

**BIRKBECK  
(University of London)**

**BA EXAMINATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS**

**FULL-TITLE OF MODULE: Political Transformations**

**OFFICIAL MODULE NUMBER: POSO010S5**

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**DATE OF EXAMINATION: 29 April 2013**

**DURATION OF PAPER: TWO HOURS 2.30pm – 4.30pm**

**You must answer TWO of the TWELVE questions.**

**All questions carry equal weight.**

1. What are the distinctive characteristics of the modern state?
2. How has the rise of the modern state been shaped by industrialisation?
3. Assess the claim that the modern state and the inter-state system have evolved together.
4. What is the relationship between liberalism and democracy?
5. How convincing is the socialist critique of capitalism?
6. 'Nationalism can be a force for good or bad in the world.' Do you agree?
7. What are the main factors that explain European colonialism?
8. What was the Cold War and why did it end?
9. Is the United Nations merely an instrument of power politics?
10. What, if anything, is new about globalisation?
11. Is cosmopolitan democracy a solution for the problems associated with globalisation?
12. 'Contemporary terrorism is nothing but nihilistic rage against modernity.' Discuss.