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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. Do you think that the views of Thucydides on the causes of the Peloponnesian wars help to explain contemporary conflicts?
2. 'You can't have a theory of international politics without an underlying account of human nature'. Discuss with reference to any **two** theorists of international relations.
3. 'The texture of international politics remains highly consistent: patterns recur and events repeat themselves endlessly'. Discuss.
4. What benefits, if any, have derived from efforts at developing a scientific theory of international relations?
5. Does Marx's analysis of capitalism have anything to say about contemporary international politics?
6. In what ways does neo-realism constitute a break with the classical realism of Thucydides, Machiavelli and Hobbes?
7. Does the 'international society approach' constitute a convincing middle way between the extremes of realism and liberalism?
8. Which do you think should be given greater weight in our analysis of international relations: agency or structure?
9. What insights are generated by a focus on 'gender' in international politics?
10. 'Apart from a critique of mainstream international theory, critical theory and post-structuralism have little in common'. Discuss.
11. Does the reality of cultural diversity undermine the claim that there are universal human rights?
12. Anarchy, hegemony, globalisation: which of these concepts best characterises the core dynamic of contemporary international relations?

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