

**PSIR Answer Writing and Content Enrichment (PACE) – 2027**  
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**Plato**

1. Comment: 'Reality is a shadow of ideas'. (Plato) (1992)
2. Comment: "For, no law or ordinance is mightier than knowledge.". (Plato) (1993)
3. Comment: "Until philosophers are kings, or kings and princes of this world have the spirit and power of philosophy, cities will never have rest from evil." (2000)
4. Explain Plato's communism and compare it with modern communism. (2003)
5. Plato's theory of education 'is the logical result of his conception of justice'. Discuss. (2004)
6. Comment: "The State is Individual writ Large." (Plato) (2005)
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8. Comment: "Plato's communism is a supplementary machinery to give effect to and reinforce that spirit which education is to create." (Nettleship) (2007)
9. Comment: "Western thought, one might say, has been either platonic or anti-platonic but hardly ever non – platonic." (Popper) (2009)
10. "Plato was an enemy of the open society." (Popper) Comment. (2015)
11. Trace the evolution of Western Political Thought from ancient to contemporary period. (2020)
12. Critically examine Plato's theory of Forms. (2024)
13. Karl Popper presents a defence of the open society against its enemies. Elaborate. (2025)

## Aristotle

1. Comment: *'The aims pursued by revolutionaries, like the origins of revolution, are the same in tyrannies and kingships as they are under regular Constitutions.'* (1991)
2. Comment: *"The authority of the master and that of the statesman are different from one another."* (Aristotle) (1994)
3. Comment: *"Rule of law is better than rule of men."* (Aristotle) (1995)
4. Comment: *"Slavery is natural and beneficial both for the master and the slave."* (Aristotle) (1996)
5. Comment: *"Polity is the best practicable form of government."* (Aristotle) (1998)
6. Comment: *"Polity or constitutional government may be described generally as a fusion of oligarchy and democracy."* (Aristotle) (1999)
7. Comment: *"The polis exists by nature and that it is prior to the individual."* (2002)
8. Attempt a critique of Aristotle's ideas on slavery. (2006)
9. Comment: *"The state is a creation of nature and man is by nature a political animal."* (Aristotle) (2011)
10. Central to Aristotle's political thought is his classification of the different types of political constitutions in the *Politics*. Evaluate. (2014)
11. Comment in 150 words: Aristotle's Conception of Equality. (2015)
12. Everywhere, inequality is a cause of revolution – Aristotle. Comment. (2017)
13. Explain Aristotle's critique of Plato's Idealism. (2019)
14. Explain the Aristotelian view of politics. To what extent do you think it has contributed – to the development of modern-day constitutional democracies? (2021)