

BIRKBECK COLLEGE

(University of London)

BA EXAMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

FULL-TITLE OF MODULE: Political Transformations

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DATE OF EXAMINATION: Thursday 22nd May 2014

DURATION OF PAPER: TWO HOURS 2:30pm – 4:30pm

You must answer TWO of the TWELVE questions.

All questions carry equal weight.

1. Is Weber still a relevant thinker for understanding the modern state?
2. Evaluate the roles of military technology and military organisation in early-modern European state formation?
3. What is industrial capitalism and how did it shape the formation of the modern state in Europe?
4. Assess the historical significance of the French Revolution.
5. How convincing is the liberal defence of capitalism?
6. What is the relationship between socialism and democracy?
7. How and why did fascists come to power? Answer using examples.
8. 'Imperialism is a thing of the past.' Discuss.
9. 'The Cold War was not very cold at all.' Discuss.
10. Is globalisation merely Western imperialism in a new guise?
11. Is global democracy possible?
12. 'The Global War on Terror has made Western societies less rather than more secure.' Discuss.