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*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

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

(a) What should be the qualities of a ruler according to Machiavelli? Discuss.

(b) Discuss critically Machiavelli's views on the mixed principalities as mentioned in 'Chapter 3' of *The Prince*.

- (c) How, according to Machiavelli, can a Prince avoid those things which will make him hated or contemptible? Discuss.

UNIT—II

2. Answer any one of the following :

- (a) How does Locke conceptualize 'imperfection of words' in his essay? Do you think his view on imperfection of words anticipate many of the controversial theories of signification of the 20th century? 10+4
- (b) What, according to Locke, are the causes of imperfection of words? Critically examine. 14
- (c) Write a note on John Locke as a philosopher with special emphasis on Empiricism. 14

UNIT—III

3. Answer any one of the following :

- (a) Discuss how Rousseau's essay, *The Social Contract* is based on normative principles. 14

- (b) Make a critical estimate of Rousseau's views on 'State of Nature' and 'General Will'. 14
- (c) Summarize the ideas contained in the following sections in 'citizen' of Rousseau's *The Social Contract* : $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 14$
- (i) The First Societies
 - (ii) Slavery
 - (iii) The Sovereign
 - (iv) The Civil State

UNIT—IV

4. Answer any one of the following : 14
- (a) Discuss how Marx in *Bourgeois and Proletariat* tries to establish that the weapons with which the Bourgeoisie felled feudalism to the ground are turned against the Bourgeoisie.
- (b) Discuss the various stages of development of the proletarians critiquing emphatically the role of Trade Unions.
- (c) How does Marx establish the principles of economic determinism in *Bourgeois and Proletariat*? Discuss.

UNIT—V

5. Answer any *four* of the following : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) According to Machiavelli, what measures were observed by the Romans in the countries which they annexed?
- (b) Show your acquaintance with Locke's *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*.
- (c) Write a short note on Rousseau's ideas on War or Liberty.
- (d) Write briefly about Rousseau's ideas on Real Property.
- (e) Write in short about Marx's concept of Class Struggle.
- (f) Write briefly about the role of the Bourgeois according to Marx.

UNIT—VI

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

- (a) When and where was Machiavelli born?
- (b) What are the two 'fears' a prince ought to have according to Machiavelli?

- (c) In which year was Locke's *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* published?
- (d) What are the two categories into which Locke classified 'ideas'?
- (e) What is the complete name of Rousseau?
- (f) In which book by Rousseau, the essay, *Citizen* is included?
- (g) In which year was *The Social Contract* published?
- (h) When and where was Marx born?
- (i) Who was the friend and compatriot of Marx, with whom he collaborated?
- (j) Who is the author of *Das Kapital*?

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