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Modern Political Thought

Monday, 22 May 2006 : 10.00am – 1.00pm

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

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1. Critically assess Hobbes' claim that the state of nature is a state of war.
2. Are there any limits to the authority of the Hobbesian sovereign?
3. Explain the nature and significance of Locke's theory of private property.
4. Examine the role of consent in Locke's theory of the state.
5. What role does the idea of the state of nature play in Rousseau's argument?
6. Does Rousseau's theory of the General Will involve the denial of individual liberty?
7. Does Burke's conservatism rest on a utilitarian premise?
8. Does J.S. Mill's utilitarian theory contradict his defence of individual liberty?
9. Why does J.S. Mill defend the right to say and publish things which are offensive or false?
10. Why does Marx reject the idea of political and economic reform as an alternative to revolution?
11. Explain and assess Marx's theory of historical materialism.
12. Critically assess the role of the original position in Rawls' *A Theory of Justice*.

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