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FINAL EXAM

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I-Choose one of the following questions:

- 1- Discuss how Hobbes' and Locke's different conceptions of the "state of nature" had influenced their opposing views about the nature of "Sovereignty". Do you think that Hobbes' account is more realistic than that of Locke's?
- 2- According to Marx, the workers' hatred of the ruling class is sufficient to explain the necessity of the proletarian revolution. Is this statement true? And do you think that Marx's "radical" account is more preferable than the "conservative" economics of Smith and Ricardo?

II- Choose one of the following questions:

- 1-Do you think that Descartes' rationalist methodology has a major impact on the way Descartes formulates the skeptical problem?
- 2-"Moral actions should conform to objective standards." Do you think that Goethe's Faust and Mill would consent to this assertion? And do you think that "moral relativism" is true?
- 3-Discuss Kant's arguments for the "categorical imperative." Do you reckon that "formal rationality" is the sole principle for defining moral actions?

