

**BA EXAMINATION 2002**

for Internal Students

This paper is also taken by Combined Studies Students

**PHILOSOPHY**

Optional subject (p): Marxism

Wednesday, 15 May 2002: 10.00 – 1.00

Answer THREE questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. EITHER (a) What, according to Marx, is the relation between alienation and private property? How plausible is his view?  
OR (b) 'Marx turns a critique of religion into a critique of society.' Discuss.
2. In what way or ways does the young Marx think he can improve upon 'all hitherto existing materialism and idealism'?
3. EITHER (a) 'From each according to their ability, to each according to their need.' What does Marx mean by this, and is there any reason to believe that it is achievable?  
OR (b) Did Marx think that communist society would be a just society?
4. Does Marx establish that the rate of profit must fall under capitalism?
5. EITHER (a) 'The labour theory of value is no more justified than a "steel theory of value" or "corn theory of value".' Discuss.  
OR (b) What role does the 'reserve army of labour' play in Marx's economic analysis?
6. How do Marx and Engels distinguish utopian and scientific socialism? Can Marx be convicted of utopianism by this standard?
7. Is it right to base the interpretation of Marx's theory of history upon a reading of the 1859 Preface?

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8. EITHER (a) Does the rise of the welfare state show that historical materialism is mistaken?
- OR (b) 'Nothing in human history is inevitable. Therefore historical materialism can be presumed mistaken without further argument.' Discuss.
9. Can game theory be used to illuminate any aspect of Marxism?
10. What does it mean to say that the economic structure 'fetters' the productive forces?
11. What would be the key features of a Marxist approach to art?
12. What does Marx mean by ideology? Must an ideological belief be false?
13. Critically analyse Marx's theory of the state.
14. Does Marx have a theory of human nature?

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