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## SP219: Political Sociology

### Answer TWO questions.

1. How did communist rulers legitimise their right to rule? Using Weberian concepts assess the nature of political legitimacy in state socialism.
2. Compare and contrast the ways that resource mobilisation theory (RMT) and new social movement theory (NSMT) explain the emergence of new social movements.
3. How does globalisation affect the position of the nation-state? Are forces of globalisation more likely to impede or foster nationalist claims?
4. Compare and contrast the main features of despotic and infrastructural power of the state, as developed in the works of Michael Mann.
5. Is postmodernism an extension or rejection of modernity? Discuss with reference to the work of Zygmunt Bauman.
6. Why is ideology often referred to as 'the most elusive concept in social science'? Discuss the main characteristics of ideology by focusing on its relation to the science, modernity and rationality.
7. For E. Gellner 'nationalism is a phenomenon of *Gesellschaft* [society] using the idiom of *Gemeinschaft* [community]: a mobile anonymous society simulating a closed cosy community'. Discuss with examples.
8. What according to Barrington Moore, are the three main historical routes from the pre-industrial to modern world? Compare and contrast these three different revolutionary experiences that had decisive impact on the development of contemporary social and political orders.