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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 are the principles that Machiavelli advocates for a new prince to retain control over a mixed principality?

- (b) What do you understand by the term 'Machiavellianism'? Why is it interpreted as a repressively manipulative strategy, instead of a policy in statecraft?
- (c) What does Machiavelli suggest for a ruler to win the confidence of his subjects?

UNIT—II

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

(a) What, according to Locke, are the causes of imperfection of words? Critically examine and give a reasoned answer.

(b) "As to communication by words, that too has a double use. (i) Civil, (ii) Philosophical."

Critically comment on the statement of Locke in the light of the essay prescribed for you.

- (c) Why does John Locke say, "The names of mixed modes are most liable to doubtfulness and imperfection"? Explain.

UNIT—III

3. Answer any one of the following : 14

(a) Make a critical assessment of Rousseau's theory of *The Social Contract*. 14

(b) Discuss the following ideas contained in 'citizen' of Rousseau's *The Social Contract* : $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 14$

(i) The First Societies

(ii) The Right of the Strongest

(iii) Slavery

(iv) The Sovereign

(c) How does Rousseau try to balance the rights and duties of the citizen in his philosophical analysis in the extract from *The Social Contract*? Elucidate. 14

UNIT—IV

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

(a) How does Marx trace the development of the bourgeoisie? Discuss critically.

(b) "Marx sees human history as a history of conflicts in class interests." Discuss the statement with reference to Karl Marx's 'Bourgeois and Proletariat'.

(c) Discuss, after Marx, the stages of development of the proletarians.

UNIT—V

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

(a) Why and how can a Prince keep faith? Write briefly.

- (b) "The names of simple ideas the least doubtful." Explain briefly.
- (c) Discuss briefly Rousseau's views on 'state of nature'.
- (d) What measures, according to Machiavelli, were observed by the Romans in the countries which they annexed?
- (e) Which class is referred as the 'dangerous class' by Marx and why?
- (f) What are the two things that the Prince should do to avoid being hated or contemptible?

UNIT—VI

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

- (a) Who was Lodovico?

- (b) "A Prince ought to have two fears."
What are they?
- (c) Which is the most ancient and natural of all societies in the world, according to Rousseau?
- (d) Whom does Rousseau defend in his work *The Social Contract* ?
- (e) What, according to Locke, are the objects of thoughts?
- (f) What are the two principal sources of knowledge according to Locke?
- (g) What, according to Rousseau, is the first model of Political Societies?
- (h) Whom does Karl Marx refer by the term 'Bourgeoisie'?

(7)

- (i) What, according to Karl Marx, is the history of all existing society about?
- (j) Name the book, which is regarded as the epitome of Marxian thought and writing.

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