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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

MES 203: German Political and Social Thought

COURSE CODE : MEST0203

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 19-MAY-03

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

MES 0203 GERMAN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

- **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. *Either* (a) To what extent can Marx's theory of history be characterised as 'historical materialism'?
 - Or* (b) 'Marx's study of economics transformed the content of his political and social theory.' Discuss.
 2. *Either* (a) How convincing do you find Weber's defence of 'interpretative sociology'?
 - Or* (b) According to Weber, what forms has rationalization taken in the modern world, and why?
 3. *Either* (a) 'Adorno's critical theory undermined the very foundations of enlightenment.' Discuss.
 - Or* (b) According to Adorno, how and why did the 'culture industry' alter the nature of social interaction?
 4. *Either* (a) Give a critical assessment of the methodological and philosophical groundings of Habermas's social theory?
 - Or* (b) How persuasive do you find Habermas's analysis of crisis and stability in modern democracies?

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