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Choose either Question I Or Question II.



**Question I:**

a) Consider the following argument of St. Thomas:

"Granted that every person understands that the name "God" signifies something nothing greater than which can be thought, it does not follow from this that he understands that what the name signifies exists actually; this means that from the meaning of the word God, we can only conclude that God exists mentally, but not actually."

Explain the above position of St. Thomas, and produce examples to support it from other fields than religion.

b) Explain what Machiavelli means by the statement: "A ruler need not have all the good qualities, but he should certainly appear to have them."



**Question II:**

a) Ibn Khaldun: "Human social organization is something necessary." Discuss three reasons given by Ibn Khaldun which make human beings live together in communities, and not as isolated creatures.

b) The Lutheran Revolution: Explain three major changes introduced by Luther into the Christian religion in Europe of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

