

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL, INDIRAPURAM**  
**WORKSHEET (2019-20)**  
**Political Science**  
**CLASS-XI**

1. Write a short note on the life and work of the following Greek thinkers:

- a) Socrates    b) Plato

2. "I disapprove what you say but I will defend to death your right to say it".

a) What does Voltaire want to say through this statement? Explain.

b) Give two examples from the contemporary Indian polity where the right to freedom of expression was violated.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:

Political theory deals with the ideas and principles that shape constitutions, governments and social life in a systematic manner. It clarifies the meaning of concepts such as freedom, equality, justice, democracy, secularism and so on. It probes the significance of principles such as rule of law, separation of powers, judicial review, etc. This is done by examining the arguments advanced by different thinkers in defense of these concepts.

a) Define political theory.

b) Identify the political principle/value which is in application in each of the following statement/situation:

(i) Jadavpur University Professor arrested over anti-Mamta cartoons.

(ii) A driver should have a driving license.

(iii) Caste discrimination prevents Dalits from crossing the road of a village of Brahmins and Kshatriyas.

(iv) Annual Oxfam survey says richest 1% in India own 73% of its total wealth.

(v) I want to visit Cellular Jail in Andaman and Nicobar Island.

4. What does the right to freedom of expression mean in today's digital world? What new challenges and issues do you see emerging nowadays? Explain with suitable examples.

5. Elucidate as to why vigilant citizens are a must for successful working of a democracy?