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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

French F2802: France: Culture and Society

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TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

FRANCE: CULTURE AND SOCIETY

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.

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

SECTION A

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR EACH QUESTION.

1. 'The cultural displacement and alienation experienced by Algerian immigrants in France is manifestly expressed as a conflict in their family life between two generations with two different world-views.' Discuss with reference to Djura's *Le Voile du silence*.
2. 'The conflict between the immigrants and the French stems from a failure on the part of both to "decolonize their imaginary".' Discuss with reference to Tahar ben Jelloun's *Hospitalité française*.
3. 'The "question du foulard" is inextricably bound up with France's colonial history in Algeria.' Discuss with reference to TWO or ALL of the following: Djura, *Le Voile du silence*; Tahar ben Jelloun, *Hospitalité française*; Pontecorvo, *The Battle of Algiers*.

SECTION B

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR EACH QUESTION.

4. 'Tout assimilé qu'il soit, un immigré qui ne vote pas n'est pas un citoyen à part entière. La contrepartie de ce principe rigide d'accès à la citoyenneté est apportée par un code de la nationalité française généreux.' Discuss.
5. Assess the extent to which the French Republican tradition has been reluctant to recognise the existence of distinct cultural and ethnic identities.
6. In your view, to what extent is the notion of *parité* fundamentally anti-Republican?

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7. 'Catholicism may well now coexist harmoniously with *laïcité* in France, but the growing presence of Islam has raised a whole range of problematic issues as illustrated, for instance, by the "affaire du foulard" in the 1990s.' Discuss.
8. 'La politique de "préférence nationale" défendue par le Front national est essentiellement anti-constitutionnelle.' Discuss and give examples to illustrate your answer.

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