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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

B.A.

MES 206: Politics and the Challenge of Globalisation

COURSE CODE : MEST0206

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 12-MAY-06

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

MEST0206 POLITICS AND THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBALIZATION

- Answer TWO questions.

- Do NOT answer a question on the topic of your assessed essay.

- Do NOT draw substantially on the same material for more than one answer.

1. ‘ “Global politics” is a term which usually captures the stretching of political relations across space and time, as well as the extension of political power and political activity across the boundaries of the modern nation-state.’ Discuss.
2. Some sceptics describe globalization as a ‘myth’. How accurate is such a claim?
3. How plausible is Fukuyama’s End of History thesis today?
4. ‘Even though societal conditions for increased political participation may be favourable in a globalized world, it is clear that participation has its limits.’ Discuss.
5. Have nation-states become impotent bystanders in the face of global forces, or have they been strengthened by the process of globalization?
6. To what extent is civil society the non-state and non-economic sphere of social interaction?
7. To what extent is Third Way economic policy different from traditional social democratic economic policy?
8. How accurate is it to present human rights as the ideology of global capitalism?
9. ‘In the formation of a social movement, there is more than a *pull* toward particular forms of collective action; there must also be a *push* of solidarity and collective identity.’ Discuss.

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