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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

B.A.

French F3700: French Texts VII

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TURN OVER

ADVANCED FRENCH POLITICS

Answer TWO questions, ONE from EACH section. Use a separate answer book for each question.

You may answer in English or in French, but no special credit will be given for writing in French rather than in English.

Please note that AT LEAST ONE option paper MUST be written in ENGLISH.

DO NOT BASE BOTH ANSWERS IN THIS PAPER, OR AN ANSWER IN THIS PAPER AND ONE IN ANOTHER OPTION PAPER, ON THE SAME TEXT OR ON SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME MATERIAL.

SECTION A

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR EACH QUESTION.

1. 'Plus le champ politique se constitue, plus il s'autonomise, plus il se professionnalise, plus les professionnels ont tendance à regarder les profanes avec commisération.' Discuss.
2. To what extent, in your view, does the left-right divide still provide a pertinent tool for understanding French politics today?
3. What are the main socio-political factors which explain why the *Parti socialiste* failed to become a mass party from the early 1970s onwards?
4. Discuss the reasons why some French political scientists have labelled the RPR a 'new liberal-conservative party'.
5. 'La rencontre des capitaux collectifs partisans et des capitaux sociaux individuels produit trois types de relations dans lesquelles les hommes politiques sont soit redevables de leurs ressources à leur parti, soit relativement indépendants par rapport à lui, soit ont su accumuler, grâce à lui, un capital propre qui fonde leur propre autonomie.' Discuss.

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SECTION B

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR EACH QUESTION.

6. Explain and discuss the correlation between the Catholic faith, property ownership and a tendency to vote for French right-wing parties.
7. 'Pour qui ne maîtrise pas, ne serait-ce que sommairement, les articulations de l'idéologie libérale ou socialiste, il est impossible de distinguer et de situer politiquement les forces politiques qui s'affrontent en France, ou d'énoncer une opinion politiquement constituée relative à des problèmes politiques.' Discuss.
8. In your view, how much credence should be granted to opinion polls? Answer with reference to the French context.
9. Should one be surprised by the rise of new forms of collective action in France over the past ten years? Give reasons for your response.
10. To what extent is there a 'French political exception' with respect to the process of neoliberal globalisation?

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