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**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)**

**HIST 709: INTELLECTUAL HISTORY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
THOUGHT I**

STREAM: M.A (HISTORY) Y1S1

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 3/12/2010

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.

1. Assess political ideas in the early histories of Christianity and Islam. [30 marks]
 2. “Plato is the father of political thought in Western Philosophy, Aristotle and Cicero were just expanding his basic ideas.” Discuss. [20 marks]
 3. Discuss the main social and political ideas in Medieval Europe citing the key thinkers in that era. [20 marks]
 4. Assess the impact of Niccolo Machiavelli’s theory of the state in the Renaissance period and subsequently in Europe. [20 marks]
 5. “The Social Contract theories of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Edmund Burke and John Stuart Mill were the main ideological force behind liberal democracy and free-market ideas in Western Europe.” Discuss. [20 marks]
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