

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
SILVASSA CAMPUS**

**Course: Introduction to Political Science
Semester- I (Batch: 2023-28)**

End Semester Examination: Oct-Nov 2023

Date: 4 November 2023

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 reason, if any.
- Word Limit – 750 to 850.

Answer any five of the following questions.

Marks

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| Q.1 | Political Science as a science or an art: "Politics is like a delicate dance, where leaders must balance strategy, charisma, and public opinion. It requires both scientific analysis of social systems and creative decision-making". | (10) |
| | Analyse the passage above and discuss whether political science is best understood as a science or art. How would you argue for one perspective over the other? | |
| Q.2 | Explore the Gandhian perspective of the State and how do you think Gandhi's conception of State could be applied in contemporary political contexts? Substantiate your arguments with examples. | (10) |
| Q.3 | "In a society, liberty allows individuals to pursue their own interests, while equality ensures fairness and justice for all. However, striking the right balance between these two values is a challenge." In the given context, discuss the complex relationship between liberty and equality; and propose a way to reconcile these ideals. | (10) |
| Q.4 | Analyse the statement below and discuss how it reflects the pluralist conception of sovereignty: and how does this challenge traditional notions of state authority? Provide examples to support your analysis. | (10) |
| | "In a pluralist society, power is dispersed among various groups and institutions, rather than concentrated in a single entity." | |
| Q.5 | a) What is Feminist Perspective of Justice?
b) How can the feminist perspective of justice address the issues of historically induced systemic discrimination and ensure a more equitable society?" | (5x2=
10) |
| Q.6 | Discuss the importance of Secularism in promoting religious freedom and maintaining a neutral state. How does this concept protect the rights of individuals and prevent religious conflicts? Provide arguments to support your analysis. | (10) |
