OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UTILITY

“Utilitarianism was a political, economic and social doctrine which was widespread at the beginning of the 19th century among the industrial middle class whose interests it suited. Jeremy Bentham was the main theorist of this doctrine.”

- It is based on the opposition of pain and pleasure that determinate what we shall do or we shall not do.

- It is the property in any object, which object is to produce benefit, advantage, pleasure, good and happiness or to avoid the happening of mischief, pain, evil and unhappiness to the party whose interest is considered.

- It is based on the principle according to which any action has to tend to the increase of the happiness of the community.

- The utilitarianism has an influence in the policy when it arguments the happiness of the community is greater than any which it has to diminish it.