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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications:-

B.A.

MES 204: Advanced Comparative Politics

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TURN OVER

MES 0204 ADVANCED COMPARATIVE POLITICS

- **Answer TWO questions**
 - **Do NOT answer a question on the topic of your assessed course essay.**
 - **Do NOT draw substantially on the same material for more than one answer.**
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1. How far can one argue that globalisation is a myth?
 2. 'The end of history thesis is being used as a code for the end of ideology, and the end of ideology in turn is a code for the end of socialism.' Discuss.
 3. 'The most striking fact about political participation in liberal democracies today is how little of it there is.' Discuss.
 4. To what extent has globalisation diminished economic and political relations between states?
 5. 'Some of the critics of the "Third Way" argue that it is essentially an Anglo-American project, bearing the hallmarks of the societies in which it originated.' Discuss.
 6. 'The new individualism is associated with the retreat of tradition and custom from our lives, a phenomenon involved with the impact of widespread globalisation rather than just the influence of markets.' Discuss.
 7. Can social democracy remain a relevant political force in a global world?
 8. How far can new social movements challenge orthodox political systems?
 9. Does the notion of 'new social movement' have any utility for the political scientist's concern with the state-civil society relationship?
 10. 'Globalisation is not inherently good or bad; its outcomes are largely the result of human decisions that can be debated and changed.' Discuss.

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