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**Third Semester M.A. Degree Examination, February 2024**

**Political Science**

**PS 532 : CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY**

**(2022 Admission)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

**PART – A**

(Short Essay Questions)

Answer **any six** of the following in about **250** words each. Each question carries **5** marks.

1. Give an account of Taylor's criticism on the concept of negative liberty.
2. Explain the fundamental postulates of Post Marxism. Bring out the contributions of Ernesto Laclou to the development of Post Marxism.
3. State and explain Michael Walzer's views on civil society.
4. Bring out the key arguments of Poststructuralism.
5. Examine the views of Isiah Berlin on value pluralism'. How it is related to his notion of liberty.
6. What do you mean by Multiculturalism? Explain the challenges faced by Multicultural Society.
7. Critically examine Robert Nozick's entitlement theory of Justice.

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8. Discuss the key features of Habermas' theory of the public sphere.
9. Give an account of John Rawl's concept of freedom and Justice.
10. What do you mean by post-colonialism? What are the ideological issues involved in postcolonialism.

**(6 × 5 = 30 Marks)**

## PART – B

(Essay Questions)

Answer **any three** of the following in about **450** words each. Each question carries **15** marks.

11. 'Isaiah Berlin's account of freedom has remained an indispensable reference point for thought about freedom' – Discuss.
12. Elucidate Habermas' analysis on the nature and the structural transformations of the public sphere and its functions within contemporary society.
13. Walzer's 'The idea of civil society', represents a shift in perspective on the problems of contemporary democratic life – Elucidate.
14. Trace the genesis of critical perspectives on political theory. Examine how postmodern perspective seeks to transform our mode of thinking about political questions of freedom and democracy.
15. Comment on the genesis Poulantzas-Miliband debate on Nature and role of the State.

**(3 × 15 = 45 Marks)**

