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Instructions: Answer TWO questions.

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Department(s) Political Science & Sociology

SP219 Political Sociology

Time allowed: TWO Hours

Answer TWO questions

1. Compare and contrast T.H. Marshall's and M. Mann's theories of citizenship.
2. Why is ideology often referred to as 'the most elusive concept in social science'? Discuss the main features of ideology by focusing on its relation to science, modernity and rationality.
3. Outline and compare the major historical phases in the development of war. What is sociologically important about the socio-historical transformation of warfare?
4. What is ethnicity? Compare and contrast the ways primordialist and situationist perspectives study ethnic relations.
5. Which approach, in your view, is more successful in explaining the emergence of new social movements – resource mobilisation theory or the new social movement theory?
6. How did communist rulers legitimise their right to rule? Compare and contrast C. Lane and T. Rigby's interpretations of political legitimacy in communist states.
7. Why is nationalism an essential component of modernisation? Evaluate E. Gellner's theory of nationalism.
8. Drawing on M. Mann's theory of state power compare and contrast the main features of despotic and infrastructural power of the state.