

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY  
SILVASSA CAMPUS**

Course: **Political Theory**  
**Semester- II (Batch: 2023-28)**

**End Semester Examination: April-May 2024**

**Date: 29 April, 2024**

**Duration: 3 hours**

**Max. Marks: 50**

**Instructions:**

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- Do not write anything on the question paper.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answer.
- No questions or clarification can be sought during the exam period answer as it is, giving a reason, if any.
- Word limit- 750 to 850.

**Answer any five of the following questions**

		<b>Marks</b>
Q.1	In the age of social media, how can feminist movements use online platforms to address both global gender issues and empower women in local communities?	(10)
Q.2	As Machiavelli champions the pursuit of power for a strong and stable State, can his ideas, particularly the justification of any means to achieve an end, lead to ethical dilemmas and unintended consequences for the ruler and the people? Provide examples to support your answer.	(10)
Q.3	Despite legal protections, why do social and economic disparities persist as major challenges for the Dalit movement in achieving equality?	(10)
Q.4	How did Ambedkar's views on caste liberation intersect with his advocacy for women's rights?	(10)
Q.5	How does Chinua Achebe's portrayal of leadership and governance in his novels, particularly his critiques of corrupt leaders in post-colonial Africa, contribute to African political thought on the importance of ethical leadership and citizen responsibility?	(10)
Q.6	The Kingdom of Magadha, has been thriving under King Dhanananda. Following the principles of Kautilya's Saptanga (Seven Elements of a State), the kingdom boasts a strong Swami (the Sovereign King), Amatya (the minister), Janapada (the People and the Territory), Durga (Fortification), Kosha (the Treasury), Danda (the army) and Mitra (the Allies). However, recent reports indicate- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A neighbouring kingdom, Avanti, has been expanding its borders and making aggressive noises</li> <li>2. Internal dissent is brewing amongst the farmers due to a recent tax regime.</li> <li>3. Espionage reports suggest a potential coup within the royal court.</li> </ol>	(10)

King Dhanananda seeks your advice as a scholar well versed in Kautilya's Saptanga theory. How can he utilise the different elements of the *Saptanga* to address these emerging challenges and ensure the continued stability and prosperity of Magadha?