

For students on all programmes in the Department of Politics

Summer 2005

Answer THREE of the following TEN questions. 2 hours

1. Did the Attlee governments of 1945-51 implement socialist policies?
2. What were the effects of the Suez crisis of 1956 on British politics and the British Empire?
3. 'Although governments tended to pursue similar policies regardless of which party was in power between 1945 and 1979, this masked deep divisions between the political parties.' Discuss.
4. How far was religion a cause of 'the Troubles' in Northern Ireland from the 1960s to 1980s?
5. Did Margaret Thatcher's governments of 1979-90 destroy the post-war political consensus?
6. Why did the Labour Party and the Liberal/SDP Alliance not achieve more electoral success in the 1983 and 1987 general elections?
7. Why has education been such an important political issue since James Callaghan's 1976 'Great Debate' speech?
8. How radical has Labour been while in government since 1997?
9. 'The Conservative Party has never recovered from 'Black Wednesday' in 1992.' Discuss.
10. 'The failure of devolution legislation in 1979 was a necessary precursor to the establishment of the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales.' Discuss.