INSTC002:   **Information and Society**

Answer any **THREE** questions. Candidates are reminded that they must not repeat substantial amounts of material that they have already used in the coursework for this module.

1. 'Information society' or 'knowledge economy', which phrase best describes the current social and political climate?

2. How world wide is the world wide web? Discuss the problems of information inequality in a global context.

3. Is copyright law now excessive or is it essential as the basis for a global information society?

4. Are there areas in which patents should not be granted?

5. Are the rules that govern the information society being made in a sufficiently democratic fashion?

6. To what extent is it necessary to control the internet in order to protect society?

7. Should the need for information for medical research override the requirements of patient confidentiality?

8. Can e-voting be made reliable enough to be used in a general election?

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