

**BITS-PILANI, K. K. BIRLA GOA CAMPUS  
SEMESTER I (2022-23)**

**GS F211 MODERN POLITICAL CONCEPTS**

**COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION)**

**DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 (FN)**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

**MARKS: 80**

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**Instructions:**

- a. This is an open book exam; you are permitted only to use handwritten notes/ printouts of handwritten notes (the use of annotated notes, books, articles, or printouts of the same are not allowed)
- b. You are expected to work independently and are not permitted to use mobile phones or consult any colleagues during the examination period.
- c. All three questions are compulsory. Mention the Question No. you are attempting and begin each Question on a new page.
- d. Answers must be written in essay form, with a clear introduction, body of paragraphs and conclusion/summary/reflection.
- e. Please leave a reasonable margin when you write your essays.
- f. You are encouraged to draft an outline in order to plan each of your essays. Please ensure that you indicate the same (marking it as 'ESSAY OUTLINE') so that the same will not be considered for evaluation.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Conservatives claim that people should focus on performing their traditional roles in society rather than claiming individual rights. Feminists claim that society has accorded women an inferior status and the same should be overturned? Examine why the two ideologies arrive at their respective positions?  
**(25 Marks)**
2. Liberalism argues that in the economic sphere, humans are best served by free markets. Socialism argues that collective/communitarian economic arrangements best serve human wellbeing. Trace the underlying rationales that result in these two ideologies holding different perspectives on socio-economic organisation of society?  
**(25 Marks)**
3. Why is the study of politics considered both a philosophy as well as a science?  
**(30 Marks)**