

Final Exam

Instructions: Write your answers in the booklets provided. Be sure to write your name on each booklet used. **Be sure to return this exam sheet with your answers.** You have two hours and fifteen minutes.

Part A. Choose **TWO (2)** of the following passages. In each case, state which work the passage is from; approximately where in the work it occurs; and what its significance is for the work as a whole. Answers should be a **PARAGRAPH** in length. (20% of exam grade)

1. Character X. . . . State your conditions, make them plain and clear!
Servants like you can cost one dear.

Character Y. In this world I will bind myself to cater
For all your whims, to serve and wait on you
When we meet in the next world, some time later
Wages in the same kind will then fall due.

2. I delighted most of all in mathematics because of the certainty and the evidence of its reasonings. But . . . I was astonished by the fact that no one had built anything more noble upon its foundations, given that they were so solid and firm.

3. The bourgeoisie, wherever it has got the upper hand, has put an end to all feudal, patriarchal, idyllic relations. It has pitilessly torn asunder the motley feudal ties that bound

than naked self-interest . . . It has drowned the most heavenly ecstasies of religious fervor, of chivalrous enthusiasm . . . in the icy waters of egotistical calculation.

4. A part of the bourgeoisie is desirous of redressing social grievances, in order to secure the continued existence of bourgeois society. To this section belongs economists, philanthropists, humanitarians, improvers of the condition of the work class . . .

You can answer question 3 **or** question 4, but **not** both.

Part B. Write short answers to **TWO (2)** of the following questions. A **PARAGRAPH** is fully sufficient for a complete answer. (20% of exam grade)

5. Smith applies the division of labor concept that he first describes in an individual company (the pin factory) to the international economy. On the international level, as well, Smith says, the division of labor brings about greater prosperity. How is this so, according to Smith? What public policies does he advocate to encourage a positive outcome on the international level?

6. Mill discuss this problem, and why has it come about only recently?

7. Give some examples from book two of Faust of our hero acting to pursue his goals in ways that do not make adequate allowance for the effects on other people.

8. What is enlightenment according to Kant, how does it come about, and why, according to him, is its arrival inevitable?

Part C. Write an essay on **ONE (1)** of the following questions. Be sure the essay you write answers the question that was asked. Cite as much as detailed and specific material from the readings as you can to support the case you are making. (60% of exam grade)

9. In his *Encyclopedia* essay opposing slavery, de Jaucourt makes two arguments: that slavery is inherently wrong, and that the American colonies would develop in a much more prosperous and productive manner without slavery.

follows the approach set forth by one of the moral philosophers we looked at this term. The second of his arguments follows the approach of our other moral philosopher. Explain how this is so.

10. What is the essence of human nature? How are humans naturally inclined to behave? If left alone, will people act in a productive or destructive manner? In one way or another, many of our authors this semester address these issues. Write an essay that compares and contrasts the views of human nature that appear in up to four of the works read in class. (Obviously the more authors you discuss, the more impressed I will be with your answer. If you discuss few authors, and already answered one or more questions above about the same writer(s), I will not be very impressed. The same applies to the questions below.)

11. Another topic discussed by many of our authors this semester is how much power government should have over citizens and how much liberty citizens should have from government power. Write an essay comparing the views of up to four of our writers on these issues.

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four of our authors this semester exemplify themes of modernity.

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