

Modal Answer AS-2056

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Paper: First (Ancient and Medieval Western Political Thought)

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Answer, 1, (i) polity (ii) Philosopher King (iii) Mean (iv) Artisans (v) Aristotle
(vi) Justice (vii) Mean (viii) Aristotle (ix) Aristotle (x) Aristotle

Answer. 2. Students are expected to answer the notion of state propounded by Plato. Discussion must be surrounded by the debate on the conception of ideal state.

Answer. 3. Students have to answer popper's criticism of Plato which is mostly discussed in his famous book Open Society. Students have to justify by putting various examples and citations that how popper's claim that Platonic theories led to totalitarianism and authoritarianism.

Answer. 4. One is expected to discuss that how despite several similarities between Plato and Aristotle, on various points particularly at the level of methodology Aristotle differs and at the idea of matter and form both have different notion. Again while Plato supports the Communism theory while Aristotle discards that.

Answer. 5. Students must start the debate surrounding Aristotle's support of slavery as private property. And how on the theory of rationality Aristotle differentiates between master and slave. After giving all the points forwarded by Aristotle u are expected to put certain criticisms which are supported by modern political thinkers.

Answer. 6. This is a question which is based on the student's general understanding of western political thought which they have been taught. You have to discuss how Greek theorist justified their arguments of limited notion of state and citizenship. And in the light of this existing notion how modern advancement of civilization has rejected this type f conception. This question must be justified by your own discretion.

Answer. 7. You are expected to make a critical analysis of power and virtue particularly the Greek notion where Plato and Aristotle both have based their theories on the basis of rationality. Certain examples may be made from the modern developments of political theories.

Answer. 8. The famous medieval scholar Marsilio Padua's book Defensor Pacis was the creation of its time yet it was influenced by the Aristotelian notion in terms of methodology and analysis. You have to justify that by putting forward various points.

