

HI2A50

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

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HI2A5

INDIVIDUAL, POLIS AND SOCIETY: PHILOSOPHICAL REFLECTIONS IN HISTORY

Time allowed: 2 hours

Answer TWO questions

Answers should NOT include any significant amount of material already presented in ANY assessed essays.

Read carefully the instructions on the answer book and make sure that the particulars required are entered on each answer book.

1. 'In the late seventeenth and early eighteenth century, individuals began to see themselves, their passions and their interests as more interesting, more authentic, and more to be indulged.'

Discuss with reference to AT LEAST TWO diaries, autobiographies or portraits from the period.

2. 'The slave hardly has a presence in the eighteenth century – and still more rarely a voice.'

Discuss with reference to AT LEAST ONE slave narrative you have read for this course.

3. How did women writers explain women's subordination to men in the eighteenth century? Answer with reference to AT LEAST ONE woman writer.

4. How is love understood and narrated in the Romantic period, and why is it given such importance? Answer with reference to AT LEAST ONE source from the period.

5. Discuss the deductions drawn from 'human nature' by ONE of the following writers: Rousseau, Godwin, or Malthus.

6. What was the influence of Montesquieu's *Spirit of the Laws* on EITHER Rousseau's *Social Contract* OR *The Federalist Papers*.

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7. EITHER

What is 'stadial theory', and how central does it become to the eighteenth century and its thinking about its own distinctive character?

OR

How did contemporary thinkers variously respond to the rise in the eighteenth century of a 'consumer society'? Answer with reference to AT LEAST TWO thinkers.

8. How can we best understand the growing centrality accorded to labour and productivity in late eighteenth and early nineteenth century writers' depictions of the modern world?

9. 'One legacy of the French Revolution is an increasing recognition of the fragility of order and progress.' Discuss with reference to AT LEAST ONE of Burke, Mill, or Tocqueville

10. 'The most significant change in thinking about politics in this period is from analysing government and politics in terms of a contract between individuals to an analysis in terms of social forces in which individuals are largely insignificant?' Discuss with reference to AT LEAST ONE of the following authors: Herder, Fichte, or Marx.

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