

**EXAMINATION PAPER
ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
ACADEMIC YEAR: 2021-22
IP22220 / IP32220: POLITICAL THEORY**

Time allowed: 24 HOURS. You must submit your answer in a single document to the TurnItIn submission point before 12 P.M. (BST) the day after the examination paper is released. Late submissions will not be accepted.

This examination paper consists of two sections.

Section A requires an examination essay (50% of the total examination mark). Answer ONE of the eight questions.

1. Compare and contrast Plato's Philosopher King and Machiavelli's Prince.
2. What are the similarities and differences between Aristotle's idea of politics as friendship and Rousseau's general will?
3. Compare Locke's and Rousseau's social contracts.
4. Compare Hobbes's and Rousseau's concepts of the state of nature.
5. What are the key differences between Rousseau's and Kant's political theories?
6. What are the key differences between Mill's and Kant's political theories?
7. Compare how Locke and Mill address the majority–minority relations.
8. Does Machiavelli understand security similarly to Hobbes?

Section B requires an examination essay (50% of the total examination mark). Answer ONE of the six questions.

1. Compare and contrast Plato's and Aristotle's political theories. Which one is more attractive to modern people?
2. Is Machiavelli's political theory closer to his ancient predecessors or to his modern followers?
3. What is so revolutionary about Hobbes's concept of the social contract? Contrast it to ancient political theory.

4. 'Truly modern political theory starts only with John Locke, not Thomas Hobbes as some maintain'. Discuss.
5. Can modern political theory hold without its emphasis on reason as the Enlightenment would define it?
6. Is it a problem that some political theories are developed as pure or abstract theories and their practical applications necessitate compromises? Illustrate with references to two political theorists studied in the module.