

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER I – 2017/2018

PSC 2118 – Main Currents in Political Thought

Time: Two (02) Hours

Answer only **four (04)** Questions.

Each answer will carry a maximum of **twenty (15)** marks.

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- (1) According to Plato, Justice can be culminated through a harmonious balance between the souls of individuals, the soul of the state and the division of labour. Examine.
  
- (2) (a) Explain the Aristotelian conception of the best practicable state.  
(b) Briefly identify his ideas on an Ideal State.
  
- (3) Examine Polybius' explanation on the institutional arrangement of the Roman Republican Constitution.
  
- (4) Is there a religious character in the political ideas presented by Seneca on the emergence of the State? Explain
  
- (5) Explain the basic political concepts presented by St. Augustine in his book *City of God*.
  
- (6) Identify the significant of political ideas presented by Machiavelli in his book *The Prince*, considering the socio-political context of Machiavelli's Italy.
  
- (7) Explain St. Thomas Aquinas' ideas on organ of state, political power and the laws.
  
- (8) Write notes on any two (02) of following political thinkers.
  - (a) Marcus Tullius Cicero
  - (b) Thomas Hobbes
  - (c) John Locke
  - (d) Jean Jacques Rousseau