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BSc degrees and Diplomas for Graduates in Economics, Management, Finance and the Social Sciences, the Diploma in Economics and Access Route for Students in the External Programme

Comparative Social Structures and Institutions

Tuesday, 6 June 2006 : 10.00am to 1.00pm

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **FOURTEEN** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. Assess Wittfogel's view that empires were characterised by 'total terror, total submission and total loneliness'.
2. Evaluate the connection between class and political conflict in city states.
3. 'Revolutions are not *made*, they *happen*.' Discuss.
4. Critically assess the view that dynamic factors within the feudal system account for the transition to capitalism.
5. What is the relationship between nationalism and modernity?
6. How can we explain the resurgence of ethnic conflicts today?
7. Critically assess Weber's argument in *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* about the effect of religious belief on behaviour.
8. What relevance does Marx's theory of capitalist development have for contemporary societies?
9. 'Slavery was the product of the expansion of the capitalist system.' Discuss.
10. 'The caste system in India is still operational.' Explain and discuss.
11. Discuss the relationship between class and inequality in contemporary societies.
12. How does industrial development affect family structures?
13. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of **any one** dependency theory.
14. Critically evaluate the convergence hypothesis regarding capitalist and socialist societies.

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