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Chapter Name : Political Theory : An Introduction

Q1 Which of the following statements are true/false about Political Theory?

- (a) It discusses ideas that form the basis of political institutions.
- (b) It explains the relationship between different religions.
- (c) It explains the meanings of concepts like equality and freedom.
- (d) It predicts the performance of political parties.

Answer.

- (a) True
- (b) False
- (c) True
- (d) False

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Q2 Politics is more than what politicians do. Do you agree with this statement? Give examples.

Answer. Yes, politics is not restricted to the activities performed by the respective politicians as the contemporary narratives about the domain of politics is quite diverse and broader in its basic application. The input-output method of politics enables us to understand the whole dynamic process of such political transaction. The importance of the social capital present in the functioning of a good governance can be understood by the processes of elections, pressure groups and interest groups, which play an important role in the whole process of politics.

For example: Elections form an imperative part of the politics and it is considered as a process beyond the role of politicians as it includes, the electors, electorates and the election commission for the proper application of the election procedures. It drafts upon the basic ideas of administration and accountability of the elected members.

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Q3 Vigilant citizens are a must for the successful working of a democracy. Comment.

Answer. The whole notion of vigilant citizens is quintessential for the successful functioning of a democracy. The aspects of accountability and the proper system of checks and balances is considered as the basic tenets of democracy. The vigilant citizens often maintain the balance of democracy by restraining the government and also by questioning the basic aspects of law and order, policing and administration. It limits the emerging trends of authoritarianism and also creates an essential level of political consciousness among the citizens. It increases the degree of active participation from the citizens in all the law-making procedures.

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Q4 In what ways is the study of political theory useful for us? Identify four ways in which political theory can be useful to us?

Answer. The study of political theory is useful to us as :

- (a) It increases our knowledge about the basic aspects of the government. It increases the domain of knowledge as it touches upon the aspects of limitations and clarifications regarding the powers of the government.
- (b) It deals with the basic political theoretical aspects including equality, freedom, justice etc.
- (c) It stresses upon the subjective aspect of the political topics as it determines the interpretive inclinations of political theory.
- (d) It also deals with other institutions like executives and judicial organs to stress upon the basic aspects and topics pertaining to good governance.

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Q5 Do you think that a good/convincing argument can compel others to listen to you?

Answer. Yes, a good and convincing argument can compel others to listen to us as it forms the basic aspect of debate and discourse. Augmentation forms the basic aspect of the democratic dialogue and enhances the chances of non-violent discourse. The representation and the active participation of underprivileged sections of the society is important for such a process to be successful.

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Q6 Do you think studying political theory is like studying mathematics? Give reasons for your answer.

Answer. No, studying political theory is not like studying mathematics as both of them are different in their principles and methods of applications. The basic tenets of political theory rely upon the theme of subjectiveness while as mathematics is considered as the subject pertaining to objectivity. On the other hand, the aspects of political theory is considered as closely connected with the applied humanities while as mathematics is used for systematic and mechanical purposes.

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