

TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

Spring Semester End Examination, 2019

SC 510 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Time: 2 Hrs

Total Marks: 60

1. Answer *any three* of the following questions: 15x3 =45
- a) Examine the feminist critique of traditional theories of State. Describe the changes in the way in which the state represents patriarchal interests.
 - b) Define ethnic group and ethnicity. Discuss, with examples, the view that ethnicity is linked to the centralizing activities of the modern state.
 - c) Discuss Foucault's ideas on power and subjectivity.
 - d) Critically examine the relation between caste and electoral politics in Indian society.
2. Write short notes on *any three* of the following: 5x3 =15
- a) Hind Swaraj
 - b) Nation and nationalism
 - c) Hegemony
 - d) Bureaucracy

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Total Marks: **70**

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks for the individual question.

1. Answer the following questions: 2x5=10
 - a) Who has defined the State in terms of legitimate monopolisation of coercive power?
 - b) In which theoretical perspective State is often viewed as facilitating the domination of the ruling class?
 - c) Who has authored the book titled *Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy* ?
 - d) Mention the key contribution of Gandhi which presents a critique of the western civilisation model.
 - e) Which Constitutional Amendment Act of the Indian Constitution deals with the local self-governing bodies in rural areas?

2. Answer **any four** of the following questions: 5x4= 20
 - a) Discuss the meaning of surveillance to understand governance.
 - b) Examine the meaning of the concept of civil society.
 - c) Discuss the concept of circulation of elites.
 - d) What is the significance of interest groups and pressure groups in a plural society?
 - e) Discuss the significance of caste relations in understanding power structure in India society.
 - f) What is the meaning of the concept of patriarchy?

3. Answer **any four** of the following questions: 10x4= 40
 - a) Discuss Max Weber's formulation of authority and its significance in defining the scope of political sociology.
 - b) Explain the relevance of Marxist perspective in making sense of power relations in contemporary society.

- c) What is the nature of relation between religion and politics in India?
- d) Discuss the meaning of democratic decentralisation with specific reference to Indian context.
- e) Explain the significance of regional politics in shaping the political discourse in India.
- f) What kind of shifts can be seen in the administrative structure of Indian state through the introduction of Panchayati Raj Institutions?
