## Civilization Sequence Program CVSP 203 Final Examination Spring 2003-2004 Inanna Hamati-Ataya



## Part One: Choose 5 of the following questions (50 points)

- 1. Explain what Bacon's *inductive* method is, and give an example of your own, of an inductive argument.
- 2. What is the difference between a *hypothetical imperative* and a *categorical* one, in Kant's ethics?
- 3. What is the difference between Locke's 'natural rights' and Hobbes' 'right of nature'?
- 4. Explain what the *utility principle* is, in Bentham's ethics.
- 5. Define the division of labour. What are its consequences on productivity?
- 6. Why does Locke consider 'private property' as a 'natural right'?

## Part Two: Choose 1 of the following essays (50 points)

1. "Let us clear from the ground the metaphysical or general principles upon which, from time to time, *laissez-faire* has been founded... The world is *not* so governed from above that private and social interest always coincide. It is *not* so managed here below that in practice they coincide. It is *not* a correct deduction from the Principles of Economics that enlightened self-interest always operates in the public interest. Nor is it true that self-interest is enlightened; more often, individuals acting separately to promote their own ends are too ignorant or too weak to attain even these". (John Maynard Keynes, *The End of Laissez-Faire*)

Reflect upon Keynes' criticism, by relating it to liberal political philosophy and economics, and/or ethics, as we've dealt with them in the course.

2. What have the different authors studied in CS 203 added to your conception of Freedom? Have you ever felt a lack of freedom? Have you ever violated the freedom of others? Explain.

Good luck!