

POLITICS I

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions.

1. Does social justice require intersectionality?
2. Is there a meaningful distinction between force and coercion?
3. Does the notion of crime against humanity add anything to our understanding of atrocity?
4. Is Foucault's theory of power persuasive?
5. Is Securitization Theory racist?
6. How useful is the concept of terrorism?
7. How should we understand the relationship between conflict-related sexual violence and gender-based violence?
8. Are elected representatives under a duty to challenge their constituents' anti-democratic preferences?
9. Is 'wokeness' an ideology?
10. Can social movements that pursue change through courts avoid popular backlash?
11. Is the concept of criminal war useful for explaining the rise of organized violence in Latin America?
12. Why has the United States not had a female president?
13. Acemoglu and Robinson's *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity and Poverty* was published in 2012. How have its insights fared?
14. Is the United Nations still fit for purpose in 2026?
15. Why do health inequalities resist policy interventions?

POLITICS II

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions.

1. Does equality require epistemic justice?
2. In what respects, if any, is Western political philosophy an alternative to Indigenous political philosophy?
3. Defend a voting rule.
4. Does a composer own her musical works?
5. Has contemporary focus on causal inference undermined the ambitions of political science?
6. Is our current understanding of war predicated on American hegemony?
Answer by reference **EITHER** to civil wars **OR** interstate wars.
7. Are contemporary international affairs anarchic?
8. What, if any, is the relationship between climate change and populism?
9. Should newly elected democratic governments disregard formal rules and norms when reforming political systems after episodes of backsliding?
10. Should drug cartels be eligible for political amnesties?
11. Data consistently show a clear and growing political divergence between young men and young women. Is gender becoming a new political cleavage?
12. Has international humanitarian law become meaningless?
13. Should we strive for equity or equality in public policy?
14. Compare and contrast New Public Management and New Public Governance by reference to a public policy issue of your choice.
15. 'The greatest threat posed by artificial intelligence to democracy is not mass unemployment or autonomous weapons, but the delegation of judgment.'
Discuss.