

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO - SRI LANKA**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS-SEMESTER -I- 2018/2019**

**PSC 2118 – Main Currents in Political Thought**

**Time: Two (02) hours**

Answer three (03) questions only.

Each answer carries maximum of **twenty (20)** marks.

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1. Explain the key elements of Plato's concept of justice.
2. (a) Describe how Aristotle conceptualized the state.  
(b) What was Aristotle's opinion on the most practicable state?
3. 'The strength of Rome can be identified through its Republican institutional arrangement'. Examine this statement with reference to the ideas presented by Polybius.
4. Explain the following concepts of St. Augustine.
  - (a) Earthly City and Heavenly City
  - (b) Struggle of the History and Christian Commonwealth
5. Explain the ideas presented by St. Thomas Aquinas on the State and the classification of laws.
6. Compare the key features of social contract theory presented by Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.
7. Write notes on the major political concepts presented by any two of following political thinkers;
  - (a) Cicero
  - (b) Seneca
  - (c) Rousseau
  - (d) Martin Luther

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