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Q2(b)**"Fortune favours the brave." In the light of this statement, discuss Machiavelli's concepts of 'virtue' and 'fortune'**

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Political Theory: meaning and approaches.

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The Prince (Il Principe)

Machiavelli's seminal 1513 treatise on realist statecraft, power politics, and the acquisition and maintenance of political power.

Discourses on Livy

Machiavelli's longer republican work analysing the rise and mechanics of Roman political greatness and civic virtue.

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