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First Term

Third Year
Prose
Two Hours
Total Mark: 100

Answer TWO only of the following questions:

1) Through his criticism of the four fallacies, Francis Bacon introduced the basic ideas of Empiricism. What are these ideas and how did they influence Western Civilization?
   (50 Marks) (50 Minutes)

2) René Descartes defied the intellectual tradition of the Middle Ages and ushered a new age with his philosophical idea. What is his most important contribution?
   (50 Marks) (50 Minutes)

3) Jeremy Bentham introduced the idea of the "Panopticon" or the "Inspection House" as a utilitarian idea. What is utilitarianism? How is the idea of the Panopticon utilitarian? And what are the outlines of its structure?
   (50 Marks) (50 Minutes)

4) Michel Foucault analyzed Bentham's idea of the Panopticon and found it authoritarian. In it, he found the roots of the shift from physical to mental control. Discuss Foucault's analysis of Bentham's Panopticon.
   (50 Marks) (50 Minutes)

Good Luck
Answer TWO only of the following questions:

1) Jeremy Bentham introduced the idea of the "Panopticon" or the "Inspection House." Michel Foucault's analysis of this idea finds in it a shift from physical to mental control. Explain Bentham's idea and Foucault's analysis of it. (50 Marks)

2) Explain Thomas Malthus's theory of population as a product of Nineteenth Century thought. (50 Marks)

3) What are the main ideas of August Comte's philosophy of Positivism? Although it aimed at precision and getting rid of superstition, do you think it fits the human sciences? What image of the world does it offer? (50 Marks)

4) John Stuart Mill was a student of Jeremy Bentham and was influenced by his philosophy of Utilitarianism. Nevertheless, there is a difference between his vision and that of Bentham. Explain the main ideas of Utilitarianism and the difference between Mill's and Bentham's visions. (50 Marks)

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