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for the questions*

UNIT—I

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

- (a) In the light of your reading of Machiavelli's *The Prince*, examine how acquisition of new principalities can cause problems for a prince.

- (b) In what way, according to Machiavelli, can a prince avoid being hated or despised? Examine with illustrations.
- (c) How does Machiavelli justify deception and lies on the part of princes for consolidating their power and authority? Discuss.

UNIT—II

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

- (a) Give an estimate of John Locke as an empiricist philosopher based on your reading of Locke's essay.
- (b) "Reflection alone can give us the idea of what perception is."
Examine critically the significance of the above remark by Locke.
- (c) How does judgement affect perception, according to Locke? Discuss critically.

UNIT—III

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

(a) "To renounce liberty is to renounce being a man, to surrender the rights of humanity and even its duties."

Examine critically the significance of the above statement in the light of your reading of Rousseau's *The Social Contract* (Book 1).

(b) What is the philosophical implication of the notion of 'sovereign' according to Rousseau? Examine critically.

(c) What does Rousseau imply by the phrase 'social contract'? Examine the significance of the phrase in the light of your reading of the prescribed portions of his text.

UNIT—IV

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

(a) Why did Marx feel that the only class that was capable of revolutionary praxis was the proletariat? Discuss critically.

(b) According to Marx, the development of modern industry made the bourgeoisie produce 'its own grave-diggers'.

Examine the significance of the above statement.

(c) How is the idea of 'class struggle' reflected in the selected portions of *The Communist Manifesto*? Discuss.

UNIT—V

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

(a) Why, according to Machiavelli, were many Roman emperors assassinated despite being greatly admired?

(b) Explain briefly why Machiavelli posits that a prince should imitate the fox in cunning as well as the lion in strength.

- (c) Why does Locke state that the names of mixed modes are liable to great uncertainty and obscurity in their signification?
- (d) Why did the proletarian's work lose all charm after the development of the capitalist system of production? Discuss.
- (e) Discuss briefly Rousseau's contribution to philosophy.
- (f) What does the phrase 'dictatorship of the proletariat' imply? Discuss briefly.

UNIT—VI

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

- (a) When was Niccolo Machiavelli's *The Prince* published?

(b) The term 'realpolitik' can be said to be associated with

(i) Rousseau

(ii) Marx

(iii) Machiavelli

(iv) Locke

(Choose the correct option)

(c) When was Locke's *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* published?

(d) Which scriptures, according to Locke, pose difficulties in understanding for commentators and interpreters?

(e) Where was Rousseau born?

(f) Which revolution in Europe was supposed to have been inspired by the writings of Rousseau?

(g) Who was Marx's collaborator in the writing of *The Communist Manifesto*?

(h) _____ is considered as the Indian Machiavelli.

(Fill in the blank)

(i) Marx was profoundly influenced by the philosophy of

(i) Descartes

(ii) Spinoza

(iii) Hume

(iv) Hegel

(Choose the correct option)

(j) Which philosopher is generally associated with the idea of the 'noble savage'?
