RIGHTS FOR ROBOTS

1. Give the author, Sir Ernest Benn's, explanation of his statement that "socialism is a disease." See pages 117 and 118.

2. What does he refer to when he says on page 118 that "...we /in England/ have accepted false hopes and practiced a charity which is nothing of the kind"? See, also, The Pension Idea by Paul Poirot and Charity: Biblical and Political by Russell J. Clinchy.

3. What is his appraisal of social security in England? See page 119.

4. "...it is easy to make the rich poor, it is quite another matter to make the poor rich." Explain this statement by applying it to (1) the history of England during the past fifty years and (2) the history of the United States during the past twenty years. See pages 119 and 120. Also see: Planned Economy and Freedom by Towner Phelan. This is a letter issued by the St. Louis Union Trust Company, December, 1947; also, by the same author, Taxation and Freedom November, 1948. John Jewkes' book, Ordeal by Planning, would be helpful to you on this topic, especially Chapters I and X.

5. "Among the disasters resulting from governmental planning in the economic field, I put at the top of the list the loss of the market." Give the author's explanation of this statement. See page 119.

6. Show how: "The right to buy or not to buy is vital to economic well-being and, of course, to personal liberty." See pages 120 and 121.

7. Describe the prophecy made by Herbert Spencer in his book, The Man Versus the State. See page 121.

8. "...the all-important issue in the world today is individualism versus collectivism." Give the author's explanation of this statement.

9. Sir Ernest says that a man must earn a character. Under what conditions? Why? See pages 122 and 123. Under what different conditions doesn't he need a character?

10. Give in detail his explanation of why he is an individualist. See pages 123 and 124.

11. What is his description of the Rights for Robots notion? See page 124.