

POLITICS I

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions

1. Is it helpful to think of the MAGA revolution as Maoist?
2. Defend legal punishment.
3. Is there a Communist solution to the climate crisis?
4. 'All relationships are political'. Discuss.
5. To what extent do the methods and perspectives of the Social Sciences have a Western bias?
6. What explains the wave of coups d'état in West Africa since 2020?
7. Does democracy require a democratic culture?
8. Is accountability ineffective in democratic politics?
9. How useful is the concept of 'settler-colonialism'?
10. Is cryptocurrency a liberation technology?
11. How is the immigrant vs. native conflict different from the state vs. immigrant conflict?
12. Are 'gender wars' epiphenomenal?
13. Discuss single dimensional issue congruence as preference aggregation.
14. Write about **ONE** of the following in relation to a political philosopher born before 1900: democracy; justice; political obligation; punishment; war.

POLITICS II

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions

1. Is Robert Dahl's theory of democracy still relevant today?
2. Does justice have its origin in envy?
3. Is endogeneity as fatal a flaw as often claimed?
4. Has Donald Trump revived 'Great Man Theory'?
5. Were negotiated transitions to democracy in places such as Spain or Poland worth their cost?
6. Does disability restrict freedom?
7. Are regional security architectures effectively preventing interstate conflict in the 21st century? Answer with reference to **ONE** region that you know.
8. Is it easier to buy your way to power in Kenyan politics than in British politics?
9. Does justice require the public ownership of assets?
10. If everything that political scientists study became empirically observable, would we still need theory?
11. What is the relationship, if any, between climate change and armed conflict?
12. Discuss the political, economic, and social implications of the relationship between two-dimensional voting and cyclical majorities.
13. Is the secularization thesis wrong?
14. Is the Schumpeterian notion of "creative destruction" a necessary flaw, an unnecessary flaw or a positive feature of the capitalist economic system?