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SECOND YEAR

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SP212 CLASSICAL SOCIAL THOUGHT

Time allowed: TWO Hours.

Students must answer TWO questions.

1. In Weber's view, what contribution did religious ideas make to the origins of modern rational capitalism?
2. Describe the principal features of Max Weber's sociology of organisations.
3. To Durkheim, the causes of the crisis of modern society were to be regarded as more 'moral' than 'economic' in character. Discuss.
4. Identify and discuss the principal elements of Marx's analysis of capitalist societies.
5. Marx argued that he had a materialist view of history. What did he mean by this and what was his view of history?
6. Both Marx and Weber were fascinated by the relationship between ideas and the economy. Compare and contrast their views with regard to this subject.