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**Democracy and Democratisation**

Wednesday, 24 May 2006 : 10.00am to 1.00pm

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **TWELVE** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. 'Democracy should be more than the aggregation of uninformed preferences.' Discuss.
2. 'There is a danger that the institutions needed to sustain consolidated democracy become so complicated to operate that they undermine the popular will to participate.' Discuss.
3. What theories of democracy, if any, best enable us to distinguish between the flawed operation of democracy and simple bad government?
4. 'The concept of democratic consolidation is too demanding to be useful.' Discuss.
5. 'Democracy requires capitalism, but capitalism does not require democracy.' Discuss.
6. 'Every case of democratisation has to be studied on its own terms. It is hopeless to generalize.' Discuss with reference to democratisation from **either** military rule, **or** dominant party government, **or** colonial government **or** monarchy. Give examples.
7. 'Modernisation theory gives too little weight to international influences on democratisation.' Discuss.
8. 'Comparative historical sociologists may well have given us a good explanation for the development of democracy in the nineteenth century, but they are of little use in understanding political phenomena in the twenty-first century.' Discuss.
9. Is there a best way of trying to devise democratic solutions to cases of severe ethnic conflict?
10. Account for the stability of democracy in almost all developed countries since 1945.
11. Discuss the proposition that populism is only dangerous to democracy if and when it acquires a strong ethnic or religious basis.
12. 'Recent signs that the "third wave" of democracy may be receding indicate that Fukuyama may be wrong about the "end of history."' Discuss.