

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY
M.A. ENGLISH EXAMINATION
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER 2024
Renaissance Political Thought

Time: 2 hours

Full marks: 30

Answer any three questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. With reference to Bruni and Machiavelli, critically analyze the 'civic humanist' movement and its contribution to/reliance on the values of the Roman Republic.
2. In what ways does *Il Principe* subvert the conventions of the 'mirror for princes' tradition?
3. With reference to Erasmus's *Education of a Christian Prince* or, More's *Utopia* write an essay on the anxieties of the (northern) humanist scholar regarding the problem of counsel.

OR

How do Norton and Sackville dramatize and problematize political counsel in *Gorboduc*?

4. Is Knox's *Monstrous Regiment of Women* merely an *ad hominem* diatribe? Give reasons for your answer.
5. Write an imaginary dialogue between Bodin and Winstanley on sovereignty, law, and the polity.
6. Can *Macbeth* be read as Shakespeare's contribution to the monarchomachic tradition?
7. How does the specific context of 'Tenure of Kings and Magistrates' enable Milton to break new theoretical ground in the domain of resistance theory?