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for the questions*

**UNIT—I**

1. Answer any *one* of the following : 14

- (a) "Therefore it is necessary for a prince to understand how to avail himself of the beast and the man." Examine critically Machiavelli as a 'pragmatist' philosopher on the basis of this statement.
- (b) What are the principles advocated by Machiavelli for a prince to retain control over a mixed principality? Discuss.
- (c) Examine critically the implications of the term 'Machiavellianism' in the light of your understanding of *The Prince*.

UNIT—II

2. Answer any *one* of the following : 14
- (a) Why does Locke stipulate that the names of Mixed Modes are most liable to doubtfulness and imperfection? Discuss critically.
  - (b) "As to communication by words, that too has a double use—I. Civil and II. Philosophical." Examine critically the significance of the above statement of Locke.
  - (c) Evaluate critically John Locke as an empiricist philosopher on the basis of your reading of the text prescribed.

UNIT—III

3. Answer any *one* of the following : 14
- (a) How does Rousseau address the conflict between the demands for individual liberty and the need to surrender to the mind of society? Discuss.
  - (b) Examine critically the implications of the theory of 'The Social Contract' in the light of your reading of Rousseau's text.
  - (c) Comment on Rousseau's critique of the rights of the strongest.

UNIT—IV

4. Answer any *one* of the following : 14

- (a) How does Marx trace the development of the bourgeoisie from the chartered burghers of the feudal society? Elucidate.
- (b) Discuss critically how Marx in 'Bourgeois and Proletariat' links history to class struggle.
- (c) Examine critically the ethical relevance of Marx as a thinker/philosopher on the basis of your reading of the prescribed portions from *The Communist Manifesto*.

UNIT—V

5. Answer any *four* of the following : 4×4=16

- (a) What are the two things that the prince should do to avoid being hated? Discuss briefly.
- (b) Write a brief illustrative note on the concept of 'arbitrary imposition' of ideas on words as formulated by Locke in his essay.
- (c) Examine briefly the concept of 'The Civil State' as formulated by Rousseau.
- (d) Show your acquaintance with *The Communist Manifesto* by Marx.

- (e) What do you understand by 'economic determinism'? Examine briefly.
- (f) Briefly state Rousseau's views on 'Slavery'.

UNIT—VI

6. Give very short answers to any *eight* of the following : 1×8=8

- (a) To which century did Niccolo Machiavelli belong?
- (b) When was Locke's *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* published?
- (c) To which nation did Rousseau belong?
- (d) In which year was *The Communist Manifesto* published?
- (e) Who collaborated with Marx in the writing of *The Communist Manifesto*?
- (f) What, according to Rousseau, is the first model of all political societies in the world?
- (g) What, according to Locke, are the two uses of communication by words?
- (h) Who was Lodonico?
- (i) Which philosopher advocated the idea of 'return to nature'?
- (j) Apart from *The Communist Manifesto*, with which book is Marx basically associated?

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