

Definitions of State

- ① Aristotle defined the 'State' as, "a union of families and villages having for its end a perfect and self-sufficing life by which we mean a happy and honourable life."
- ② Cicero defined the 'State' as, "a numerous society united by a common sense of right and a mutual participation in advantages."
- ③ Bodin defined the 'State' as, "an association of families and their common possessions, governed by supreme power and by reason."
- ④ Holland, defines the 'State', as "a numerous assemblage of human beings generally occupying certain territory amongst whom the will of the majority or class made to prevail against any of their number who oppose it."
- ⑤ Burges defines the 'state' as a, "particular portion of mankind viewed as an organised unit."
- ⑥ According to Bluntschli, "The state is politically organised people of a definite territory."
- ⑦ According to Phillimore, "A state for all purposes of international law is a people prominently occupying a fixed territory, bound together by common laws, habits and customs into one

Terms used for State

- ① Polis (Greek word) = City State
- ② Political Science, for Greeks was largely Municipal Science
- ③ Civitas (Roman word) - Citizenship and Public Welfare
- ④ Status (Teutons) - phraseal word
- ⑤ Status → State (Machiavelli used it for the first time in Political Science.

The term 'State' did not become very popular untill 16th century.

of territory, independent or nearly so, of external control and possessing an organised Government to which the great body of inhabitants render habitual obedience."

- ⑬ MacIver believes that the, "State is an association which acts through law as promulgated by a government endowed to this end with coercive power maintains within a community territorially demarcated the universal external conditions of social order."
- ⑭ C.D.H. Cole says that the 'State', "is whole community of its members regarded as organised social unit."
- ⑮ Gilchrist, "The State is a concept of Political Science and a moral reality which exists where a simple number of people living in a definite territory, are unified under a Government which in internal matters is the organ of expressing their sovereignty and in external matters is independent of other Governments."

body politic, exercising through the medium of an organised government, independent sovereignty and control over all persons and things within its boundaries, capable of making war and peace and of entering into all international relations with the communities of the globe."

- ⑤ According to Woodrow Wilson, "The state is people organised for law within a definite territory."
- ⑨ Laski defined 'State' as "a territorial society divided into governments and subjects claiming within its allotted physical area, a supremacy over all other institutions."
- ⑩ Hall, "The marks of an independent state are that the community constituting it, is permanently established for a political end, that it possess a defined territory and that it is independent of external control."
- ⑪ "The State exists", says Oppenheim, "when a people ~~is~~ are settled in a country under its own sovereign government."
- ⑫ Garner, "State, as a concept of political science and public law, is a community of persons more or less numerous, permanently occupying a definite portion

