

St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore

MA Political Science, 3RD Semester

End Semester Examination October 2018

PS 9214: Ancient and Medieval Political thought

Time: 2 ½ hrs

Max. Marks: 70

Supplementary candidates only. Attach the question paper with the answer booklet

This question paper has one printed page and two parts

Answer any FIVE of the following SEVEN questions in 125-150 words each (5X6= 30 marks)

- 1. What is Political Philosophy
- 2. Describe Plato's 'types of states'
- 3. What according to Aristotle is the best form of government and why?
- 4. Mention any two of Confucius' moral thoughts in the Analects.
- 5. According to Manu what are the duties of King
- 6. State Kautilya's views on Religion.
- 7. Analyse Machiavelli's views on importance of 'power'

Answer any FOUR of the following SIX questions in 225-250 words each (2X10=20 marks)

- 8. Discuss the nature of state as suggested by Plato in his Republic and the Statesman.
- 9. Examine Aristotle's major criticism on Plato's Republic.
- 10. What are St. Thomas Aquinas' major contributions to the medieval political thought? Analyse the reforms suggested by him in the papacy.
- 11. Analyse the factors that influenced Kautilya to argue for a Strong State and the means suggested to this end.
- 12. Describe the liberal ideas as embedded in Lao Tzu's teachings. Critically locate it in context of present Chinese society.
- 13. Identify two differences between Political Thought and Political Philosophy. Discuss the major strands of Political Thought on the evolution of state.