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FINAL EXAM

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I-Choose one of the following questions:

- 1- Compare and contrast Hobbes' and Locke's views on human nature, natural laws, and authority. Whose account do you prefer?
- 2- Marx and the *Classical Economist's* had different views regarding the viability of the capitalist system. Do you think that Marx's analysis of capitalism was deficient ?
- 3- Do you think that Marx would have accepted Locke's concept of justice? Explain your answer with reference to Marx's and Locke's different conceptions of human nature and politics.

II- Choose one of the following questions:

- 1-Compare and contrast Hume's skeptical thoughts with Descartes' skeptical problem? Do you think the rationale behind skepticism is the same in both philosophies?
- 2-It seems that the *self* is a central concept in any moral theory. Discuss this statement in context of Kant's and Goethe's moral theories. Do you think that the *self* is important for defining moral actions?
- 3-Locke and Descartes stressed the importance of rationality. Explain this sentence in context of Locke's and Descartes' different perspectives. Do you think that individuals possess the rational powers that Locke and Descartes assigned to them?

