

Civilization Sequence 203
Final Examination Ist Sem.

Time: Two hours

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I. Choose **FOUR** out of the **FIVE** questions below and analyze each in one paragraph (40%)

1. Descartes writes in Discourse on Method:

"It is not enough to have a good mind, the main thing is to apply it well".

- How would man "apply well his mind" according to Descartes?
- What would be the result if man applied well his mind?

2. Kant on Man:

Every rational being exists as an end in himself and not merely as a means to be arbitrarily used by this or that will.

- What is the moral implication of this statement according to Kant ?
- Would a *Faust* agree with it ?

3. On political philosophy

(a) Discuss in brief Locke's political philosophy based on his concept of property.

(b) Discuss the same concept in Marx's Communist Manifesto and its consequence(s) in Marx's political philosophy.

4. Adam Smith

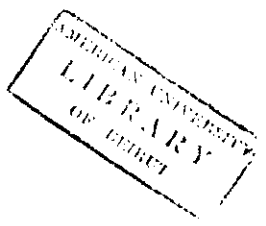
"...Every individual...neither intends to promote the public interest, nor knows how much he is promoting...he intends only his own gain...led by an invisible hand to promote an end which was no part of his intention".

- Discuss this vision of man and the economic modes of exchange in society.

5. Hobbes writes in the Leviathan:

"Covenants without the sword are but words, and of no strength to secure a man at all".

- Say briefly what is Hobbes' concept of man and what covenant agreement is necessary for man's security.



II. Essay Question (60%)

Choose ONE of the two questions below and write a clear and well-organized essay with examples from our texts.

1. On Liberty

- a. Sum up the basic arguments of John Stuart Mill in his essays On Liberty and on The Subjection of Women.
- b. State a few of the examples he gives on some free thinkers in history.
- c. Show in what way he is a pioneer regarding feminism.
- d. Show in what way he is the inheritor of the spirit of the "Enlightenment", that of a Diderot, a Kant and/or a Goethe.
- e. In your conclusion, take a personal stand vis-a-vis the above.

2. The Enlightenment

- What does the concept of "The Enlightenment" mean ?
- What are its implications regarding the vision of Man and Society ?
- Select 3 out of the authors we have met in C.S. 203 to support your discussion.
- In your conclusion examine the concept and its relation to the ideas of Man and Society in the Twentieth Century and in our own world here in Lebanon, to-day.