

THE EXAM IS DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

Part I: Short answers. Answer **FIVE** of the following ten questions only. If you answer more than five questions, only the first five will be graded. Answers should be no more than one page in length (typed, double-spaced). Answers should be as complete yet concise as possible. Use your own words as much as possible, avoiding direct quotes from the readings that take up precious space. 10 points each.

1. According to Edmund Burke in his "Speech on Conciliation," why do Americans prize liberty so much?
2. According to Publius in *The Federalist* No. 37, why is "founding" such a difficult task?
3. According to Publius in *The Federalist* No. 38, what is unique about the American Founding?
4. In his "Summary View of the Rights of British America," what is Jefferson's understanding of the office of the king, and upon what does Jefferson base this understanding?
5. In his letter to Hezekiah Niles, what does John Adams mean when he writes that the American Revolution was in "the minds and hearts of the people"?
6. In his piece "The Ass or the Serpent," what was the lesson for Americans that Thomas Bradbury drew from Scripture?
7. According to Richard Bland in his *Inquiry into the Rights of the British Colonies*, why is "virtual representation" by the British Parliament and King a violation of the rights of Americans?
8. In "On the Right to Rebel against Governors," what does Samuel West mean when he claims that magistrates are "ministers of God"?
9. In his *Theory of Agency*, what does John Perkins (a.k.a. A Well-Wisher to Mankind) mean when he writes that "man was formed for self-direction"?
10. In his letter to the Annual Meeting of Quakers, how does Washington deal with the Quakers' demand for exemption from military service on conscientious grounds?

PART II ESSAY QUESTIONS ON BACK



Part II: Essays. Answer **TWO** of the following three questions only. If you answer more than two, only the first two will be graded. Your essays should be as long as you think necessary to adequately answer the questions and address all of the relevant points. Your essays should be as specific and detailed as possible, yet appropriately comprehensive. Incorporate supporting evidence from the readings assigned for class. 25 points each.

A. What effect did the American understanding of history and tradition during the Revolution and Founding have on the American political mind?

B. Why did Americans turn to an understanding of “nature” as the foundation of their political thought during the Founding, and how did this political philosophy affect the American political mind?

C. What effect did religious thought have on the American political mind during the Founding? What effect did the political theory of the Founding have on religious thought in America?