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CLASS-XI

SUBJECT – POLITICAL SCIENCE

ASSIGNMENT – FREEDOM, POLITICAL THEORY

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Answer key

I. TICK THE CORRECT OPTION

A. The power of the government to disallow media from publishing or showing certain stories is

- a. Censorship b. Rule of law c. Dictatorship d. Freedom of press

CENSORSHIP

B. Liberty of the individual prevails when there is:

- a. No policeman b. no judge c. Democracy d. No Law

DEMOCRACY

C. Human Beings are unique because they;

- a. Possess power of reasoning and reflection
b. Are social beings and depend on society
c. Participate in politics
d. Never fight with one another

a. Possess power of reasoning and reflection

D. A political party must have :

- a. Party headquarters c. Power seeking politicians
b. A strong vote bank d. An ideology

c. AN IDEOLOGY

E. Negative Liberty means:

- a. Liberty without restraints c. Liberty with restraint
b. Liberty with few restraints d. Liberty with many constraints

a. Liberty without restraints

II. Answer the following questions:

1. What is Harm Principle?

Explaining two types of actions that are self regarding actions and other-regarding actions J.S. Mill says that state or such other agency has no right to interfere in the affairs of man as long as man's actions are concerned with him only and do not harm or affect others but when man's actions and decisions affect others or harm others then the actions and behaviour of man has to be controlled by an external agency. Therefore J.S. Mill considered harm factor as the sole criteria for the interference, in the affairs of man. This is called in political theory as the Harm Principle.

2. How can freedom of expression be justified?

Answer:

Freedom of expression is very necessary for human development. J.S. Mill gave passionate support to the right of expression including the right to have thought and freedom of discussions. J.S. Mill says that no idea is false. Every idea has some element of truth, therefore everyone should have ideas and right to express them. Freedom of expression not only promotes the development of man but also of the entire society.

3. Discuss the utility of political theory.

Answer:

We can understand the significance and utility of a political theory in the following areas:-

1. It offers solutions to contemporary political problems.
2. It helps in removing the prevailing confusion of society.
3. It gives direction to the society.
4. It acts as an inspiration for the society.
5. It brings a change in society.
6. It breaks the conservative character of the society.
7. It brings reformation in society.
8. It brings a revolution in society.
9. It frames the policies for the future.
10. It offers planning for the future.
10. It helps in studying and understanding the political realities.
11. It helps in research and conceptualisation.
4. Why the constraints are necessary for freedom?

Answer:

Constraints mean certain binding directions to (Do this and not to do that). Some people think that such directions-and constraints destroy freedom but fact is different. In fact, the constraints and restrictions in the form of directions and regulations promote, safeguard and strengthen the conditions which make freedom. But the constraints should be reasonable i.e. based on good intentions, welfare, support and belief. That means the directions should be from a legitimate authority.

5. Define Political Theory. Mention two important functions of political theory.

Answer:

The theory is sort of tested direction on which a society or a nation has to march. The theory is needed for every subject which is evolved and framed by the students and researchers of that subject. It performs a leading role in the advancement and development of that subject. Since everything or aspect of society comes in the arena of politics, political theory performs a decisive role for the subject and also for the. Society. We can understand it in the following areas:-

1. Political theory formulates concepts and generalisation.
2. Political theory gives a definite direction to society by removing the prevailing confusion and uncertainties.
3. The political theory works as inspiration for the society.