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Exam(s) 2nd Arts

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Module(s) Sociological & Political Studies

Paper No. _____

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Instructions: TWO hours for SP212 and ONE hour for SP216.
PLEASE USE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOKS FOR EACH SECTION

Duration 3hs

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Department(s) Political Science & Sociology

SP212 Classical Social Thought

Answer **TWO** questions. Allow TWO hours for these questions out of your total of 3 hours.

PLEASE USE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOKS FOR EACH SECTION.

1. Why do Marx, Weber and Durkheim continue to be taken as the principal classical writers in sociology?
2. Examine the intellectual influences that shaped the methods preferred by Marx, Durkheim and Weber in their studies of society.
3. EITHER

Compare Marx's view of class formation and the division of labour under capitalism with that of Weber.

OR

It has been suggested that the key question for Durkheim is 'How is society possible under modern conditions?' Explore this suggestion, primarily with reference to his discussion in *The Division of Labour in Society*.

4. EITHER
Compare Marx's view of the state with that of Durkheim.
OR
Examine the main themes to be found in Weber's account of politics and the state.

5. EITHER
How far is Weber's *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* to be seen as but one part of a more complex and multidimensional account of the development of capitalism? Discuss.

OR

Examine the suggestion that religion is worthy of study for Durkheim on account of its location 'at the heart of the institutional framework of society'.

SP216 EUROPEAN POLITICS

Answer ONE question. Allow ONE hour for this question.

Please use a SEPARATE answer book for this section.

6. What are the main 'security' challenges in Europe after the Cold War? Make reference to specific institutions and/or regimes in your answer.
7. How might we think of 'migration' as a political issue in Europe? In your answer make reference to specific policy frameworks and political parties.
8. How are the problems associated with social exclusion 'blurring the old boundaries' between the spheres of state, market, and civil society?
9. With reference to specific examples, compare and contrast presidential and parliamentary systems of government. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each for the functioning of democracy?
10. In 1944 both Karl Polanyi and Friedrich Hayek wrote on the circumstances that had given rise to the turbulence of that period, yet they provided radically different accounts in explaining the outbreak of war and the rise of fascism in Europe. Discuss the relevance of this debate for contemporary European politics.