

M.A. Examination 2018
Semester-IV
History
Course : E-19 (Optional)
History of Western Political thought II

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of equal value

Answer **any four** questions

1. Discuss the conditions for the possibility of historical knowledge in the epistemological sense.
 2. What are the principal aspects of conservatism? How does conservatism differ from other right-wing ideologies?
 3. Is it worthwhile to make a distinction between classical and modern forms of liberalism? What is libertarianism?
 4. What are the basic principles that unite the otherwise diverse schools of Marxist thought and practice? Discuss these principles critically.
 5. What do you understand by the Frankfurt school of thought? How did Jürgen Habermas attempt to reconstruct the school's understanding of critical theory?
 6. Write a note on Marxist anti-humanism as represented in the work of Louis Althusser and his associates in France during the 1960s.
 7. Define "fundamentalisms". Discuss their dominant features with examples.
 8. Write a note on Foucault's governmentality. What has been its theoretical ramifications in recent times?
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