

PSIR Test 01 Model Answers

flow from Plato. Other scholars have examined his ideas. Aristotle who is known as father of political science has been Plato's greatest disciple as well as greatest critic. Whitehead has rightly pointed out that the entire western political philosophy is nothing but footnote to Plato and Aristotle. The greatness of Plato is evident that Karl Popper, one of the greatest critic of Plato acknowledged that one can be either Platonic or anti-Platonic but can never be non-Platonic.

- *Thus it can be said that Emerson is right when it is said that Plato is philosophy and philosophy is Plato.*

3. "Plato's communism is a heroic remedy for a desperate evil, the union of political power and economic temptation in the same hands". Explain.

- *Plato has proposed the idea of communism as a measure to deal with corruption. He proposed,*
 - i. *Communism of property*
 - ii. *Communism of family*
- *It is to be noted that his communism is limited to the guardian class. The rationale for communism of property is to prevent the corruption i.e. misuse of the public fund by those in power.*
- *He proposes communism of family to deal with nepotism. He consider family as bigger evil because family induces people to earn by unfair means and to discriminate between members of family and others. It is a heroic remedy in the sense, very*