **[15]**

**Q.7.** Discuss the organisation and functions of the Executive organ of government, and examine the difference between the political and permanent executive. **[15]**

**Q.8.** Discuss the organisation and functions of the Legislature, and examine the merits and demerits of a bicameral legislature as compared to a unicameral one. **[15]**

**Q.9.** Define law and discuss its essential characteristics as understood in modern legal and political thought. **[15]**

**Q.10.** Discuss the various sources of law, such as custom, legislation, precedent, and juristic writings, bringing out the significance of each. **[15]**

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First Semester Examination, 2026

**POLITICAL SCIENCE-I**

Paper : LB-101 (CORE)

**[ SET - C ]**

Time : 3 Hours ] [ M.M. : 75

***Note :- Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.***

**Q.1.** Discuss the modern approaches to the study of Political Science, such as the behavioural, systems and Marxist approaches, and examine how they differ from the traditional approaches. **[15]**

**Q.2.** Examine the importance of the comparative method as a tool for the study of Political Science, and discuss its utility in understanding different political systems. **[15]**

**Q.3.** Discuss the Socialist Theory of State action and examine how it differs from the Individualistic Theory in its conception of the role of the State. **[15]**

**Q.4.** Explain the concept of the Welfare State and discuss its essential features, along with the functions it is expected to perform in a modern society. **[15]**

**Q.5.** Distinguish between the theories of the origin of the State and the theories of State action, and examine how each contributes to a fuller understanding of the nature of the State. **[15]**

**Q.6.** Discuss the organisation and functions of the Judiciary, and examine the significance of an independent judiciary for the successful working of democracy. **[15]**

**Q.7.** Examine the doctrine of separation of powers among the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary, and discuss its relevance to the working of modern government. **[15]**

**Q.8.** Discuss the merits and demerits of the Parliamentary form of government, with special reference to its suitability for a large and diverse country. **[15]**

**Q.9.** Explain the concept of liberty and discuss its different kinds, such as natural, civil, political and economic liberty. **[15]**

**Q.10.** Explain the concept of equality and examine the relationship between liberty and equality in a democratic State. **[15]**

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**POLITICAL SCIENCE-I**

Paper : LB-101 (CORE)

**[ SET - D ]**

Time : 3 Hours ] [ M.M. : 75

***Note :- Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.***

**Q.1.** Distinguish between Political Science and other social sciences such as History, Economics and Sociology, bringing out the distinctive subject matter of Political Science. **[15]**

**Q.2.** Discuss the evolution of Political Science as an academic discipline from ancient times to the present, tracing the major stages in its development. **[15]**

**Q.3.** Compare the Individualistic and Socialist theories of State action, and discuss which of the two provides a more suitable basis for the working of a modern Welfare State. **[15]**

**Q.4.** Examine population and territory as elements of the State, and discuss whether a minimum or maximum limit can be prescribed for either. **[15]**

**Q.5.** Examine government and sovereignty as elements of the State, and discuss why sovereignty is regarded as the most essential element distinguishing the State from other associations. **[15]**

**Q.6.** Examine the merits and demerits of the Federal form of government, and discuss the circumstances that generally lead a country to adopt a federal rather than a unitary system. **[15]**

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**Q.7.** Discuss the meaning of democracy and examine the social, economic and political conditions regarded as prerequisites for its successful functioning. **[15]**

**Q.8.** Examine the merits and demerits of the Presidential form of government, with special reference to the system followed in the United States of America. **[15]**

**Q.9.** Discuss the meaning, functions and importance of political parties in the working of a modern democratic government. **[15]**

**Q.10.** Explain the meaning and role of pressure groups in a democracy, and distinguish them from political parties. **[15]**

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## POLITICAL SCIENCE-I

Paper : LB-101 (CORE)

## [ SET - E ]

Time : 3 Hours ] [ M.M. : 75

***Note :- Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.***

**Q.1.** Examine the significance of the study of Political Science for a student of law, with special reference to the understanding of the State, government and public policy. **[15]**

**Q.2.** Discuss the various methods employed in the study of Political Science, such as the observational, historical, comparative and empirical methods, and examine their respective uses. **[15]**

**Q.3.** Distinguish between the Divine Origin Theory and the Social Contract Theory of the origin of the State, bringing out the historical circumstances that led to the emergence of each. **[15]**

**Q.4.** Discuss the criticisms levelled against the Social Contract Theory of the origin of the State, and examine its lasting contribution to modern political thought despite these criticisms. **[15]**

**Q.5.** Trace the historical development of the theories of State action from the Individualistic Theory to the modern concept of the Welfare State, and examine the factors responsible for this shift. **[15]**

**Q.6.** Discuss the working of the Unitary form of government and examine the circumstances under which a country may prefer it over a federal arrangement. **[15]**

**Q.7.** Examine the relationship among the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary in a Parliamentary form of government, and discuss how this relationship differs from that found in a Presidential system. **[15]**

**Q.8.** Compare the Swiss model of government with the Parliamentary and Presidential forms, and examine the special features of collegial executive and direct democracy found in Switzerland. **[15]**

**Q.9.** Examine the relationship between the concept of sovereignty and the rule of law in a modern constitutional State. **[15]**

**Q.10.** Discuss the role of political parties and pressure groups in shaping public opinion and influencing government policy in a democracy. **[15]**