Summer Examinations 2016

SOC102616N

Module Title: Power & Vision
Level: Four
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer two questions: one from Section A and one from Section B.
- All questions are equally weighted.
- Begin each answer in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.

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Section A

Answer one out of eight questions.

1. ‘Politics is the art of the possible’ (Bismarck). Discuss.
2. Compare and contrast the pluralist and elitist views of power.
3. ‘The state is a servant of the people’. Discuss.
4. ‘Human rights always have to be balanced with human responsibilities’. Discuss.
5. Compare and contrast different approaches to the concept of sovereignty.
6. ‘Nationalism can be progressive or reactionary, and sometimes both.’ Discuss.
7. Define the concept of ‘security’ and assess how it has evolved over time.
8. In a democracy should we prefer the wishes of the majority over the rights of the minority? Explain your answer.

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Answer one out of eight questions.

9. What do you understand by the concept of ‘neo-fascism’ and is it helpful in understanding the far right in contemporary Europe?

10. What does Liberalism require other than a commitment to individual freedom?

11. Is feminism today anything more than a demand for economic equality of opportunity?

12. ‘Populism is an empty ideology’. Discuss.

13. Can conservatism be radical? Explain your answer.

14. ‘Socialism is an ideology that history tested to destruction’ (Margaret Thatcher). Explain and discuss.

15. To what extent do you agree with the Marxist view that society and its politics are based on class struggle?

16. 'Utopia is merely the triumph of hope over experience'. Discuss.

End of Section B

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