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Exam(s) 2<sup>nd</sup> Arts

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Module(s) Sociological & Political Studies

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Repeat Paper Special Paper

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**Instructions:**

TWO hours for SP226 and ONE hour for SP216.

**PLEASE USE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOKS FOR EACH SECTION**

Duration 3hs

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Department(s) Political Science & Sociology

## ***SP226 Comparative Themes in Society, Politics & Culture***

Answer **TWO** questions. Allow TWO hours for these questions out of your total of 3 hours.  
**PLEASE USE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOKS FOR EACH SECTION.**

Exam time: **TWO HOURS**

1. Discuss some of the effects of "downsizing" on household reproduction strategies, with reference to Nelson and Smith's study of Vermont.
2. Outline JJ Thomas' approach to defining the Urban Informal Sector. Why are this sector and other forms of Informal Economic Activity so difficult to define?
3. What are the differences in the significance of informal activity in El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, and across the US – Mexico border.
4. In what ways do issues such as race, class, gender, ethnicity and legal status contribute to the marginalization of immigrant domestic workers AND / OR migrant farmworkers in the US?
5. In Bourgois's *In Search of Respect*, what is the significance of the "cultural dislocations" experienced by young Puerto Ricans in their attempts to find work in New York's F.I.R.E. sector?
6. In considering international sex tourism, to what extent is a discourse of victimhood appropriate in understanding the situation of sex workers? Refer to at least two pieces of literature in your answer.
7. In Menjivar's study of Salvadorans in the US, how does the context of reception affect the structure of opportunities encountered by immigrants?
8. What social processes have led to the emergence of the "transnational village"? What are some of the paradoxes which characterise these processes?
9. Outline and assess Hippler's argument that the western promotion of market democracy has been a "technique for domination of the South".
10. In what ways has the legacy of military regimes based on violence and terror affected attempts to establish democracies in Latin America? Discuss with reference to Chile AND Brazil.
11. What is meant by the "struggle for the global commons"? Discuss with reference to one or more case studies.

## ***SP216 European Politics***

**Answer ONE question.**

**Time allowed: 1 hour.**

**PLEASE USE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOKS FOR EACH SECTION.**

12. Does the project of European integration entail the 'loss' or the 'pooling' of national sovereignty? In your answer make reference to specific institutions and policies at both the supranational and sub-national levels.
  13. The decline in voter turnout for national elections in Western Europe has been interpreted by some analysts as a sign of 'civic disengagement'. What are the implications of this for representative democracy?
  14. With reference to ethno-nationalism and/or political protest, assess the challenges associated with European 'disintegration'.
  15. Discuss the related ideas of 'post-communism' and 'transition' with reference to at least two states from the former Soviet Union.
  16. Evaluate the argument that the nation-state is being 'overloaded' both from 'above' and 'below'. Does this in any way explain the resurgence of nationalism in many parts of Europe?
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