

POSTGRADUATE FOURTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 2022

Subject: History

Course Code: HIST 403ED

Course ID: 40457

Course Title: Intellectual Foundations of the Modern West

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hrs

The figures in the margin indicate full marks

1. Answer *any two* questions: 15x2=30 marks
  - a. Write a critical essay on Machiavelli as a political thinker in the historical context of Renaissance Italy.
  - b. Discuss the relationship between the sovereign, the state, and the people as reflected in the writings of major political theorists of early-modern and modern Europe.
  - c. How does Rousseau conceive social contract as the solution to the problem of inequality in society?
  - d. How does Voltaire emphasize upon the cultural constructions of monarchy?
  
2. Answer *any two* questions: 5x2=10 marks
  - a. Write a short note on European Reformation.
  - b. Assess Hobbes as a political thinker.
  - c. How, according to Montesquieu, does climate affect a nation's *esprit general*?
  - d. Write a short note on Hegel's notion of alienation (Entfremdung).