

Department(s) Political Science & Sociology

SP434 Industrial Sociology/Sociology Seminar

Answer **THREE** questions.

1. Describe Scientific Management and the problems associated with it. Are there alternatives to Scientific Management?
2. Present Robert Blauner's argument that technology functions as a determinant of work satisfaction and alienation. Are there any difficulties with the Blauner thesis?
3. 'I.T. leads to both intensification of work and more sophisticated monitoring of effort' in the modern office. Discuss.
4. Present an account of the so-called 'flexible specialisation' thesis. How well is flexible specialisation' supported by Ruth Milkman's American evidence?
5. Describe the pattern of 'Japanese-style' employment in Japan and consider the problems now confronting it.
6. Examine the manner in which trade unions have responded to information technology.
7. Compare and contrast the classical approaches to work, as these are found in the ideas of Marx, Weber and Durkheim.