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**Political Science**

**Introduction to Political Science- POLS 18214**

**Answer any five (05) Questions.**

**No. of questions : 09**

**Time : 03 Hours**

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01. “Politics has been defined differently by different thinkers and within different traditions.”  
Comment on this statement.
02. Explain the approaches used in the study of political science.
03. Different theories have been enunciated on the origin of state. Discuss
04. Critically examine the theory of social contract regarding the origin of the state.
05. Examine the relevance of the concept of democracy to modern states.
06. Define the law and explain the importance of the rule of law.
07. “The central idea of socialism is socio-economic equality.” Discuss.
08. Explain Montesquieu’s theory of separation of powers.
09. Write notes on any **two (02)** of the following.
  - (a) Principles of Capitalism
  - (b) Characteristics of an authoritarian regime
  - (c) Essential elements of state
  - (d) Subdisciplines of political science

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