

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON**

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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualification:–

*B.A.*

**French F3900: French Texts IX**

**COURSE CODE : FREN3900**

**UNIT VALUE : 0.50**

**DATE : 21-MAY-04**

**TIME : 10.00**

**TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours**

## **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. 'Bien que l'activité politique puisse être décrite comme un échange intervenant dans le cadre d'un marché, il importe de constater que cet échange n'est pas généralement vécu comme tel par le public.' Discuss.
2. How influential are Republican ideas in French party politics today? Illustrate your answer with concrete examples.
3. To what extent does the founding of the UMP indicate a trend toward a less fragmented French party system?
4. Explain why the *Parti socialiste* has failed to benefit from the decline, with regard to membership and electoral support, of the *Parti communiste*.

### **SECTION B**

**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR EACH QUESTION.**

5. To what extent is the class variable an accurate means of assessing the political orientation of French voters today?
6. To what extent are voting and political participation democratic activities?
7. 'Le succès des mouvements sociaux et des idées altermondialistes en France consacre l'échec des partis politiques traditionnels.' Discuss.
8. Explain why the theme of *insécurité* has become so prominent in recent years in French political debate.

**END OF PAPER**