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**Democracy and Democratisation**

Wednesday, 24 May 2006 : 10.00am to 1.00pm

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

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1. What good arguments, if any, would justify street demonstrators trying to bring down a democratically elected but unpopular government?
2. 'Only people who take an intelligent interest in politics should vote. That is why democracy does not need to maximise participation.' Discuss.
3. 'Non-consolidated democracy is an inherently transitional form of government. It tends either to develop into democracy or to collapse into authoritarianism.' Discuss, with examples.
4. Under what circumstances, if any, can populism become a threat to democracy?
5. 'Global capitalism is fully compatible with superficial forms of democracy, but is much less compatible with genuinely participatory democracy.' Discuss.
6. 'Successful democratisation depends on specific contexts that cannot easily be identified in advance.' Discuss with examples from **either** absolute monarchies **or** systems of military government **or** empires **or** dominant party systems.
7. 'Modernisation theory does not give enough weight to international influences on democratisation.' Discuss.
8. 'Comparative historical sociology has enhanced our understanding of earlier democratic transitions, but is of limited help in making sense of today's world.' Discuss.
9. 'The problem with class analysis is that it gives insufficient weight to the roles of certain types of religion and ethnicity as obstacles to stable democracy.' Discuss.
10. Account for the general stability of democratic government in almost all first world countries.
11. 'Democracy in poor countries is at risk from development failure.' Discuss with examples.
12. 'The idea that we are at "the end of history" was a typical expression of post-Cold War exuberance and is being overtaken by real world events.' Discuss.