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**International Political Theory**

Wednesday, 17 May 2006 : 2.30pm to 5.30pm

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

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1. 'The account given by Thucydides of the causes of the Peloponnesian wars is applicable to contemporary conflicts'. Discuss.
2. How important is an account of human nature to our understanding of international politics? Discuss with reference to any **two** theorists of international relations.
3. 'The realm of international politics is not a realm of progress'. Discuss.
4. Is there anything to be gained in attempting to develop a scientific theory of international politics?
5. Does Marx's analysis of capitalism have any relevance for our understanding of contemporary international relations?
6. Does neo-realism constitute a significant break with the traditions of classical realism?
7. 'Neither realist nor liberal'. Is this an accurate characterisation of the 'international society' approach to understanding international relations?
8. Does constructivism successfully resolve the structure-agency debate?
9. 'Feminist theories fundamentally challenge the boundaries of international relations.' Elaborate and comment.
10. What differentiates critical theory from post-structuralist approaches to international relations?
11. 'The claimed universalism of the international human rights regime masks an underlying Western cultural bias'. Elaborate and comment.
12. 'Globalisation rather than anarchy is the underlying condition of contemporary international relations'. Do you agree?

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